

ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Third Sunday of Lent: March 19, 2017



8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Services

GATHERING

GREETING
VOLUNTARY
INTROIT

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

Sarah Chancellor-Watson
Steven B. Blackmon
Cherub Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

•*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive, from Psalm 95:6; John 4:23*)

Dave White

O come, let us worship and bow down;

Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

The hour is coming and is now here.

In spirit and truth, let us worship God.

•*PRAYER OF THE DAY

•*HYMN 394

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

REGENT SQUARE

•CALL TO CONFESSION

•PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison, from John 4:5-24*)

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation.

Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life.

Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again.

Amen.

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

•ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*responsive, from Romans 5:8-10*)

This is the good news of God's grace: Though we were sinners, Christ died for us. Though we were enemies of God, God loved us. Once we were lost and dead – now Christ has become our life and salvation.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

•FIRST LESSON (*response: Thanks be to God.*)

John 4:5-42

MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Derrick Heyl

•SECOND LESSON (*response: Thanks be to God.*)

Exodus 17:1-7

•SERMON

"The Case for God"

Donald R. Frampton

*GLORIA PATRI (*Hymn 581*)

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from A Declaration of Faith*)

God created and rules in love. God created all the worlds that are and upholds and rules everything.

We affirm that the universe exists by the power of God's Word and Spirit. God has chosen the give it reality out of the love we have come to know in Christ. God still works through the processes that shape and change the earth and the living things upon it. We acknowledge God's care and control in the regularity of the universe as well as in apparently random happenings. There is no event from which God is absent and God's ultimate purpose in all events is just and loving. That purpose embraces our choices and will surely be accomplished. The Creator works in all things toward the new creation that is promised in Christ.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (*Hymnal, p. 35*)

•THE OFFERING

Offertory Anthem

"*Laudate Dominum*"

Burgon

Praise the Lord, the Lord of Heaven. Praise Him in the highest, all his angels! Praise Him, ye heavenly host! Praise Him, ye shining stars! Praise Him, heaven of heavens! And the waters above the heavens: Praise the name of the Lord, for He commanded and they were created. He set them in place forever and ever. His rule is everlasting. Praise the Lord, Lord of the Earth. Whales and all creatures of the deep, fire and ice, snow and fog, gusts of wind, he spoke into being... mountains and hills, fruit-bearing trees and all cedars, wild beasts and cattle, worms and feathered fowl. The kings of the earth and all people, young men and maidens, the elderly and the young, praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is the highest: His majesty transcends earth and heaven, and high lifted are the trumpets of his people. Praise be to God for all things, children of Israel, and all the world who are close to Him. Alleluia!

The Chancel Choir

*Hymn 606

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

•*HYMN 410

"God Is Calling through the Whisper"

W ZLOBIE LEZY

•*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"A Scottis Blyssing"

Willcox/Blackmon

•*VOLUNTARY

**Please stand as you are able*

SCAPC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of Almighty God and in loving memory of Olivia B. Evans by her loving family. | **8:30 Ushers:** Mayson Buffington, Charlie King, and Thomas Schulingkamp | **10:30 Ushers:** Jeanie Clinton, Dave Grissett, Polly Hardy, Luke and Catherine Lemoine, William Lunn, John Morton, Jr., and Pete and Stephanie November



April is Hospitality Month!

The Membership Committee has prepared many activities to engage all of us in welcoming newcomers and fellow members alike during the month of April. Our Hospitality Month will begin with a Kick-off Reception on April 2 following the 10:30 service. Visit www.scapc.org for a full events calendar, and invite friends to one of our many special events, including our special Palm Sunday Choir/Orchestra performance and Easter Services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rare Performance TODAY: Our own Sanctuary will host NOVA (New Orleans Vocal Arts Chorale) Voce and the Loyola Chamber Singers today at 3 p.m. for a *complete performance* of the **Bach Motets!** Written for weddings, funerals, and other important life events, the motets demonstrate both Bach's wonderful compositional technique and his devout religious faith. Admission is free and donations to NOVA will be accepted.

Young Adults & Families (YAF): Join us for lunch TODAY at Company Burger on Freret! Then on Tuesday at PINTS, we will meet in the Land Building at 7 p.m. to discuss "The American Dream" and how it aligns with our faith. PINTS is hosted by YAF but open to anyone who would like to join. For more info, contact Genny Hagler at genny@scapc.org or 504-897-0101 x132.

Artists & Devilled Egg Connoisseurs Needed! Wednesday, March 29 is the opening night of our Spring Art Spectacle (SAS), which will be celebrated in combination with SCAPC's first Devilled Egg Tasting! To sign up to display art of any kind, please contact Genny Hagler at 504-897-0101 x132 or genny@scapc.org. To bring eggs (and share your recipe), please contact Pierce Young at 504-897-0101 x114 or pierce@scapc.org.

The **Presbyterian Women's Book Club** is held on Thursday evenings in the Land Building at 7:00 p.m. and welcomes new members. On April 6 we will discuss *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen. For more information, contact Elizabeth Artigues, artigues4@gmail.com or 504-756-4852.

TODAY

- 8:30 a.m. | Chapel Worship
- 8:45 a.m. | Ringers & Singers (Grades 2-5)
- 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 a.m. | Sanctuary Worship
- 11:45 a.m. | Cherub Choir (Pre-K-Grade 1)
- 12:00 p.m. | YAF Brunch (Company Burger, Freret)
- 1:30 p.m. | Confirmation Class Makeup Session
- 3:00 p.m. | NOVA Voce perform Bach Motets
- 5:00 p.m. | Youth Group

CALENDAR

- 3/20 | PW Lambeth House Circle
- 3/20 | Session
- 3/21 | MOM-SY
- 3/21 | YAF PINTS discuss "The American Dream"
- 3/22 | WNO: Trivia Night!
- 3/25 | Middle School Girls Service Project: Jefferson SPCA
- 3/26 | Commissioning Service for Cuba trip group
- 3/29 | SAS Opening Night; Devilled Egg Tasting
- 4/2 | Hospitality Month Kick-Off Reception
- 4/2 | YAF Brunch (Felipe's Uptown)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

ADULT CLASSES

Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers: 2nd floor Conference Rm. | Led by Seth Hagler

Creed - What Christians Believe and Why: Land Building Lakeside Parlor | Led by Stewart Peck & Geoff Snodgrass.

Feasting on the Word: Led by Michael O'Keefe | Phifer Library

YOUTH (Grades 6-12) & Confirmands: Third Floor

CHILDREN Age 3 - Grade 5: Second Floor

SMALL GROUPS:

For contact information and further details on the groups below, please refer to the "Getting Involved" brochures in your Friendship Register, and feel free to take one home!

- CBD Study Group
- Spiritually Hungry Women
- Men's Bible Study
- Women's Weekly Bible Study
- Thursday Morning Study & Prayer Group
- PW Needleworks Group
- PW Circles (Bible Studies)
- PW Book Club
- MOM-SY (1-12 Grade) Group
- Young Adults & Families (YAF) PINTS (Presbyterians Imbibing in Necessary Theological Study)
- Middle School Girls' Small Group (MSGSG)
- High School Girls' Small Group

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