



ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

GATHERING

WELCOME
VOLUNTARY

Sarah Chancellor-Watson
Spiritual

“There Was a Little Baby”
The Cherub Choir
“May All Children”

Guilmartin

The Cherub Choir and Ringers & Singers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

•*OPENING WORDS (*responsive*)

A voice cries in the wilderness, “Prepare the way of the Lord; make God’s way clear.

Lift up every valley; lower every mountain. For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

•*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (*responsive*)

Gillian, Patrick, Jack, Craig and Liam Egan

This is the Second Sunday of Advent. We continue to wait for and anticipate the coming of the Lord.

We light this candle as a symbol of the purity of heart that only God can give.

For God shall purify the people like gold and silver, until they shine forth God’s righteousness.

Come, Lord Jesus, come!

•*HYMN 88

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

VENI EMMANUEL

•CALL TO CONFESSION

God does not want anyone to perish, but rather for all to come to repentance. Therefore, let us confess our sins, for God’s salvation is at hand.

•PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Faithful God, we confess that we have not led lives of holiness. We suffer from impatience, apathy, and greed; we have not been at peace.

We repent of these offenses and turn to you in love. Forgive our sin and pardon our guilt, that we may walk in righteousness to the glory of your name.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE

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

Blackmon

•DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

Brothers and sisters, by the mercy of Christ, your sins are forgiven, for salvation is at hand for all who turn to God.

Amen.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

Isaiah 40:1-11

ANTHEM

“Still, Still, Still”

arr., Culloton

James Resch, *baritone*; The Chancel Choir

MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN/WHITE GIFT DEDICATION

Jim Rumsfeld

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 (*response: Thanks be to God.*)

Mark 1:1-8

•SERMON

“Listen!”

Donald R. Frampton

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*) from “A Declaration of Faith”

God sent the promised Deliverer to his people.

Jesus, the long-expected Savior, came into the world as a child, descended from David, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of Mary, a virgin.

We affirm that Jesus was born of woman as is every child, yet born of God’s power as was no other child.

The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God’s promised role.

Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection, Jesus brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended.

*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

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

arr., Culloton

Doxology (*Hymn 606*)

The Chancel Choir

Prayer of Dedication

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

SENDING

•*HYMN 93

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

TRURO

•*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 our parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.O. H. Duval and Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Steele, by Jennie and Russell Steele.

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



ADVENT SERVICES

PW CHRISTMAS SERVICE

December 12 | 6:00 p.m. | Chapel
reception to follow at the home of Mary Lynn Lunn

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 17 | 10:30 a.m.
Celebration of Carols with Choir & Orchestra

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24
8:30 & 10:30 a.m. | Regular Worship | no Sunday School

4:00 p.m. ([new time!](#)) | Family Service with Tableau
7:00 p.m. | Lessons & Carols | no childcare

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Piano Recital Tonight: Pianist George Lopez of Bowdoin College will give a recital this evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The program will include Beethoven's Sonatas op. 26, op. 57 "Appassionata", and op. 101. Admission is free.

Sitter Bonuses: Each Sunday our sitters lovingly care for our youngest members. Their dedication and commitment to the nursery and children's time during the services and playtime is unmatched. If you would like to make a donation to be used as a Christmas bonus for them, please contribute to the boxes set up in the nursery room and on the playground. We can accept cash or checks made out for cash. Donations will be accepted through next Sunday.

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.) You can also donate towards Star Wars-themed camp supplies at www.scapc.org/carrollton-camp.

Seniors, Save the Date! The Senior Adult Brunch will be held on Sunday, January 7, 2018 after the 10:30 am service in Frampton Fellowship Hall. No reservations needed!

TODAY

8:30 a.m. | Chapel Worship
8:30 a.m. | Ringers & Singers Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. | Sunday School for all ages
9:30 a.m. | New Member Orientation
10:30 a.m. | Sanctuary Worship
11:30 a.m. | Christmas Eve Tableau Rehearsal
11:45 a.m. | Cherub Choir Rehearsal
12:00 p.m. | YAF Christmas Brunch & Gift Exchange
5:00 p.m. | Youth Group "Movie Under the Stars"

CALENDAR

12/11 | PW Noon & Lambeth House Circles
12/12 | PW Christmas Program & Reception
12/13 | No Men's/Women's Bible Studies or WNO
12/18-22, 27-29 | Carrollton Christmas Camp
12/18 | Session
12/21 | PW Book Club
12/24 | Services at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m., 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

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, Bob Stalcup, and Charlotte Mathes

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 | *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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