



# ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Morning Worship | Fifth Sunday After Epiphany  
February 5, 2023 | 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

## GATHERING

•GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
VOLUNTARY

Chris Currie  
Steven Blackmon, organ  
Cindy Bush

•\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus says, 'Ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened.'

**In this time and in this place, prepare us to follow.**

Jesus says, 'Come to me all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.'

**In this time and in this place, take our burdens, stir our souls, and give us rest.**

Jesus says, 'Heal the sick.' 'Feed the hungry.' 'Free the oppressed.' 'Watch and pray.'

**In our worship together, enable us to sing your praises and send us into the world to reflect your grace.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord our God, you are the fount of every goodness; you are the Savior who enables us to live as salt and light; and you are the Spirit who leads us to yearn for wholeness in our lives, well-being in the lives of others, and a better life for all. As you gather us for worship, let your Word come alive in our hearing; let our concerns align with your compassion; give us hope that will lead a path through any heaviness; give us a glimpse of your kingdom in our life together, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

•†\*HYMN 65

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

CWM RHONDDA

•CALL TO CONFESSION

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

•PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Good and gracious God, you have loved us into existence and you also meet us wherever we are. You call us to ventures in which we know not the ending and give us your grace to become salt and light in this world. Forgive us, we pray, for choosing to see faith as something internal and private between us and you. Forgive us for relinquishing our responsibilities as your body outside the walls of the church. Forgive us also for believing that we have no salt to enrich the lives of our neighbors and no light to reflect in the dark spaces of our world. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**By the power of the Holy Spirit, forgive what we have been. By the persistence of that same Spirit, help us amend what we are. By the hope of the Holy Spirit, make us ready and willing to offer others the life we have found in you and to reflect your grace toward everyone we meet; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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 58:1-12

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Millard Bland Morrison III

Presentation

Affirmation of Faith "The Apostles' Creed" (*unison, Hymnal p. 35*)

Jennifer Steck, Presenting Elder

Questions to Parents

Amelia Lemoine, Junior Baptism Buddy

Baptism

Presentation and Prayer

†MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Miriam Hollar

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

Matthew 5:13-20

•SERMON

"Become What You Are"

Chris Currie

•\*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn 581

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

•THE OFFERING

Offertory Anthem

"Ave Verum"

Elgar

*Hail, true body, born, of the Virgin Mary, having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed: Be for us a sweet foretaste in the trial of death! O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus, O Jesus, son of Mary, have mercy on me.*

The Chancel Choir

•SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer (*unison, Hymnal p. 35*)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

## SENDING

•\*HYMN 757

"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

KINGSFOLD

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

•\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

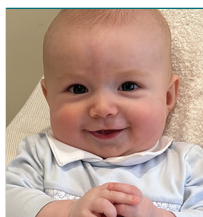
"The Irish Blessing"

Blackmon

## 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 Buddy and Luanna Cambas (captains), Danny Franklin, Harper Johnson, Derrick Heyl, Ann Maier, Bebe Marchal, Kate Prechter, and Nicholas White.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Audrie and Leon Shields, Carolyn and Lloyd Shields Jr., and Dr. and Mrs. William Davis Noble, by Laura and Sonny Shields.



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM is being administered today to MILLARD BLAND MORRISON, III, son of Alli and Millard Morrison Jr., grandson of Helen and Woody Morrison.

SCAPC'S ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will take place immediately following the 10:30 service in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to present the 2023 Nominating Committee, receive and distribute the 2023 budget, vote on proposed changes to the pastors' terms of call, and distribute the 2022 Annual Report. All SCAPC members are encouraged to attend.

## 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.

**Unable to attend? Visit the class page at [scapc.org/class](https://scapc.org/class).**

**"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.

**Beginning next week: "John Knox & How the Scots Invented the Modern World"**: led by John Dunlap and Chris Currie | February 12-March 19 | Land Building Lakeside Room and Zoom

Due to the contributions of John Knox and the reform movement that gave birth to the protestant church in Scotland, an environment was created that nurtured a literate society, education for all, a faith that asks questions and seeks understanding, free thought and inquiry, a larger commitment to the ethical vision of society, and a say in the affairs of government. Learn more about the legacy of the Scots!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

REHEARSALS TODAY: Children's Choir 2 (1st-5th graders) will rehearse from 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Ringers & Singers (6th-12th graders) will have a "Meet & Greet" at 4:15 p.m. Both will meet in the choir room on the 3rd floor. Childrens Choir 1 (3 years-Kindergarten) will reconvene on Sunday, February 26 from 11:45-12:15.

CALL FOR SESSION NOMINATIONS: As a governing body, the Session of St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church needs people who are strong in faith and generous in spirit. Being elected an Elder by the congregation is an opportunity to serve Jesus Christ in leadership. Nominees for the Session Class of 2026, which is a three-year term, must be active church members who participate in worship regularly, support the church's stewardship campaign financially, and use their time and talents to support the mission of the church. Will you answer the call to service for our thriving church? Or do you know of another member who would be an asset to our Session? Go to [scapc.org/nomination](https://scapc.org/nomination) to submit your nomination(s). The due date for nominations is Sunday, February 26th.

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 have a Mardi Gras theme. On the menu will be Mardi Gras jambalaya, green beans, tossed salad, fruit, and king cake. Dinner reservations are required **by tomorrow at 5 p.m.** at [scapc.org/wno](https://scapc.org/wno).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL registration is open at [scapc.org/vbs](https://scapc.org/vbs). The dates are Tuesday, May 30-Friday, June 2 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. This program is open to all children 4 years old (by June 1, 2023) through current 5th grade. Students currently 6th grade and older may register as youth volunteers. The cost is \$40/first camper, \$20/siblings and \$10/youth. Our theme is "Hero Hotline: Called Together to Serve God" which calls children to follow Jesus, help others, work together, listen to God, and show grace. This is a volunteer-run program. Parent participation is strongly encouraged. We also encourage you to ask grandparents, friends, neighbors, etc. who might not be registering children to sign up to volunteer. Children thrive when exposed to multiple generations! For more information, contact Michele Murphy, Director of Christian Education, 897-0101 x116 or [michele@scapc.org](mailto:michele@scapc.org).

FLOWER MINISTRY: Looking for an opportunity to spread some joy and TLC to our congregation? The Flower Ministry team could use your help! Join us on Mondays from 9-11 a.m. in the church kitchen to arrange and deliver small vases of flowers to members who are in special need of an uplifting gesture. No experience is needed. To volunteer for Mondays in February and/or March, please email Melissa McDonald at [mcdonaldnola@gmail.com](mailto:mcdonaldnola@gmail.com).