

SUMMER SUNDAYS

ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | AUGUST 13, 2023 | 9:30 AM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Chris Currie

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

J. Thomas Mitts, guest organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

Believing that God made and loves the world,

We gather.

That it may be reshaped to fulfill God's purposes,

We pray.

To seek a wisdom deeper than our own thinking,

We listen.

To pursue a life more substantial than the shallow options all around us,

We follow.

To praise God who has called us and given us voices to sing and hearts to rejoice and souls to be exulted,

We worship.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (*unison*)

O Lord our God, you created us, you have blessed us with the gift of life, and you wrap us round in your love and tenderness. In Jesus Christ, you have entered our humanity and continue to challenge us and ask us questions that lead to justice and faithfulness. Through your Holy Spirit, come among us again this day and fill our lives with courage and wisdom. Where we are tired, give us peace and refreshment. Where we are apathetic and unmoved, kindle the fire of your love. Where we are preoccupied with ourselves and the intricacies of our lives, put people among us who draw us out of ourselves and into relationships beyond our command and control. In this place and in this time, help us to lift up our hearts, use our voices to sing your praise, transform our minds, exalt our souls, and prepare us to walk outside once again to try and live as disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†*HYMN 634

"To God Be the Glory"

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

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

Romans 10:5-15

*HYMN 175

"Seek Ye First"

LAFFERTY

SERMON

"Uncommodified"

Chris Currie

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostle's Creed (*unison, Hymnal p. 35*)

*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn 581

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Ashley Brown

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

THE OFFERING

Offertory

"The God of Love My Shepherd Is"

Thiman

Horace English, bass-baritone

*Doxology, Hymn 606

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDRETH

*HYMN 697

"Take My Life"

HENDON

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*VOLUNTARY

*Please stand as you are able. | †Latecomers seated
Large print bulletins are available. Please see an usher.

IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

TODAY'S USHERS are David Mize (captain), Laura Avery, Terry Ebbert, Deanna McLendon, Kelley and Laura McWhirter, Wesley Simon, and Barrett Wheeler.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elizabeth Burns Cassity and William Royce Charleville, and Elizabeth Burns and Cecile Orth Poss, by Libbie Charleville Hardy Reiss and Sisters, Cecile Hardy Tanguis, Christen Leah Hardy, and Joseph Reiss.

FOR FAMILIES: Please note that while there are no planned children's activities during worship in August, the "PRAY GROUND" in Frampton Fellowship Hall is set up for families looking for a child-friendly space to watch the service via livestream. Coloring sheets, puzzles, and books for children are there. Parents must remain with their children in the Pray Ground. Nursery staff are available to watch over children ages 0-3 in the Bear Classroom during the 9:30 service.

PLEASE NOTE...WE RETURN TO TWO SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY!

8:30 AM.....CHAPEL

10:30 AM.....SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM (Children's Messages resume)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE will hold a general listening session next Sunday, August 20, following the 10:30 service in the Land Building. All are invited to attend and share their thoughts and ideas. The purpose of the committee is to assess our resources, strengths, and desired growth areas, and to formalize an overview of ministry outcomes envisioned through the year 2030. Serving on the committee are Parke Ellis (Chairman), Pat Widhalm (Vice-Chairman), Margaret Ann Lindsey, Beth Poe, Amy Goodson, Bobby Segal, Ethan Rault, Gillian Egan, Robert Edgcombe, Thomas Currie (Youth Group), Hallie Boh (Ad Hoc, Clerk of Session) and Chris Currie (Ad Hoc) We will announce additional listening sessions and a congregation-wide survey in the coming weeks.

SCAPC'S PHOTOGRAPHIC TOUR OF CUBA: SCAPC members returned to Cuba this past spring after several cancelled trips due to the pandemic. Next Sunday, August 20, come take a photographic tour of our work with our sister church partners and water projects, and learn how the Cuban people are faring in their current challenging environment. The presentation will be led by Cindy Bush at 9:30 a.m. in Frampton Fellowship Hall.

All Young Adults & Families are invited to the YAF COCKTAIL COMPETITION at the Bruggers-Chaney Home, 3026 Nashville Avenue on Saturday, August 19 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Bring a cocktail or a mocktail to share with the group and we will vote on the best one from each category! RSVP to tyler@scapc.org by Wednesday, August 16.

ATTENTION, JR. & SR. HIGH STUDENTS: Are you between 6th and 12th grade and interested in getting involved with the SCAPC Youth Group for the first time? Next Sunday, August 20, from 3-5 p.m. on the church third floor, you are invited to an afternoon of games and fellowship to get to know the youth room and some of your fellow church peers better. Whether you are a rising 6th grader or you are older and just now ready to start getting involved, we hope this opportunity will be a great introduction for you to feel comfortable when normal youth events start up in September! Feel free to contact Chris Hazlaris (chrishazlaris@scapc.org) if you have any questions.

OUR NEXT SCAPC 101 will be held on Sunday, August 27 from 9:30-10:15 a.m. in the second floor conference room. This class is designed as an orientation for new members and visitors interested in joining our church...or anyone wishing to learn more about SCAPC! We will talk about our basic beliefs as Presbyterians, the history of SCAPC, and how you can get involved in its ministries. It is also a great way to get to know new and longstanding members alike!

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