



# ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 9, 2018 | Second Sunday of Advent  
8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Services

## GATHERING

WELCOME  
VOLUNTARY

Sarah Chancellor-Watson  
Handel

“Comfort Ye...Ev’ry Valley” from *Messiah*  
Kameron Loppreore, tenor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

•LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Ruth and Leon Hinson

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 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!

•\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

The Lord is coming to his temple.

**We watch and wait for his coming.**

Prepare the way of the Lord!

**Let us worship God!**

•\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

†\*HYMN 87

“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

GENEVAN 42

•CALL TO CONFESSION

People of God, let us trust in God’s love for us and confess our sin, confident in God’s mercy.

•PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign in our lives, our church, and our society.**

**Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us. for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE

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

Blackmon

•DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. Hear God’s word of redemption and receive God’s word of forgiveness.

**Amen.**

## THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

Malachi 3:1-4

†MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN/WHITE GIFT SERVICE

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.*)

Philippians 1:3-11

•GOSPEL READING (*response: Thanks be to God.*)

Luke 3:1-6

•SERMON

“Here’s Jesus!”

Donald R. Frampton

•\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“A Creed”, The United Church of Canada

**We are not alone; we live in God’s world.**

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.**

**We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

\*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

“Glory Be to the Father”

GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

•THE OFFERING

Offertory Anthem

“In dulci jubilo”

Culloton

*In dulci jubilo, let us our homage show. Our hearts joy reclineth, in praesepio. And like a bright star shineth, matris in gremio. Alpha es et O. O Jesu parvule! I yearn for thee alway! Hear me, I beseech thee, O Puer optime! My prayer let it reach thee, O Princeps gloriae; Trahe me post te. O Patris caritas! Nati lenitas! O, per nostra crimina; Deeply were we stain’d; But thou for us hast gained. Coelorum gaudia! O that we were there! There angels sing nova cantica! In dulci jubilo!*

The Chancel Choir

\*Doxology (Hymn 606)

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD HUNDRETH

\*Prayer of Dedication

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

## SENDING

•\*HYMN 97

“Watchman, Tell Us of the Night”

ABERYSTWYTH

•\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*VOLUNTARY

• 8:30 Service | \*Please stand as you are able | †Latecomers seated  
Large print bulletins and hymnals as well as hearing devices are available. Please see an usher.

# SCAPC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE FRONT DOOR WREATHS** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Richmond's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Berckes, and Mr. Randolph Richmond, Jr. by Mrs. Randolph Richmond.

**THE ADVENT BANNERS** were donated in memory of Kit and Tom Favrot.

A **WHITE ROSE** has been placed in honor of the birth of Knox Sullivan Christiansen, son of Zach and Hillary Christiansen and brother of Neve, who was born on November 30th.

**THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James and Coral Hayes, Ann Briggs, Dora, Harold, and Paul Young, by Jeff and Laurie Young and Family.

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the friends and family of Susan Gayle, former Church Administrator of SCAPC during the 1980s and 1990s, who died on November 23rd. A service was held last week at St. Martin's Episcopal Church.

**8:30 USHERS:** Mayson Buffington, Charlie King, Wesley Simon, and Thomas Schulingkamp

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

## TODAY

- 8:30 a.m. | Worship with communion in the Chapel
- 8:30 a.m. | Nursery open until 12:00 p.m.
- 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 a.m. | Worship in the Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. | Christmas Eve Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. | Youth Group: Movie Night | Land Building yard

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Advent Reflections:** In lieu of an Advent devotional book this year, SCAPC members have prepared a series of "Advent Reflections" which have been published in the latest issue of *The View*. The issue is posted at [www.scapc.org/publications](http://www.scapc.org/publications).

**The SCAPC Christmas Village** train is back on track! This festive creation is on display now through Christmas in Frampton Fellowship Hall. Many thanks go out to Geoff Snodgrass who created the Village ten years ago and who keeps making it better. We also thank this year's "elf", Brenda Stephens.

**Christmas Eve Rehearsal:** All children and youth who have signed up to participate in the 4:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service are asked to attend a rehearsal following the 10:30 service today in the Learning Center on the second floor.

**Senior Adults' Christmas Comey Gathering** will take place Thursday, December 20, and will feature Comedian Mike Strecker and a carol Sing-A-Long with Steven Blackmon. The party is 5-6:30 p.m. in the Land Building, and the cost is \$20/person, inclusive of wine and appetizers. RSVP with your check (made out to SCAPC) to Bonnie Shoemaker at 1545 State St., NOLA 70118.

SCAPC's own **Carrollton Christmas Camp** was created to offer enriching activities to children in the Carrollton neighborhood during their Christmas break. Camp dates are December 25-26 and January 2-4. This year, we need helpers to cook meals, lead groups of campers, and assist our activity teachers. To volunteer, contact De Wells Smith at [wisevsd@gmail.com](mailto:wisevsd@gmail.com). If you are unavailable, you can still donate by visiting [www.scapc.org](http://www.scapc.org).

- 12/10 | PW Noon and Lambeth House Circles
- 12/10 | MSGSG at Schmidt home
- 12/11 | PW Christmas Program and Reception
- 12/11 | Deadline for Poinsettia Orders**
- 12/16 | Third Sunday in Advent | Celebration of Carols with SCAPC Choir & Orchestra (No Sunday School)
- 12/16 | YAF Brunch/Gift Exchange
- 12/17 | Session Meeting
- 12/20 | Senior Adults Christmas Party
- 12/23 | Fourth Sunday in Advent
- 12/24 | Christmas Eve services at 4:00 and 7:00 p.m.
- 12/25 | Christmas Day
- 12/25-12/26 | Church office closed
- 12/26-28 and 1/2-4 | Carrollton Christmas Camp
- 12/30 | Single service at 9:30 a.m.
- 1/1 | Church office closed (No Sunday School or childcare)

## CALENDAR



## SMALL GROUPS

For further details on the groups below, please refer to [www.scapc.org](http://www.scapc.org) or to the "Getting Involved" brochures in your Friendship Register, and feel free to take one home!

**Aden Elder Care** Tuesdays & Thursdays | 10 a.m.-2 p.m. |

Contact: Adelle Bergman, [aden@scapc.org](mailto:aden@scapc.org)

**CBD Study Group** Wednesdays | 7 a.m. | 625 St. Charles Ave. |

Contact: John Morton, [johnmorton@cox.net](mailto:johnmorton@cox.net)

**Men's Bible Study** will resume in January

**Middle School Girls Small Group** Evening events TBA | Contact:

Bria Rault, [bria@scapc.org](mailto:bria@scapc.org)

**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.

· **Tuesday Evening** | 2nd Tuesday | 5:45 p.m. | LB, Lakeside

Contact for all: Ebie Strauss, [ebiestrauss@yahoo.com](mailto:ebiestrauss@yahoo.com)

**Presbyterian Women's Needleworks Group** Thursdays |

10 a.m.-Noon | LB, Lakeside | Contact: Mary Ann Mott, 504-581-4424

**Presbyterian Women's Book Club** Third Thursdays | 5 p.m.

LB Lakeside | Contact: Elizabeth Artigues, [artigues4@cox.net](mailto:artigues4@cox.net)

**Senior High Small Group** Alternating Wednesday evenings |

7:00 p.m. | 3rd Floor Youth Room | Contact: Jessie Bruggers,

[j.bruggers@gmail.com](mailto:j.bruggers@gmail.com)

**Spiritually Hungry Women** Wednesdays | 12:30-1:45 p.m.

| LB, Lakeside | Contact: Miriam Schulingkamp,

[schuling@aol.com](mailto:schuling@aol.com)

**TMBS&PG** (Thursday Morning Prayer & Bible Study

Group) 7 a.m. | LB, Riverside | Contact: Jane Rasi,

[janerasi@gamil.com](mailto:janerasi@gamil.com)

**Women's Bible Study** will resume in January

**YAF-PINTS** (Young Adults & Families-Presbyterians

Imbibing in Necessary Theological Study) Wednesdays | 6:45

p.m. | LB, Lakeside | Contact: Bria Rault, [bria@scapc.org](mailto:bria@scapc.org)

*LB - Land Building | FFH - Frampton Fellowship Hall*

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