

THIS WEEK (and Beyond!) AT SPC:

April 23 - 29

Sunday Seminar will return for a special event in May

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Teach the Preacher (Zoom)

Share your reflects on next Sunday's lesson

Friday, noon, Gathering Space for Prayer (Zoom)

Please be welcomed to this time of offering our prayers for ourselves and others, the community, country and the world.

Bring any of your own joys and concerns, but this is not required.

Saturday, 1:00 p.m., Yarns and Threads (Fellowship Hall)

A group of knitters, crocheters and embroidery-ers and makers of anything with yarn or thread meet once a month to work on various projects, including prayer shawls and baby blankets. Please join the group in the fellowship hall, no reservation needed, just show up.

Sunday, April 30, 12:30 p.m. New Member Class (Classroom One):

For anyone interested in exploring membership at SPC

Sign up through the church office

if you need childcare and/or a simple lunch

PEACEFEST RETURNS to SPC! Saturday, May 13, at 7:30 pm at

SPC in the sanctuary. Gather for community, reflection and wonderful music, centered on this year's theme of Peace & Non-Violence. Spread the word, attend the concert, bring a vase of flowers from your garden. Admission is free, but we'll collect donations to benefit SPC's Guns to Gardens event in June.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING, SPECIAL OFFERING,
received Easter Sunday and throughout April.**

Your gifts to OGHs are shared with the ministries of the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Celebrate!

SPC Worship Through Eastertide

April 9 - May 28

As we emerge from the worst of the pandemic and enter the glory of spring in the panhandle, we celebrate the gift of life together and form new foundation for the future here at SPC.

Warming the Cross liturgical art returns for a second season, inviting us to dwell in the promise of peace on the other side of despair.

April 9: The Dance of the Merrymakers

April 16: Messengers of Peace

April 23: Invest in Our Planet

April 30: We Choose Welcome

May 7: Rocks of Refuge

May 14: Mother Church

May 21: Never Alone

May 28 (Pentecost): Join the Joy!

Worship Planning Team: Keri Mahoney, Lores Morton, Debbie Romano, Bob Tucker, Julie Tucker, Diana Wesley

Children and Youth In Worship at SPC

11 a.m. Service

Children of all ages are joyfully welcome
in all aspects of worship life.

Parents of children younger than 5
may wish to utilize the nursery upstairs.

Children ages 5 through 5th Grade
are invited to participate in **First Pew**
time of conversation with the Pastor
and then proceed to **Sunday Studio upstairs**,
facilitated by a Children's Ministry volunteer.

On some Sundays,
the children return to the sanctuary
at the end of the service
to share what they have learned.
When children do not return to the sanctuary,
they may be picked up
from the Sunday Studio room upstairs.

Youth in Grades 6 – 12
are encouraged to worship in the sanctuary.
Youth Group generally meets after worship
every other Sunday.

Prayer for Wholeness

We who have lost our sense and our senses -
our touch, our smell, our vision of who we are;
we who frantically force and press all things,
without rest for body or spirit,
hurting our Earth and injuring ourselves:
we call a halt.

We need to rest.
We need to rest and allow the Earth to rest.

We need to reflect and to rediscover
the mystery that lives in us,
that is the ground of every unique expression of life, the
source of the fascination
that calls all things to communion.

We declare a Sabbath,
a space of quiet;
for simple being and letting be;
for recovering the great, forgotten truths;
for learning how to live again.