



ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 24, 2017 | Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Services

GATHERING

WELCOME
VOLUNTARY
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah Chancellor-Watson
Steven B. Blackmon

- *OPENING WORDS (*responsive*) from Luke 1
My soul magnifies the Lord;
My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
The Mighty One has done great things.
Holy is God's name!

- LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (*responsive*) Leon and Ruth Hinson (*10:30 service only*)
We light this candle as a symbol of the joy to be found in your kingdom on earth.
For the Lord elevates the lowly, releases the captive, and brings sight to the blind. We rejoice in his justice and mercy, faithful to all generations.
Come, Lord Jesus, come!

- *HYMN 123 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" CAROL

- CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to the One whose mercy endures from generation to generation.

- PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less.

Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, that we may receive the fullness of your grace and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION

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

- DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*) from John 1

In the beginning was the Word. And the Word became flesh, full of grace and truth.
We have beheld his glory, the glory as of a Father's only Son. Amen.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

Isaiah 9:2-7

MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Elizabeth McNair Turner

Presentation

Jessie Bruggers

Introduction

Questions and Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed, p. 35, *The Hymnal*)

Baptism

Presentation and Closing

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

Luke 2:1-14

- SERMON

"Christmas Getting"

Donald R. Frampton

- *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

"I Wonder as I Wander"

Nites

Doxology (*Hymn 606*)

Horace English, *baritone*

Prayer of Dedication

- SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (*8:30 only*)

SENDING

- *HYMN 113

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

GLORIA

- *CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

- *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

DEEPEST SYMPATHY is extended to the friends and family of Shirley Morrison who died on December 13th. A service was held last Sunday at Garden of Memories Funeral Home.

8:30 USHERS: Mayson Buffington and Charlie King

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



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship (no Sunday School)

4:00 p.m.
Family Service with Tableau
7:00 p.m.
Lessons & Carols (no childcare)

THE SACRAMENT OF

BAPTISM is administered today to Elizabeth McNair Turner, daughter of Anna and Nathan Turner.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PW Retreat: Registration is now open for the PW Annual Retreat, January 22-23 at the Solomon Retreat Center in Robert, LA (a one-hour drive from N.O.) We are thrilled to announce that Laurie Taylor Weicher of Wayne Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia will lead our retreat with the theme "Trust that You Are Enough." For further details and to download a registration form, go to www.scapc.org/pw-retreat. The cost is \$150 for a single room, \$122 for a double, or \$57 for a single day. Questions? Contact Retreat Chair Beth Wren at 504-261-1668 or bethdaviswren@gmail.com.

Holiday Donations for the Needy: In his classic tale, Charles Dickens described the Christmas season as "when want is keenly felt, and abundance rejoices". We all know that a lot of us will be getting new clothes for Christmas. Please consider donating some of your old clothes to those less fortunate. Leave your "Christmas presents" for the poor in the baskets in Frampton Fellowship Hall. For further information or to volunteer, please contact TJ Jensen 512-694-3071 or chemistree@sbcglobal.net. Thanks and Happy Holidays from the Program of Hope!

If you are interested in **hosting or co-hosting a RHINO group for dinner** on a Monday or Thursday evening, please contact RHINO Director Tim Shipkin at rhino@scapc.org. The following dates are available:

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| Thursday January 11 | Monday March 5 |
| Monday January 15 | Monday March 12 |
| Thursday February 1 | Thursday March 15 |
| Thursday February 15 | Thursday March 22 |
| Thursday February 22 | Monday March 26 |

CALENDAR

12/25 & 12/26 | Church Office closed
12/31 | Single service at 9:30 a.m. (No Sunday School)
1/1 | Church office closed
1/3 | PW Book Club
1/7 | Senior Adults Brunch
1/8 | PW Noon & Lambeth House Circles
1/8 | Global Missions Dinner
1/9 | PW Evening Circle
1/10 | Men's & Women's Bible Studies resume
1/10 | WNO: Missionaries Dennis & Maribel Smith
1/14 | Guest preacher Gil McGregor
1/15 | Church office closed
1/17 | WNO: Mardi Gras float building
1/18 | PW Book Club
1/21 | RHINO Sunday
1/22-23 | PW Retreat
1/24 | WNO: Mardi Gras float racing

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. | Contact: John Morton, johnmorton@cox.net

Men's & Women's Bible Studies Wednesdays (resume Jan. 10) | 5:00 p.m. | Bloomfield Rm. & Phifer Library | Contact Don Frampton, don@scapc.org or Sarah Chancellor Watson, sarah@scapc.org

Middle School Girls Small Group Contact Andy Fox, andy@scapc.org | (events TBA)

MOM-SY (mothers of children all ages) alternating Tuesdays | 9 a.m. | LB, Lakeside | Contact April Weiser, adweiser@cox.net

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
Contact for all: Hallie Boh, hallieboh@gmail.com

Presbyterian Women's Needleworks Group Thursdays | 10 a.m.-Noon | LB, Lakeside | Contact: Mary Ann Mott, 504-866-4424

Presbyterian Women's Book Club Third Thursdays | 5 p.m. | LB, Lakeside | Contact: Elizabeth Artigues, artigues4@gmail.com

Senior High Small Group Alternating Wednesday evenings | 3rd Floor Youth Room | Contact Andy Fox, andy@scapc.org

Spiritually Hungry Women Wednesdays | 12:30-1:45 p.m. | LB, Lakeside | Contact: Miriam Schulingkamp, schuling@aol.com

TMBS&PG (Thursday Morning Prayer & Bible Study Group) 7 a.m. | LB, Riverside | Contact: Henrietta Harris, 504-737-0871

YAF-PINTS (Young Adults & Families-Presbyterians Imbibing in Necessary Theological Study) Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m. | LB, Lakeside | Contact: Genny Hagler, genny@scapc.org

LB - Land Building | FFH - Frampton Fellowship Hall

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