



ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 31, 2017 | First Sunday after Christmas
9:30 a.m. Service

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

VOLUNTARY

Meg Frazier

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*) from Psalm 148

Beth Poe

Praise the Lord! Praise God from the heavens.

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let us praise the name of the Lord, whose name alone is exalted above earth and heaven.

Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN 147

“The First Nowell”

THE FIRST NOWELL

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus our Lord came into an indifferent world, yet his life revealed the inner thoughts of many. Let us confess our sins before God and one another that we may receive release from our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have kept silent in the midst of prejudice and hatred. We have been idle in the face of violence and injustice. We have not been a light to the nations, and our lives have not revealed your glory. Forgive us, Merciful God. Repair the ugliness of our sin and restore in us your beautiful grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*) from John 1

Beloved God, as a bridegroom decks himself in garland, as a bride adorns herself with her jewels, God covers us with the robe of righteousness. Know that you are forgiven in Jesus Christ and live as God’s beloved.

Amen.

THE WORD

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:22-40

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Fall and Rise”

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

*HYMN 113

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

GLORIA

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the Nicene Creed

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

*HYMN 581

“Glory Be to the Father”

GLORIA PATRI

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (*Hymnal, p. 35*)

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

“Come Unto Him” from *Messiah*

Handel

Nicole Heinen, soprano

*Doxology (*Hymn 606*)

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*HYMN 136

“Go Tell it on the Mountain”

GO TELL IT

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*VOLUNTARY

**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 Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Freeman by Mr. and Mrs. Philip Woollam.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHAPEL are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our beautiful daughter and sister, Abby Shaw Nalty. We celebrate the day of her birth, January 6th, given by Jill, Morgan, Layne, and M.E. Nalty.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY is extended to the friends and family of Dr. John Kimble who died on Sunday, December 24th. A memorial service was held in the Sanctuary on Friday, December 29th.

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

CALENDAR

1/1 | Church office closed
1/3 | PW Book Club
1/7 | Senior Adults Brunch
1/7 | Youth Group resumes
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
1/28 | Reception for Wayne Willcox

WNO RESUMES JANUARY 10:

Mission in the Next 100 Years

The night's program will be a presentation by Dennis Smith who, along with his wife Maribel, is one of SCAPC's supported missionaries, currently working in Argentina and serving as the PC(USA) regional liaison to South America. Come hear about his work and his views for Global Missions in the future! There will also be a children's activity led by Marion Strauss. Reservations: www.scapc.org/wno. Men's and Women's Bible Studies will both resume as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Senior Adult Brunch, hosted by Colleen and Don Frampton, will be held next **Sunday, January 7th** after the 10:30 a.m. service in Frampton Fellowship Hall. No reservations needed!

PW Retreat: Registration is now open for the PW Annual Retreat, January 22-23 at the Solomon Retreat Center in Robert, LA. 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.

The Global Missions Committee invites all to join them for a festive committee meeting on **Monday, January 8th** from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Missionary Dennis Smith (see WNO announcement) will speak on "Mission in the Next 100 Years". Bring your favorite international dish for a global themed dinner!

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES NEXT SUNDAY!

Adult Classes

Feasting on the Word: Join us for a deeper exploration of the biblical texts of the day's service. Christian faith will be enhanced when the scriptures read and proclaimed in worship are reinforced and expanded during Sunday School. *Every Sunday | Phifer Library | led by Michael O'Keefe*

Drawing the Line: We all want to raise responsible, respectful, and successful children, but sometimes it's difficult to know how to do that. This six-session course will explore practical, crucial questions about discipline. *January 7 - February 18 | 2nd Floor Conference Room | Led by Christina Carlisle, Meg Gammage, and Miles Thomas*

Mission in the Next 100 Years: This single class will be led by missionary Dennis Smith (see WNO announcement). Come hear about his work and his views for Global Missions in the future! *January 7 | Land Building, Lakeside Parlor | Led by Dennis Smith*

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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