

SUMMER SUNDAYS

ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | JULY 17, 2022 | 9:30 AM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Chris Currie

GREETINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

Steven Blackmon, organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive, from Colossians 1:15-28*)

Come and worship Christ, the visible image of the invisible God,

the firstborn of creation, the eternal God:

the one through whom all things were created, and in whom all things are held together.

In him all that is estranged from God is reconciled to God.

Let us worship together.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy and loving God, in the beginning you brought forth your creation and out of your goodness you made human beings in a variety of colors, shapes, and features, to all share in bearing your sacred image. Instead of celebrating the differences found in humanity, we have discarded the gift of diversity and created hierarchies of power and privilege that have caused great harm across our human family. Forgive us for violating your image and falling far from your intention at creation – to live in harmonious relationship with you and one another. Merciful God, help us now boldly face the mistakes of the past, binding up the wounds of racial injustice, so that we may all be healed and reconciled one to another. With the Holy Spirit's encouragement help us be better neighbors, showing mercy to all those we encounter along the road, rejoicing and giving thanks to you, gracious and almighty God. Amen.

†HYMN 317

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

McKEE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

Genesis 1:26-31

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

Luke 10:24-37

*HYMN 451

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

OPEN MY EYES

SERMON

“God and Race”

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from “Confession of Belhar”*)

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged; that God calls the church to follow God in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly; that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right; that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream; that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn 581

“Glory Be to the Father”

GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Hymnal, p. 35*)

THE OFFERING

Offertory

“Prayer”

Adams

Jacob Huffty, baritone

*Doxology, Hymn 606

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD HUNDRETH

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN 772

“Live Into Hope”

TRURO

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*VOLUNTARY

*Please stand as you are able | †Latecomers seated



Thank you to all who sent in topics for our “Sermons on Demand” series!
 If you missed the first two sermons, you can still watch the worship recordings
 on our YouTube channel via the link at scapc.org/summer-sundays.
 Transcripts are available at scapc.org/sermon-transcripts.

IN TODAY’S WORSHIP

TODAY’S USHERS are David Mize (captain), Laura Avery, Terry Ebbert, Deanna McLendon, Laura and Kelly McWhirter, and Wesley Simon.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the Reverend Finley M. and Clare M. Grissett; Shirley and Paul Storey; and beloved pets Saide and Duffy, by Shauna S. Grissett and F. David Grissett.

Please note that CHILDREN’S LESSONS AND ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL are on summer break during July and August.

PARENTS ON THE PLAYGROUND continues after Summer Sundays worship services! Each week we will have volunteers bring kid friendly snacks and invite all families to go outside to the playground for 30 minutes to enjoy snacks and fellowship as a way to give families a time to meet each other and build relationships. You can sign-up to bring snacks on the bulletin board in Frampton Fellowship Hall or find the link online at scapc.org/summer-sundays.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAY GROUND FOR FAMILIES DURING WORSHIP: While people of all ages are welcome and encouraged to remain in the Sanctuary for worship, our “Pray Ground” in Frampton Fellowship Hall provides an alternative child-friendly space for families to worship together. The service is projected via livestream to a large screen and there are coloring sheets, puzzles, and books for children to enjoy. Parents must stay with their children in Frampton Fellowship Hall.

CRESCENT CITY CAFÉ: ME+3 BRUNCH Crescent City Café, one of SCPAC’s community ministry partners, is hosting their annual Me+3 Brunch Fundraiser on Saturday, July 23rd. Come eat a delicious breakfast, see how the Café serves our community, and pay-it-forward! A \$20 donation provides a meal for you and three future Café guests. Reserve your spot for 9:15 or 10:30 by visiting crescentcitycafe.com. Want to stay home and still support the Café? A \$20 no-show donation provides four future meals! A link to the donation page can also be found at crescentcitycafe.com.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Kathy and Bill McGoey and their daughter Meredith McGoey on the death of Kathy’s mother, **Carlys Remes Carrington**, who died on June 24. OUR SYMPATHY is also extended to the family and friends of **John Geiser III** who died on Wednesday, July 6th. A memorial service will be announced.

BE A STORY READER OR DONATE MEALS AND SUPPLIES: SCAPC Carrollton Camp will be held July 25-August 5 at Paul Dunbar School, 9330 Forshey Street. This camp, founded and run by SCAPC, was created for families with working parents who are seeking affordable and safe children’s programming during school breaks. You can help out by providing lunch, reading stories, purchasing supplies, or sponsoring a field trip. Sign up at scapc.org/carrollton-camp-volunteers. Tomorrow is the deadline to sign up!

SCAPC Presbyterian Women are excited to host the PW SYNOD OF THE SUN GATHERING on July 21-23. Synod of the Sun is the region of PC(USA) to which our church belongs and includes Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. Volunteers are needed to help make the weekend a success! To sign up for a 1-2 hour shift for ushering, assisting ladies with bus boarding, directions, and other needs, visit scapc.org/pw. Volunteering can be a great way to get involved if you cannot attend the whole Gathering. If you are interested in attending the Gathering and have not yet registered, walk-ups are still welcome for the whole Gathering or for individual days.

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