



ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 18, 2018 | First Sunday in Lent
8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Services

GATHERING

GREETING
VOLUNTARY
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donald R. Frampton
Steven B. Blackmon

•*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Matt Guy

People of the Covenant: God does not remember us according to our sins and transgressions.

God remembers us according to God's own steadfast love!

The God of our salvation teaches us right paths and leads us in the truth.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness; we put our trust in God.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN 39

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

• CALL TO CONFESSION

God remains faithful to the covenant of steadfast love, even when we are unfaithful. Without fear, then, we confess our sins.

• PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of Mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession. We do not live according to your ways, but according to our own. We condone violence, participate in systems of injustice, and use power to our own advantage at the expense of others. Forgive us, we pray, when we are tempted to follow paths other than those you set before us. Teach us your commandments; help us to turn from evil in its many guises, and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near. In covenantal love, remember us, we pray, and be for us, once more and always, an ark of safety and new life. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

KYRIE

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

• DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

As Noah and his family were brought safely through the flood onto dry ground, so in baptismal waters we are brought from death into new life in Christ. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

Psalms 25:1-10

MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Mary Dawn Pugh

• SECOND LESSON (*response: Thanks be to God.*)

Genesis 9:8-17

• SERMON

"All Flesh"

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

•*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from A Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA)*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

*HYMN 581

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

• THE OFFERING

Offertory

"I Will Give Thanks to Thee"

Ferko

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

•*HYMN 833

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

ST. MARGARET

•*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*VOLUNTARY (*8:30 service only*)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**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 Elaine H. Gelpi by Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Brinson and Family. **THE WHITE ROSES** are in honor of the births of Steven Whittington Clement and Parke Henry Clement, sons of Betsy and Steve Clement, grandsons of Nancy and Parke Ellis, who were born February 14.
8:30 USHERS: Mayson Buffington, Charlie King, Thomas Schulingkamp and Wes Simon
10:30 USHERS: Buddy & Luanna Cambas (Co-Captains), Bebe Marchal, Derrick Heyl, Danny Franklin, Kate Prechter, Harper Johnson, Ann Maier, and Nicholas White.
ACOLYTES: Adam Talbot and Amelia Grace Lemoine

CALENDAR

2/19 | PW Noon & Lambeth House Circles
2/20 | PW Evening Circle
2/21 | WNO: Trivia Night
2/21 | High School Small Group
2/24 | Unity Build Reunion
2/26 | Session
2/28 | WNO: Ministry and Mission in Antarctica
3/2-3 | Men's Retreat
3/7 | Middle School Girls Small Group
3/7 | WNO: Urban Roots: Gardening Tips & Fun
3/12 | PW Noon & Lambeth House Circles
3/13 | PW Evening Circle
3/14 | WNO: Shamrocks & St. Patrick's Celebration
3/18 | YAF Oyster Roast & Crawfish Boil
3/21 | WNO: Easter Egg-Stravaganza
3/25 | Palm Sunday: Choir & Orchestra at 10:30 service
3/25 | PW Easter Egg Hunt
3/26 | Session
3/28 | WNO: RHINO Block Party & Lego Build
3/29 | Maundy Thursday Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The purpose of today's **Annual Congregational Meeting**, immediately following 10:30 worship, is to elect the Congregational Nominating Committee, review changes of the terms in pastors' calls, and distribute the Annual Report.

Parents of Youth: Please note that there will be a brief informational meeting tonight from 5:00-5:15 p.m. in the Chapel. We will cover summer trip information, an introduction of Bria Rault, and big news about the future.

Lenten Devotional Books, entitled "Singing for Lent & Easter," are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary and Chapel.

Have You Dreamed of Being an Elder? The Nominating Committee is seeking names for elders, class of 2021. If you or someone you know would like to be considered, please contact Trudi Stafford, Chair (504-460-8303 or tbsrnpd@gmail.com) or Bonnie Shoemaker (504-897-0101 x112 or Bonnie@scapc.org).

The 2018 SCAPC Men's Retreat will be held at church members' homes in Pass Christian and Henderson Point, MS, March 2nd-3rd. Fred Lyon will lead a discussion on "The Reformation 500 Years Later". Our plan is to offer a golf outing Friday morning at a course in the Pass. The cost per person will be \$100. Golf will be additional. To reserve a space contact Bonnie Shoemaker (897 0101 x112) or John Morton, Jr. (834 3631).

New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity will be hosting a **Unity Build Reunion** on Saturday, February 24th from 8am-4pm. Lunch will be provided. If you would like to join the build or help with hospitality, please contact Avery Strada at averys@habitat-nola.org.

For information on a **Rebuilding Hope** mission trip to Tampa, FL, April 16-22, contact Tim Shipkin at RHINO@scapc.org.

TODAY

8:30 a.m. | Ringers & Singers rehearsal
8:30 a.m. | Worship in the Chapel with communion
9:30 a.m. | Sunday School for all ages
10:30 a.m. | Worship in the Sanctuary with communion
11:30 a.m. | Annual Congregational Meeting
11:45 a.m. | Cherub Choir rehearsal
5:00 p.m. | Youth Parent Meeting
5:00 p.m. | Youth Group: SCAPC Olympics

SUNDAY SCHOOL ADULT CLASSES

Jewish Society Before Jesus will examine the social and cultural aspects of the Jewish people for the two millennia before the birth of Christ. *Sundays through March 4 | Land Building Riverside room | Led by Rick Marksburg.*

Feasting on the Word: Join us for a deeper exploration of the biblical texts of the day's service. *Every Sunday | Phifer Library | Led by Michael O'Keefe*

Drawing the Line: This course will explore practical, crucial questions about discipline in parenting. *Final class today | 2nd Floor Conference Room | Led by Christina Carlisle, Meg Gammage, and Miles Thomas*

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 Wednesdays 3/7, 4/11, 5/2

MOM-SY (mothers of children grades 1-12) alternating Tuesdays | 10 a.m. (new start time!) | 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

LB - Land Building | FFH - Frampton Fellowship Hall

ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1545 State Street, New Orleans, LA 70118 | 504-897-0101 | www.scapc.org | www.facebook.com/SCAPCNOLA
For more information on our beliefs, missions, ministries, programs, or staff contacts, visit www.scapc.org.