



ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 26, 2017 | Reign of Christ
8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Services

GATHERING

GREETING
VOLUNTARY

Sarah Chancellor-Watson
York/Forrest

“Abide”

*Abide. Forgive me if I forget with the birdsong and the day's last glow folding into the hands of the trees,
Forgive me the few syllables of the autumn crickets, the year's last firefly winking like a penny in the shoulder's weeds,
If I forget the hour, if I forget the day as the evening star pours out its whiskey over the gravel and asphalt I've walked for years alone,
if I startle when you put your hand in mine, if I wonder how long your light has taken to reach me here. Abide.*

The Chancel Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minute for Mission: Carrollton Christmas Camp

Sean Tate

•*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) Psalm 95:1-2

Pierce Young

O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

•*PRAYER OF THE DAY

•*HYMN 336

“We Gather Together”

KREMSER

•CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God who forgives and saves.

•PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, your face is hidden from us by our sins, and we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts.

Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. With lowliness and meekness may we draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE

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

Blackmon

•DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 100

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Hans Jonassen

Following the Message, children in the First Grade and under may exit with church staff for a time of play. Parents may pick up their children on the playground following the worship service.

•SECOND READING

Matthew 25:31-46

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

•SERMON

“The Purposeless Life”

Donald R. Frampton

•*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, “Apostles’ Creed,” (Hymnal, p. 35)

*HYMN 581

“Glory Be to the Father”

GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

At this time please pass the friendship pad. You may also complete a prayer request card (in the pew rack) and place it in the offering plate. The pastoral and program staff will include your request in its weekly time of prayer.

•THE OFFERING

Offertory Anthem

“Pilgrim’s Hymn”

Paulus

The Chancel Choir

•SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation and Words of Institution

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer (Hymnal, p. 35)

Bread and Cup

Prayer

SENDING

•*HYMN 643

“Now Thank We All Our God”

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•*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

“The Irish Blessing”

Blackmon

*VOLUNTARY

• 8:30 Service | *Please stand as you are able

Large print hymnals and hearing devices are available. Please see an usher.

SCAPC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Kenneth Chew Kennedy, Sr., and Wendy Ann Kennedy Monsted, by his wife and her mother, Rosemary G. Kennedy, and her family: Linda and Theodore Gugert Kennedy, Theo, Dylan and Stirling Kennedy, and Stacey and Kenneth C. Kennedy, Jr., Caitlin and Madison.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY is extended to the friends and family of Dr. George Porter, III who died on Friday, November 17th. A service will be held Wednesday, November 29th at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We further extend our sympathy to Flora Kelly on the death of her husband, John Kelly, who died on Tuesday, November 21st. A service will be held Friday, December 1st at 2:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

8:30 USHERS: Mayson Buffington, Charlie King, and Thomas Schulingkamp

10:30 USHERS: John Pearce (captain), Jackie Derks, Billy & Carro Gardner, Rick Grubb, Hunter Hill, Randy Evans, Mimi Koch, and Katie Kuhns

ACOLYTES: Owen Heymann and Turner Mazzanti

TODAY

8:30 a.m. | Chapel Worship

8:30 a.m. | Ringers & Singers Rehearsal

9:30 a.m. | Sunday School for all ages

10:30 a.m. | Sanctuary Worship

11:45 a.m. | Cherub Choir Rehearsal

5:00 p.m. | Youth Group

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

NEW! **Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph** | From his beginnings as a humble carpenter to his all-important role as the earthly father of Jesus Christ, Joseph's place in the Nativity story is sometimes overlooked. But Joseph's life contains valuable lessons for all of us. | Nov. 26-Dec. 17 | 2nd floor conference room | led by Leon Hinson

Feasting on the Word | every Sunday | Phifer Library | led by Michael O'Keefe

Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation by Richard Rohr | Nov. 12-Dec. 17 | LB-Lakeside | led by Beth Poe, Bobby Stalcup, and Charlotte Mathes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The White Gift Tree in Frampton Fellowship Hall is full of ornaments representing community members in need. The White Gift wrapping party will take place after supper on Dec. 6 and the dedication ceremony will be held on Sunday, Dec. 10 during 10:30 a.m. worship. Questions? Contact Sarah Edgecombe, sarahtedgecombe@gmail.com or 504-645-0070.

Purchase your RHINO Christmas cards now! They come in packs of 10 for \$25, and all proceeds from the sale of the cards support SCAPC's rebuilding ministry RHINO. To purchase by check, cash or Paypal, drop by the RHINO table in Frampton Fellowship Hall this morning!

Carrollton Christmas Camp will take place December 18-22 and 27-29 at Central St. Matthew's Church on Carrollton Avenue. We are looking for teams of three-five people to prepare one kid-friendly lunch or breakfast each. The meals should consist of an entree, side, and a fruit or veggie. If you are interested, please email Sean Tate at sean@scapc.org.

Senior Activity at Sculpture Gardens: All seniors are invited to the Sculpture Gardens on the grounds of the New Orleans Museum of Art on Thursday, November 30th. We will begin with a tour at 10:00 a.m. followed by lunch at 11:00 at Café Nola for \$25/each. To make your reservation, please send your check to Bonnie Shoemaker's attention at SCAPC, 1545 State St., NOLA 70118 or drop by the table in Frampton Fellowship Hall this morning.

CALENDAR

11/29 | WNO: Gingerbread House Building

11/30 | Senior Adults Activity at Sculpture Gardens

12/5 | Poinsettia order deadline

12/5 | PW Evening Circle

12/6 | WNO: White Gift Wrapping Party
(No Men's Bible Study)

12/10 | White Gift Sunday

12/10 | YAF Christmas Brunch & Gift Exchange

12/10 | New Member Orientation

12/10 | Children's Christmas Eve Rehearsal

12/11 | PW Noon & Lambeth House Circles

12/12 | PW Christmas Program & Reception

12/13 | No Men's/Women's Bible Studies or WNO

12/17 | A Celebration of Carols: SCAPC Choir & Orchestra

12/18-22, 27-29 | Carrollton Christmas Camp

12/18 | Session

WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT

5:00 p.m. | Women's Bible Studies

6:00 p.m. | Supper & **Gingerbread House Building**

6:45 p.m. | YAF-PINTS (see Small Groups)

7:00 p.m. | Senior High Small Group

Childcare provided in the Nursery: 6-8:00 p.m.

SMALL GROUPS:

For further details on the groups below, please refer to www.scapc.org or to the "Getting Involved" brochures in your Friendship Register, and feel free to take one home!

CBD Study Group Wednesdays | 7 a.m. | 625 St. Charles Ave.

Men's & Women's Bible Studies Wednesdays | 5:00 p.m. | Bloomfield Rm. & Phifer Library

Middle School Girls Small Group (events TBA)

MOM-SY (mothers of children grades 1-12) alternating Tuesdays | 9 a.m. | LB, Lakeside

Presbyterian Women's Circles (monthly Bible Studies)

· **Monday Lunch** | 2nd Monday | 11:45 a.m. | LB, Riverside

· **Monday Lambeth House** | 2nd Monday | 2:30 p.m. | Lambeth House

· **Tuesday Evening** | 2nd Tuesday | 5:45 p.m. | LB, Lakeside

Presbyterian Women's Needleworks Group Thursdays | 10 a.m.-Noon | LB, Lakeside

Presbyterian Women's Book Club Third Thursdays | 5 p.m. | LB, Lakeside

Senior High Small Group Alternating Wednesday evenings | 3rd Floor Youth Room

Spiritually Hungry Women Wednesdays | 12:30-1:45 p.m. | LB, Lakeside

TMBS&PG (Thursday Morning Prayer & Bible Study Group) 7 a.m. | LB, Riverside |

YAF-PINTS (Young Adults & Families-Presbyterians Imbibing in Necessary Theological Study) Wednesdays | 6:45 p.m. | LB, Lakeside | **Final PINTS this year: Nov. 29**

LB - Land Building | FFH - Frampton Fellowship Hall

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