

# ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 28, 2017 | Seventh Sunday of Easter



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

## GATHERING

GREETING

Donald R. Frampton

VOLUNTARY

Steven B. Blackmon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

•\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*) from *Psalm 68*

Ann Maier

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord  
**Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel;**  
he gives power and strength to his people.

**Blessed be God!**

•\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

•\*HYMN 265

"Jesus Shall Reign Where're the Sun"

DUKE STREET

•CALL TO CONFESSION

•PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.**

KYRIE

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

Blackmon

• DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*) 1 Peter 2:19-25

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**Amen.**

## THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING (*response: Thanks be to God.*)

*Psalm 68:1-10; 32-35*

MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Jim Rumsfeld

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

John 17:1-11

•SERMON

"A Gift and an Obligation"

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

•AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from the Confession of Belhar*)

**We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another. We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church. of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously A reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.**

•HYMN 581

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

•THE OFFERING

Offertory

"Open Thou Mine Eyes"

Rutter

Hailey Whitney; The Chancel Choir

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING and THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Hymnal, p. 35*)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## SENDING

•\*HYMN 463

"How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

•\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

•\*CHORAL RESPONSE

•\*VOLUNTARY

# SCAPC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Flowers in the Sanctuary** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Wylmer and Mary Elizabeth Pool, Elizabeth Ann Pool; and ElRoy and Charlotte Alexander given by the family of Wylmer and Nancy Pool.

**The Flowers in the Chapel** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Cecil Gill Smith by John and Dunbar Amoss.

**The White Roses** are in honor of the births of Tucker Krehl Stillwagon, son of Brad and Claudia Stillwagon, on May 18, 2017; and Charlotte "Charlie" Emilie Murphy, daughter of Sarah Stickney and Brendan Murphy, granddaughter of Jean and Robert Stickney, and great-granddaughter of Jane Stickney Gwyn, born May 17, 2017.

**8:30 Ushers:** Mayson Buffington and Charlie King | **10:30 Ushers:** Jackie Derks, Billy & Carro Gardner, Rick Grubb, Hunter Hill, Mimi Koch, Katie Kuhns, and John Pearce (Captain)

**Acolytes:** Locke Gottsche and James Gottsche

## YEAR OF THE BIBLE

**Bible, Brunch and Bubbly TODAY:** Congratulations to all who have made the commitment to read the Bible this year. No matter where you are, join us today as we celebrate our achievements. We will discuss ways to keep engaged during the summer months, show you techniques to catch up and talk about what we have learned so far.

11:30 a.m. | Land Building

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Camp RHINO is collecting Mardi Gras throws** through June 12th. All throws are welcome - cups, beads, trinkets, stuffed animals, etc. Please drop your donations off to the bin in Frampton Fellowship Hall.

**Renowned Pianist Visits SCAPC Today:** Pianist George Lopez has been heralded in Europe, South America and the US for his "...kaleidoscopic colors and clarity of conception..." (*LA Times*) in the standard repertoire as well as contemporary styles. His recital will take place at 3:00 p.m. today in the Sanctuary.

**Memorial Day Concert in the Sanctuary:** New Orleans Vocal Arts Chorale will present "Horizon", a heartfelt remembrance of lost loved ones everywhere. The concert will take place tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary and will feature the Martin Mass for double choir--a joy to behold.

## NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST ONE UNIFIED SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M.

**Associate Pastor Tom Paine writes, "Pentecost** is based upon that moment, soon after Christ's ascension, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus...It was as if tongues of fire were upon them..." (Read more in the Pentecost issue of *The View*). In celebration of Pentecost, for church next Sunday remember to **wear the liturgical color of red**, representing the joy and fire of the Holy Spirit. *All children wishing to participate in the Pentecost procession should gather in the Narthex at the start of the service.*

Next Sunday is also the first of our **"Summer Sundays"** with **one unified service at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.**

## THE BELHAR CONFESSION

**In today's service**, our Affirmation of Faith is from the recently adopted "Confession of Belhar." Fifty years after it was birthed in South Africa by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church during its battle against apartheid, this confession was voted into *The Book of Confessions of the Presbyterian Church(U.S.A.)* at the 222nd General Assembly on June 23, 2016. It is our 12th confession, and the first to originate in the global south.

## TODAY

- 8:30 a.m. | Chapel Worship
- 9:30 a.m. | No Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. | Sanctuary Worship
- 11:30 a.m. | Year of the Bible Brunch
- 3:00 p.m. | George Lopez Piano Recital

## CALENDAR

- 5/29 | Memorial Day: Church Office closed
- 5/30 | YAF PINTS (final PINTS until fall 2017)
- 6/1 | PW Book Club
- 6/2-4 | Middle School Beach Trip
- 6/3 | Vacation Bible School training
- 6/4 | **Pentecost Sunday: Wear red to church!**  
First Summer Sunday - unified service at 9:30 a.m., Hansen's Snowballs following worship
- 6/5-9 | Vacation Bible School

## 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 Weekly Bible Study (*on break until fall*)
- Women's Weekly Bible Study (*on break until fall*)
- Thursday Morning Prayer & Bible Study Group
- PW Needleworks Group
- PW Circles (Bible Studies)
- PW Book Club
- MOM-SY (1-12 Grade) Group (*on break until fall*)
- Young Adults & Families PINTS (*on break until fall*)  
(Presbyterians Imbibing in Necessary Theological Study)
- Middle School Girls' Small Group (*on break until fall*)
- High School Girls' Small Group (*on break until fall*)

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