



ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Morning Worship | Baptism of the Lord | Ordination and Installation of Elders
January 8, 2023 | 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

Chris Currie
Steven Blackmon, organ
Ken Kneipp

•*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Thanks be to God, that we have risen this day to the rising of life itself.

The purpose of God be between us and each purpose;

The hand of God between us and each hand;

The pain of Christ between us and each pain;

The love of Christ between us and each love;

The strength of Christ's Spirit carry us forward.

God has brought us to the light of this new day;

May we sing God's praises unto the day's end.

•*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Good and gracious God, this day and all its possibilities are your gifts to us. Help us receive our lives and our neighbors' lives as gifts. Tune our hearts to sing your praise and propel us into this world to impact it for Christ's sake. Amen.

•†*HYMN 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

• CALL TO CONFESSION

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

• PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

O Lord our God, Creator and Maker of us all, our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. Forgive us for pursuing the devices and desires of our own hearts while neglecting you and others. Forgive us for thinking we can find happiness in our own quests for fulfillment. Forgive us for dismissing our calling to pursue lesser purposes in this world.

By your Spirit, take us as we are and summon out what we shall be. Where there is apathy, kindle the flame of your love. Where there is deceit, confront every lie with your truth. Where there is hopelessness, reveal deep wells of compassion. Where we hesitate to serve you, make us restless until we change.

Forgive what we have been, receive what we are, and enable us to be used by the Spirit to offer others the life we share in Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray.

SILENT REFLECTION

KYRIE

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

Blackmon

•ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

Matthew 3:13-17

•SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (*8:30 service only*)

Henry Monroe Landis

Presentation

*Affirmation of Faith "The Apostle's Creed" (*Hymnal, p. 35*)

Mary Lou and Michael O'Keefe

Questions to the Parents

Evan Eubanks, Junior Baptism Buddy

Baptism

Presentation and Prayer

†MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Stephanie Currie

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

Acts 10:34-43

•SERMON

"All Call"

Chris Currie

*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn 581

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS (*10:30 service only, see page 2*)

•THE OFFERING

Offertory

"Be Thou My Vision"

Chilcott

*Doxology, Hymn 606

Hailey Whitley, soprano; Chancel Choir

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

(cont.)

SENDING

“Seek Ye First”

LAFFERTY

- *HYMN 175
- *CHARGE AND BLESSING
- *CHORAL RESPONSE
- *VOLUNTARY

“An Irish Blessing”

Blackmon

•8:30 service | *Please stand as you are able | †Latecomers seated

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

PRESENTATION

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

PASTOR: As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. *Galatians 3:27*

PEOPLE: **There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.** *Ephesians 4:4*

PASTOR: Tom Allen, Laura Avery, Christina Carlisle, Scott Crabtree, Elizabeth Favret, Ruthie Frierson, Eric Holtzman, Gail Kaliszkeski, Denise Morse, Jill Nalty, Libbie Reiss, Kristin Rich, Bob Vorhoff, James Warren, Jennie Wimbish, Lock Gottsche, Molly Talbot, and Ava Zander, in baptism you were clothed with Christ, and are now called by God through the voice of the church to enter into ministries of service and governance, announcing in word and deed the good news of Jesus Christ.

PEOPLE: **We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God’s particular call to our brothers and sisters.**

STATEMENT ABOUT ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Chris Currie

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? **(I do.)**

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God’s Word to you? **(I do.)**

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God? **(I do and I will.)**

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions? **(I will.)**

Will you be governed by our church’s polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God’s Word and Spirit? **(I will.)**

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world? **(I will.)**

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church? **(I do.)**

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? **(I will.)**

Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in the government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **(I will.)**

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Hallie Boh, Clerk

Do we, the members of the church, accept these friends as elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is the Head of the Church? **We do.**

LAYING ON OF HANDS

All ordained ministers and elders of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) are invited to stand.

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER *(unison, Hymnal, p. 35)*

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION CHARGE

PRACTICES FOR THE NEW YEAR

STAR WORDS

Star words are a prayer practice connected to Epiphany and the new year. You are invited to pick up a “star” this morning in the Sanctuary Narthex or by the Chapel entrance. The stars have been placed face-down so you will not know which word you are claiming. The word you choose (for example ‘home’, ‘community’, ‘be’) is to be used as a guiding word for you in the new year.



Put your star in a place you will see everyday to remind you to pray and spend quiet time with God. Reflect on your word and how God might be speaking to you as a challenge or invitation, or as a way of noticing things in new ways and practicing gratitude.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Are you searching for a way to put your unique talents to use through the ministry of the church? In a few minutes, you can take our Ministry Match Survey and find opportunities personalized for you here at SCAPC and in the communities we serve. We pray that you will consider these options and discover new ways to serve. You may be surprised by the opportunities placed before you!

Scan here:



or find the survey on our homepage:

[SCAPC.ORG](https://www.scapc.org)

SEEK JUSTICE
AND PEACE

TEACH

SERVE

LISTEN



VOLUNTEER

ENJOY
FELLOWSHIP

LOVE

LEARN

IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

TODAY'S USHERS for the 8:30 service are Mayson Buffington and Wesley Simon; and for the 10:30 service are David Mize (captain), Laura Avery, Deanna McLendon, Kelley and Laura McWhirter, and Barrett Wheeler.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jerry S. Hoggatt, Jr. by his family.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHAPEL are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Abby Shaw Nalty as we celebrate the day of her birth, January 6, by Jill, Layne, and M.E. Nalty.



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
is being administered today to
HENRY MONROE LANDIS,
son of Charles and Ella Landis,
grandson of Ruth and John Landis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES 9:30-10:15 A.M. | CLASS DETAILS AT [SCAPC.ORG/SUNDAY-SCHOOL](https://scapc.org/sunday-school)

ADULT CLASSES:

“African American Spirituality”: Led by Richard Ashmore | January 8-February 5 | Learning Center (2nd floor) and Zoom
We will explore African American spirituality from its roots in many diverse Western African societies to its many manifestations in America today, learning how enslaved Africans adopted and adapted Christianity.

“God, Improv, & The Art of Living”: Book by MaryAnn McKibben Dana | January 8-April 30 | 2nd floor conference room
This book blends personal stories, pop culture and Scripture into a smart, funny down-to-earth guide to the art of living.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCAPC SOCKS FUNDRAISER: Due to high demand, our youth ministry ordered a final shipment of custom SCAPC dress socks. The socks are \$20/pair (minimum donation), cash or check only, and all proceeds go to support youth trips, events, and curriculum materials. You can purchase yours this morning in Frampton Fellowship Hall immediately following the 10:30 service. They are first-come, first-serve, and always sell quickly!

NEW WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASS: On Wednesdays, January 11-February 8, the pastors will lead “A Vocabulary of Faith...a.k.a. theology for beginners...a.k.a. theology for dummies...”. This class will be a study and discussion of the basic theological building blocks of our faith. We will explore words we think we know—words like ‘faith’, ‘church’, ‘God’, ‘love’, ‘vocation’, ‘kingdom’, ‘communion’—and explore their deeper meanings. Classes will meet at 5:15 p.m. in the Phifer Library.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT resumes this week! Join us for dinner at 6 p.m. in Frampton Fellowship Hall, followed by a New Years Celebration! Dinners are \$10/adult, \$5/child under 12, or \$25/family. On the menu are meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green peas, salad bar, fruit, cake, and ice cream. Dinner reservations at scapc.org/wno are required **by tomorrow at noon**.

SPIRITUALLY HUNGRY WOMEN BEGIN NEW STUDY: This Wednesday, January 11, Spiritually Hungry Women will begin an eight-week study of Harold Kushner’s book *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*. The group meets in the Land Building every Wednesday from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m.

CHILDREN'S MEDICATIONS FOR CUBA: Presbyterian Women are collecting children’s chewable vitamins and cold/flu/pain medications (no liquids, please). Please deliver your donations to the basket inside the Chapel entrance doors by January 22. A group of SCAPC members will be delivering these to our sister congregations in Cardenas, Cuba later this month.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Linda Kolb and her family on the death of her brother, Stephen Wiley Neal, who passed away in Charlotte, North Carolina on June 19, 2022; and on the death of her sister, Susan Williamson Neal, who passed away in Charlotte on December 19, 2022.