



ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Morning Worship | Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
January 29, 2023 | 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

- GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- VOLUNTARY
- *CALL TO WORSHIP

Sarah Chancellor-Watson
Steven Blackmon, organ
Missy McDonald

Among the poor, among the grieving, among the meek, among those who long for righteousness,

Christ is coming to make all things new.

Among the merciful, among the pure in heart, among the peacemakers, among those who are persecuted and hated for doing the right thing,

Christ is coming to make all things new.

On the plains, on the sides of mountains, on the shore of the sea, in this time and place,

Christ is coming to make all things new.

- *PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice and perseverance in striving for peace that by our words and deeds the world may see the promise of your kingdom, revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

- †*HYMN 643

"Now Thank We All Our God"

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

- CALL TO CONFESSION

Chris Currie

- PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison, from Psalm 15*)

In the scriptures, the psalmist asks - "Who can dwell on your holy mountain? The person who lives free of blame, does what is right, and speaks the truth sincerely; who does no damage with their talk, does no harm to a friend, doesn't insult a neighbor; someone who keeps their promise even when it hurts; someone who doesn't lend money with interest, who won't accept a bribe against any innocent person. Whoever does these things will never stumble."

And yet, Lord, we do stumble. We fall short of this and every other standard of righteousness. Lord, in your mercy, do not send us away from your presence. Do not turn from us, even when we turn from you. Instead guide us once again. Attune us to the values of your kingdom. Help us to share our blessings. Lead us to seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you all our days.

- 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.*)

Micah 6:1-8

- †MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Jennie Wimbish

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

Matthew 5:1-12

- SERMON

"The Kingdom of Yes"

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

- *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison, from A Declaration of Faith*)

God created human beings with a need for community and with freedom to enter into it by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience and to one another with love and helpfulness. We believe that we have been created to relate to God and each other in freedom and responsibility. We may misuse our freedom and deny our responsibility by trying to live without God and other people or against God and other people. Yet we are still bound to them for our life and well-being and intended for free and responsible fellowship with them. Since every human being is made for communion with God and others, we must treat no one with contempt. We are to respect and love all other people and ourselves as well.

- *GLORIA PATRI, Hymn 581

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

- INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

- PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison, Hymnal p. 35*)

- THE OFFERING

Offertory Anthem

"O Nata Lux" from Requiem

Wilberg

O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, with loving-kindness deign to receive suppliant praise and prayer.

Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost, grant us to be members of thy blessed body.

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 service only)

SENDING

- *HYMN 749

"Come! Live in the Light!"

WE ARE CALLED

- *CHARGE AND BLESSING

- *CHORAL RESPONSE

"A Scottis Blyssing"

Blackmon/Willcox

- *VOLUNTARY

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 FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Claire Kelton Coble, Neely B. Coble, Jr., and Elizabeth Cloutman Gardner by Billy, Carro, Russell, and Annalee Gardner, and Cheney and Henry Holbrook.

THE WHITE ROSE IN THE SANCTUARY has been placed in honor of the birth of Frederic Prescott Beuerman, son of Jamison and Alex Beuerman, grandson of Greg and Avery Beuerman and Winnie and Mark Brown, who was born on Saturday, January 21.

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

Our WORSHIP WORKSHOP FOR FIRST GRADERS & PARENTS continues this morning during the 10:30 service in Frampton Fellowship Hall. This workshop prepares first graders to remain in worship services with their families following the children's message, which all first graders will be asked to do beginning February 12. The lesson will include parts of the livestreamed worship service, explaining the parts of the bulletin and what our faith says about corporal worship.

SUNDAY MORNING SNACK SIGN-UP: The Congregational Life Committee is calling for volunteers to bring snacks for coffee hour on Sunday mornings after services. You can choose what you would like to bring. Small snacks such as cookies or donuts are perfect. We invite you to consider your snacks as a donation to the congregation, though the Congregational Life Committee will happily reimburse you up to \$50. To sign up, scan the code to the right and fill out the online form. For more information please email Katie.Gilly@gmail.com.



JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST! Text “SCAPC” to 22828 to receive our worship emails and weekly newsletter, “The Quatrefoil”. You can also sign up at scapc.org.

SCAPC 6TH-12TH GRADERS AS WELL AS PARENTS: Join us today from 3-5 p.m. for a family kickball game at the Wisner Dog Run (4877 Laurel). You don't need to be good at sports to attend, and those who prefer to chat and enjoy the fresh air rather than play are just as welcome. We pray this will be an awesome way for our kids and parents to get some fresh air and reunite as a community!

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 we will celebrate the Super Bowl as well as the “Souper Bowl of Caring”. On the menu are meatballs and spaghetti, broccoli, garlic bread, Caesar salad, brownies, and ice cream. Dinner reservations are required **by tomorrow at 5 p.m.** at scapc.org/wno.

The CBD BREAKFAST GROUP meets each Wednesday from 8-9 a.m. at Bittersweet Confections, 725 Magazine Street. “CBD” stands for Central Business District where the group meets, and also for Christian Book Discussion, in which the group engages. This Wednesday, February 1st, we will begin a new book, Volume I of *The Nature and Destiny of Man*, by Reinhold Niebuhr. Anyone interested is invited to join us. Questions? Contact Larry Hamric, l.m.hamric@att.net.

YAF (Young Adults & Families) will have a TRIVIA NIGHT at Oak Street Brewery this Wednesday, February 1st. We will meet there at 6:45 p.m. and trivia will run 7:00-9:00. PINTS will not meet that night.

The 40/50 GROUP is hosting an IRIS/TUCKS WATCH PARTY on Saturday, February 18th from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Neely and Steve Griffith's home, 2808 St Charles Avenue. Bring your bead bags and get ready to catch sunglasses and toilet paper while enjoying delicious food and drinks at the Griffiths! Registration is required and the cost is \$20/adult (ages 19 and older). There is no cost for children. Register on our 40/50 page at scapc.org/40-50. Please include all houseguests attending.

RHINO is organizing a MISSION TRIP to Port Charlotte, Florida on March 2nd-5th for debris removal and long-term rebuilding. Learn more by visiting the YAVs in Frampton Fellowship Hall this morning or email us at rhino@scapc.org.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Rene Curry who passed away on Wednesday, January 25. A memorial service will be held this Wednesday, February 1st at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary with visitation beforehand at 1 p.m. in the Bloomfield Room.