



ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 3, 2017 | First Sunday of Advent
8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Services

GATHERING

WELCOME
VOLUNTARY

“Veni, Veni Emmanuel”

Donald R. Frampton
arr., Trotta

*O Come, O come, the “I Am” that is with us, break the bond of the captive people who mourn in exile deprived of the incarnation of the Father.
Rejoice! Rejoice! The great “I Am” will be born for you. O come, gatherer of all nations, come to make all whole, to save your servants from their separateness.
O come thou light of life to shine on us by your coming, dispel the clouds of night, drive away the shadows of death.*

Meg Frazier, soloist; The Chancel Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

•*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill my promise to my people.

Justice and righteousness will fill the land and all will live in peace and safety.

•*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (responsive)

Genny and Seth Hagler (10:30 service)

We light this candle as a symbol of the hope we have in the promise of the Lord’s coming. For the Lord will fulfill his promise to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. A righteous branch will spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness.

Come, Lord Jesus, come!

•*HYMN 105

“People, Look East”

BESANÇON

•CALL TO CONFESSION

Like a faded, dry leaf that the winds blow away, our sins dry us up; faded and brittle, we are carried off by the wrongs we have done.

Yet God loves us still and is able to restore and renew us with the water of life.

•PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God-with-us, even in Advent, we confess that you seem far away. You are hidden when we need you near. In our hurt, doubt, and fear, we do not try to draw closer to you; instead we lash out – against you, neighbor, even those we love. Forgive us, we pray, and come to save us! Let your face shine until our tears are dried, our sins are faded, and our hope is restored. After all, we belong to you, and in your hands, we can be made new. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

KYRIE

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

Blackmon

•DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)

The grace of God, given to us in Christ Jesus, strengthens us to the end so that we may be blameless when Christ comes again.

Thanks be to God, who is faithful and has called us into the fellowship of the Son, Jesus Christ our Lord!

Amen.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19

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

•SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Tucker Krehl Stillwagon (8:30)

Seth Hagler

Presentation

Harrison Charles Frampton (10:30)

Holly Snodgrass

Introduction

Questions to Parents, Sponsors, and Congregation

Affirmation of Faith, “The Apostle’s Creed” (Hymnal, p. 35)

Baptism

Welcome and Prayer

MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Sheila Schwartzmann

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 SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

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

•SERMON

“Hidden God”

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

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.

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

*HYMN 288

“Spirit of the Living God”

LIVING GOD

•THE OFFERING

Offertory Anthem

“Stay with Us”

Hovland

Doxology (Hymn 606)

The Chancel Choir

Prayer of Dedication

•SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER (8:30 only)

SENDING

•*HYMN 107

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

REJOICE, REJOICE

•*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

“A Scottis Blyssing”

Willcox/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 SANCTUARY WREATHS are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Richmond's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Berckes, by Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Richmond, Jr.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Hardy Henderson, and Mrs. Marietta Lawton Fabacher, by Bob, Lyn, Lawton, and Caroline Fabacher.

THE WHITE ROSE is placed in honor of the birth of Lillian Rose Johnson, daughter of Caty and Harper Johnson, who was born on Monday, November 27th.

THE ADVENT BANNERS are hung in memory of Tom and Kathryn "Kit" Favrot.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY is extended to the friends and family of Margaret Nell Johnston who died on Friday, November 24th. A service was held on Tuesday, November 28th. We also extend our sympathy to Bobby Stalcup on the loss of his brother Herbert Stalcup, who died on November 18th in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

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

10:30 USHERS: Roger Fleshman (captain), Leon Hinson, Maureen Herring, Sallee Benjamin, Jay Young, Caty Johnson, Jane Rasi and Kandice and Mike Snow

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

is administered today to Tucker Krehl Stillwagon, son of Claudia and Brad Stillwagon; and to Harrison Charles Frampton, son of Merrell and Harrison Frampton.



Tucker

Harrison

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faithful: Christmas through the Eyes of Joseph | 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

New Member Orientation will be held Sunday, December 10th. Sarah Chancellor-Watson will educate our new members about the Presbyterian Church, its governing laws, the history of SCAPC, and our church's mission work and activities. Please join Sarah at 9:30 a.m. in the Land Building, Lakeside Parlor if you have recently become a member. RSVP to camille@scapc.org.

The **Global Ministries Committee** cordially invites ALL members to attend a special dinner tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. in Frampton Fellowship Hall. Come find out about our global outreach and celebrate the accomplishments of 2017! To learn even more about our work, attend our meeting on January 8th led by missionaries Denis and Maribel Smith. Together we will focus on the "Next 100 Years of Mission."

The Program of Hope for homeless needs winter clothing in good condition, new socks and underwear, and toiletries in small/travel-size containers. December is SCAPC's month to provide lunches, and we like to be well-stocked with other items as well. Please place your donations in the bin in Frampton Fellowship Hall. Questions? Please email Dale Curry, dalecurry2004@yahoo.com, or Ann Van Horn, hvanhorn3@gmail.com.

Carrollton Christmas Camp will take place December 18-22 and 27-29 at Central St. Matthew's Church on Carrollton Avenue. Each year, this SCAPC-founded camp provides enrichment activities for neighborhood students, while easing the burden of childcare on their parents. We are looking for volunteers to prepare one kid-friendly lunch or breakfast. (Contact Sean Tate at sean@scapc.org.) **New:** You can also donate towards Star Wars-themed camp supplies at www.scapc.org/carrollton-camp.

CALENDAR

12/5 | Poinsettia order deadline

12/5 | PW Evening Circle

12/6 | WNO: White Gift Wrapping Party

12/10 | White Gift Dedication

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: Choir & Orchestra

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

12/18 | Session

12/21 | PW Book Club

12/24 | Services at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m., 4 & 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT

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

6:00 p.m. | Supper & **White Gift Wrapping Party**

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

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 | Men's on break until January

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 | on break until January

LB - Land Building | FFH - Frampton Fellowship Hall

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