



# ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Morning Worship | Second Sunday After Epiphany  
January 15, 2023 | 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

## GATHERING

•GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
VOLUNTARY

Chris Currie  
Steven Blackmon, organ  
Lynn Hoffman

•\*CALL TO WORSHIP

To Pharisees minding their business, to fishermen mending their nets:

**Follow me.**

To money-handlers, to lawyers, to intellectuals, to power brokers:

**Follow me.**

To working poor and day laborers, to married and to single, to young and to old, to country-folk and city-dwellers:

**Follow me.**

Then and now, together and apart, in community and on our own, willing or doubting, ready or not, Jesus calls out to us:

**Follow me.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (*unison*)

O Lord our God, we seek to pattern our worship of you after that of Jesus, who valued hard work and Sabbath rest, who knew perplexity, who experienced bereavement, and who worked in the confidence of doing your will. May our worship this day be a joyful labor, a comfort in all our perplexities, a balm for our bereavement, and a confidence in serving the aims of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

•†\*HYMN 744

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

FESTAL SONG

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

•CALL TO CONFESSION

•PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Eternal God, you transcend time and yet enter into time in Jesus Christ. You are eternal and yet you value each moment. We give you thanks that you give us all the gift of time, with memories of the past and promises for the future. Keep us ever mindful of the gift of the present. We confess that too often we treasure the past with overblown nostalgia or we impatiently wait for the future with longing. Forgive us for our sinful neglect of the present, the time for our full obedience to Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**In gratitude for this moment, for your forgiveness and mercy, for the grace that surrounds us and those around us, we give ourselves to you, O God. Take us out to live as changed people because through Christ we cannot be the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, and encourage many through us. Amen.**

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.*)

Isaiah 49:1-7

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rosalie Loretta Dimond

Presentation

Tyler Wheeler, Presenting Elder

Affirmation of Faith “The Apostle’s Creed” (*unison, Hymnal p. 35*)

Pearson Eubanks, Junior Baptism Buddy

Questions to Parents

Baptism

Presentation and Prayer

†MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Ann Maier

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

John 1:29-42

•SERMON

“Glue”

Chris Currie

•\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “The Apostles’ Creed” (*8:30 service only*)

•\*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn 581

“Glory Be to the Father”

GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

COMMISSIONING OF CUBA MISSION TEAM (*responsive*)

Courtney Bell, Cindy and Ed Bush, Dorothy Burns,  
Laura St. Clair, and Ann Van Horn

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling,

**One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.**

Do we, the members of St. Charles Ave Presbyterian Church, promise to support Courtney, Cindy, Ed, Dorothy, Laura, and Ann with our prayers and encouragement, and do we confirm their call to serve God and neighbor in their ministry?

**We do.**

•THE OFFERING

Offertory

“My Song in the Night”

Southern Folk Hymn, arr. Shepperd

Patti Adams, flute; The Chancel Choir

O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night, come to us with thy tender love, my soul’s delight.

Unto thee, O Lord, in affliction I call, my comfort by day and my song in the night.

Oh, why should I wander an alien from thee, or cry in the desert thy face to see?

Nearer, still nearer, close to thy heart, draw me, my Savior, so precious thou art!

Fold me, oh fold me close to thy breast. Shelter me safe in that haven of rest.

•\*Doxology, Hymn 606

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD HUNDRETH

•\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer

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

(cont.)

## SENDING

- \*HYMN 691
- \*CHARGE AND BLESSING
- \*CHORAL RESPONSE
- \*VOLUNTARY

“Lord, When I Came into This Life”

LAND OF REST

“A Scottis Blyssing”

Blackmon/Willcox

### IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

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



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM is being administered today to ROSALIE LORETTA DIMOND daughter of Julie and Sean Dimond.

COMMISSIONING: This morning we are commissioning our Cuba mission team who will travel to Cardenas, Cuba to visit our Presbyterian sister churches, El Fuerte, Juan G. Hall and Matanzas Central later this month. The team will deliver replacement parts for the Living Waters systems at these churches and bring much needed over-the-counter medicine. If you would like to donate 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.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of former church members, my parents, Ruth St. Martin Ulmer and William Edward Ulmer, and my grandmother, Margaret Quin Ulmer, given by Candy Ulmer Cranch and Family.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHAPEL are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Hans Christian Boegh Jonassen by Pierce and Hans Jonassen and Pierce and Tom Young.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES 9:30-10:15 A.M. | CLASS DETAILS AT 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

WORSHIP WORKSHOP FOR FIRST GRADERS & PARENTS: On Sunday, February 12, first graders will begin a new chapter and will remain in worship services with their families after the children's message to continue their Faith Journey with Jesus Christ. To help with this transition, we are offering a Worship Workshop at 10:30 a.m. on **Sundays, January 22, 29 and February 5**. These are for first graders AND THEIR PARENTS. We will meet in Frampton Fellowship Hall for the lesson which will include parts of the live streaming of the worship service and will explain the parts of the bulletin and what our faith says about corporal worship. Each lesson will build on the previous one and students who attend the three classes will gain a better understanding.

CHURCH STAFF UPDATE: We are deeply grateful to Bonnie Shoemaker for her dedicated service on staff these last six years as Assistant to the Senior Pastor and Funeral Coordinator, and we are saddened to bid her goodbye as she retires! Bonnie will continue on staff through January. This week we will be joined by Pierce Young who will assume these positions. Pierce formerly served on the staff for 15 years in various positions including Facilities Coordinator, Columbarium Coordinator and Membership Coordinator, and we are thrilled to welcome her back!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT begins each week with a pastor-led study on “A Vocabulary of Faith...a.k.a. Theology for Beginners” at 5:15 in the Phifer Library, followed by dinner at 6:00 in Frampton Fellowship Hall. This week SCAPC member Henrietta Harris will lead a program on “Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HCBUs)”. On the menu are pork loin, sweet potatoes, tater tots, collard greens, salad bar, corn bread, and fruit cobbler.. Dinner reservations at scapc.org/wno are required **by tomorrow at noon**.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND RINGERS & SINGERS: This semester we are excited to bring back our Children's Choir for students 3 years old - 5th grade and our Ringers and Singers for students in 6th - 12th grades. Each group will perform two to three times this semester during 10:30 a.m. services. The Children's Choir will practice on Sunday mornings from 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. The Ringers and Singers will practice on Sundays from 4:30-5:00 p.m. This group will both sing and play hand bells. If your child is interested in either choir, please contact Michele Murphy at michele@scapc.org. Rehearsals will commence soon.

CURIOUS ABOUT THEOLOGY? Chris Currie is forming a new Theology Reading Group to start meeting during the Lent Season, ideally beginning February 23 on Thursdays. The first book will be Daniel Migliore's Faith Seeking Understanding: An Introduction to Christian Theology. Please email Chris at chriscurrie@scapc.org and let him know if you would be interested in participating and what time would work best.

SEEKING WRITERS AND ARTISTS: If you would like to compose a short devotional or provide a piece of art (painting, sculpture, photograph, etc.) to be included in our Lent devotional books, please contact Katie Brendler at katie@scapc.org.

NEW ARRIVAL: On December 7, David and Shauna Grissett welcomed Ava Sophia Grissett-Moreno, daughter of Megan Grissett and Dani Moreno.

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