

SUMMER SUNDAYS



ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, JULY 8, 2018 | 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Nothing is more important to God's people than holy worship. When we gather to pray, sing, celebrate the sacraments, and listen to God's Word read and proclaimed, we do nothing less than remember who we are: God's beloved children and disciples of Jesus Christ.

"Surely the Lord is in this place!" (Genesis 28:16)

Welcome, one and all!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donald R. Frampton

VOLUNTARY

"Lobe den Herren" (Praise to the Lord, BWV 650)

J.S. Bach

Marc Loudon, guest organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) from Psalm 145

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

Blessed be the Lord. Let us worship God!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN 438

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

TOPLADY

GATHERING OF CHILDREN

All children through second grade are invited to Frampton Fellowship Hall for a special Summer Sundays activity. Older children are encouraged to remain with their families for worship. Parents may meet their children in Frampton Fellowship Hall after worship.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jonah 3:10-4:2; Matthew 5:7

SERMON

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Joshua Smith, Seminary Intern

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison) adapted from United Church of Canada's *Song of Faith*

With the Church through the ages, we speak of God as one and triune: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Grateful for God's loving action, we cannot keep from singing. God forgives, and calls all of us to confess our fears and failings with honesty and humility. God reconciles, and calls us to repent the part we have played in damaging our world, ourselves, and each other. God transforms, and calls us to protect the vulnerable, to pray for deliverance from evil, to work with God for the healing of the world, that all might have abundant life. We sing of grace. Amen

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. Immediately following worship, the Membership Committee will be meeting in the Phifer Library with anyone who is interested in joining our church and our life of faith together.

THE OFFERING

Offertory

"Alleluia" from Exsultate Jubilate

Mozart

Betsy Uschkrat, soprano

*Doxology (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN 366

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

HYFRYDOL

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*VOLUNTARY

"Hymn of Praise: Toccata on Old Hundredth"

Charles Callahan

**Please stand as you are able*

Large print bulletins are available: please see an usher

Guest Organist Marc Loudon joins us today. He is a retired professor from Purdue who serves as Assistant Organist for Christ Church Cathedral.

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Rev. Finley M. and Clare M. Grissett, and Paul L. and Shirley R. Storey by David and Shauna Storey Grissett, and grandchildren Megan Clare and Jonathan Grissett. **The White Rose** is placed in honor of the birth of Jack Durward Dunn, son of Durward Dunn and Angelina Gray, grandson of Cathy and Durward Dunn.

Deepest Sympathy is extended to the friends and family of Caroline Rees who died on Monday, June 30th. A service will be held Friday, July 13th at 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel with visitation at 2:30 p.m.

Today's Ushers are David Mize (captain), Laura Avery, Leigh Ferguson, Philip and Judith Luchsinger, Deanna McLendon and Kelley and Laura McWhirter.





Macy
Montgomery (8)

LAPTOP DRIVE FOR GHANA SCHOLARS

The Global Ministry Committee has partnered with the Ghana Scholarship Fund (GSF), which provides scholarships to high school and university students in rural Ghana, West Africa. GSF is seeking donations of gently used laptops for this year's scholarship students who desperately need them for their academic studies. Laptops will be collected on Sundays in Frampton Fellowship Hall following worship throughout July. Please visit www.scapc.org for further details.

YAF LUNCH TODAY

All young adults and families (YAF) are welcome to join us for lunch today at 11:45 a.m. at Company Burger, 4600 Freret Street. It will be a time of fellowship, food, and fun for the whole family!

CALENDAR:

7/8 | YAF to Company Burger
 7/10 | PW Evening Circle
 7/20 | YAF to Bayou St. John for kayaking
 7/21-7/28 | Sr. High Montreat Youth Conference
 7/22 | Churchwide Pancake Breakfast
 8/5 | YAF Lunch at St. James Cheese Factory
 8/12 | Last Summer Sunday
 8/14 | PW Evening Circle
 8/16 | Thursday Morning Prayer Group & Bible Study resumes
 8/19 | Return to two services, 8:30 and 10:30
 8/25 | YAF Service Project
 8/27 | Session Meeting
 9/3 | Labor Day: Church office closed
 9/5 | CBD Study Group resumes
 9/5 | Choir rehearsals resume
 9/10 | PW Noon & Lambeth House Circles
 9/11 | PW Evening Circle
 9/12 | Men's & Women's Bible Studies resume
 9/12 | WNO resumes
 9/12 | YAF Beer Tasting
 9/15 | Fall Day of Service
 9/16 | Sunday School begins

CHILDREN'S SUMMER SUNDAY THEME TODAY

from The Beatitudes According to Disney

*Beatitude: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."
 Disney character: Big Hero Six*

READING TUTORS NEEDED

STAIR (Start the Adventure in Reading) is looking for volunteer tutors! Founded and housed by SCAPC, STAIR has provided free one-on-one tutoring for lower elementary public school students to help them develop their literacy skills for more than 30 years. No prior experience is required. To become a STAIR volunteer tutor, register for your free 2 1/2 hour training session through our website at www.stairnola.org/how-to-help, by emailing Mary Williams, STAIR interim volunteer coordinator at mary@stairnola.org, or by calling (504) 899-0820.

SMALL GROUP SUMMER SCHEDULE:

For further details and other opportunities, please refer to the "Getting Involved" brochures in your Friendship Pad, and feel free to take one home.

- **PW Needleworks Group**
Thursdays | 10 a.m. - Noon | LB, Lakeside
- **PW Tuesday Evening Circle (Bible Study)**
5:45 p.m. | LB, Lakeside | Tuesdays: July 10 and Aug. 14
- **Spiritually Hungry Women**
Wednesdays | 12:30-1:45 p.m. | LB, Lakeside
- **YAF Porch Sitzings** | Fridays | 5-7 p.m. |
Additional YAF summer events - please see calendar

RESUMING THIS FALL:

- **CBD Study Group**
- **Men's & Women's Bible Studies** (Wednesday evenings)
- **Middle School Girls Small Group**
- **PW Book Club** (Thursday evenings monthly)
- **PW Monday Noon & Lambeth House Circles**
- **Senior High Small Group** (alternating Wednesday evenings)
- **Thursday Morning Prayer & Bible Study Group**
- **YAF-PINTS** (Presbyterians Imbibing in Necessary Theological Study) | Wednesday evenings