



# ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Morning Worship | Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 18, 2022 | 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

## GATHERING

### •WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS VOLUNTARY

Chris Currie  
Steven Blackmon, organ  
Zach Christiansen

### •\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

The Lord our God takes us as we are and summons out what we shall be.

**Set your seal upon our hearts and live in us.**

God promises to be present in all we share,

**In our prayers, in our praises, in our worship.**

May God welcome and unsettle us,

**May we follow where Christ calls us,**

May the gifts of the Spirit be poured into us,

**May the blessing of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, fill our souls, feed our minds, and lift our hearts!**

### •\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord our God, you are the giver of life, the fount of all knowledge, the ground of our being, and are closer to us than we are to our own breath. We give thanks that you have made us in the image of Jesus Christ and by your grace have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and bundles of nerves to do your will. We praise you for the movement of your Spirit that gives purpose to our days and direction to our lives. We thank you for transforming our lives by the Word proclaimed and the sacraments celebrated, and for sending us out into your world to care for the vulnerable in our midst and to love the people you place before us. As we remember the gift of theological education this day, we give thanks for the congregations who encourage people to consider the call to ministry and to pursue education in all its forms. We give thanks for those who commit their careers and lives in service to your gospel; we give thanks for those inspired to serve you faithfully and to give generously; and we give thanks for sacrifices made, lives transformed, and curious minds that always want to know more. Bring us to the day's ending blessed through having shared the day's beginning; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### •†\*HYMN 331 "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

NATIONAL HYMN

### •CALL TO CONFESSION

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

### •PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Good and gracious God, in Christ you have brought us to the bright light of this new day and you also come close to the small spaces of our hearts to renew and repair us. In the company of others, we ask for your forgiveness: for careless thoughts, thoughtless deeds, empty speech, and words with which we wounded. In your company and the company of our neighbors, we ask your forgiveness: for false desires, hateful actions, wastefulness of resources, and for all we have left untended.**

**By your Holy Spirit, bring new life where we are worn and tired; bring new love where we have turned hard-hearted; grant forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; and give us joy and freedom where we are prisoners of our own making. In your great mercy, O God, take us as we are, summon out what we shall be, and forgive what we have been, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### SILENT REFLECTION

KYRIE *Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Blackmon

### •ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

Psalm 113

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Mary Rogers Wilson

Presentation

Peter A. Wilson, Sr., Elder

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

Gaines Wilson, Junior Baptism Buddy

Questions to Parents

Baptism

Presentation and Prayer

### †MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Jennie Wimbish

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

1 Timothy 2:1-7

### •SERMON

"God's Will"

Chris Currie

### •\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: "The Apostles' Creed" (*unison, Hymnal, p. 35, 8:30 service only*)

### •\*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn 581

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

### INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

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

*Congregational response: "Embrace us with your love."*

### •THE OFFERING

Offertory

"I Will Arise"

arr. Parker and Shaw

*I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, oh! There are ten thousand charms.*

*Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.*

*Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace. Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.*

The Chancel Choir

\*Doxology, Hymn 606

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDDTH

\*Prayer of Dedication

### •SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (8:30 service only)

(cont.)

## SENDING

“Take My Life”

HENDON

- \*HYMN 697
- \*CHARGE AND BLESSING
- \*CHORAL RESPONSE

“An 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 Stephanie and Pete November (co-captains), David Grissett, Jeanie Clinton, Polly Hardie, Brenda Stephens, and Catherine and Luke Lemoine.

TODAY'S ACOLYTES for the 10:30 service are Caroline Wheeler and Clementine DiSalvo.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Robert A. Palmer, Elizabeth Hunt Palmer, and Mr. Richard Parke Ellis, Sr., by Nancy, Parke and Meg Ellis and Betsy, Steve, Hunt, Parke, and Marguerite Clement.

CORRECTION: Please note that the flowers in the Sanctuary last Sunday were given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Andrew Clayton Elkins, Marilyn and Henry C. Sevier, and Beverly and Joel C. Elkins by Kate and Gary Elkins.



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM  
is being administered today to  
MARY ROGERS WILSON,  
daughter of Rosalind Jenkins Wilson  
and Peter Anderson Wilson, Jr.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES 9:30-10:15 A.M. | CLASS DETAILS AT [SCAPC.ORG/SUNDAY-SCHOOL](http://scapc.org/sunday-school)

### UPCOMING ADULT CLASSES:

**Theological Education During Racial Crisis:** led by Thomas W. Currie (father of Chris Currie) | Today only  
Frampton Fellowship Hall

**Parenting in the Pew Workshop:** September 25 only | Chapel

**Exploring the Book of Confessions:** led by Geoff Snodgrass, John Dunlap, Larry Hamric, and Dawn Talbot  
September 25-November 6 | Land Building & Zoom

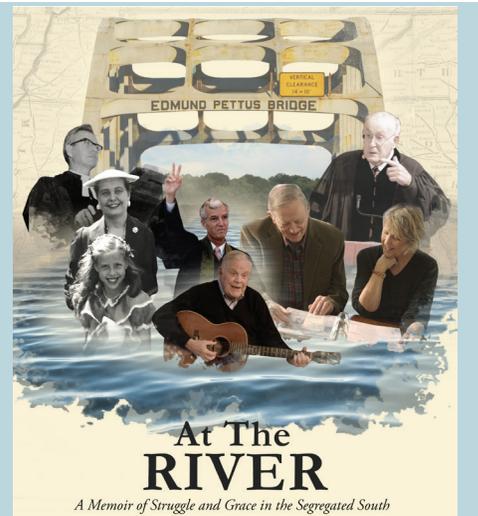
**Parenting Podcast Class:** starting October 2 | 2nd floor conference room

## SPECIAL FILM VIEWING TODAY

### *At the River: A Memoir of Struggle and Grace in the Segregated South*

Viewing at 5:00 p.m. followed by conversation and refreshments  
Frampton Fellowship Hall | Free event | All are welcome!

“At the River” is the story of ministers whose ministry took place in the segregated South of the 1950s and 1960s. Those highlighted in the film took risks and exhibited courage and faithfulness in the face of danger and the challenges of the time. Film Director Carolyn Crowder will be on hand to talk about the film and to share their firsthand experiences. Copies of the Presbyterian Historical Society of the South-west’s “Doing Justice, Loving Kindness, and Walking Humbly: The Witness of Some Southern Presbyterian Pastors for the Cause of Racial Harmony in the 1950s and 1960s” will be available for free though donations are requested. All donations will go to support theological education at PC(USA) institutions.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT begins each week with a **PASTOR-LED STUDY** on the Gospel of Mark at 5:15 p.m. in the Learning Center on the 2nd floor, followed by dinner at 6 p.m. in Frampton Fellowship Hall. **Dinner reservations are required** by Mondays at noon at [scapc.org/wno](http://scapc.org/wno). This week is **COLLEGE NIGHT!** Wear your favorite school colors and bring along table decorations if you like. During dinner, we will enjoy college trivia! On the menu are red beans and rice with sausage, salad bar, fruit bowl, and brownies with ice cream.

OUR CHILDREN'S CHOIRS are divided into the “Cherub Choir” for PreK3 through 1st Graders and “Ringers and Singers” for 2nd through 6th Graders. Both choirs rehearse on Sunday mornings in the Choir Room on the 3rd floor. Cherubs rehearse 11:45-12:15 and Ringers rehearse 8:45-9:20. Rehearsals begin this morning! For performance dates and registration, go to [scapc.org/childrens-choirs](http://scapc.org/childrens-choirs).

FALL DAY OF SERVICE: Join us on October 1 as we continue to build relationships with our numerous Community Ministry Partners. We will meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast provided by Crescent City Café and a short prayer service, after which we will break off into work groups, ending our work around noon that day. We will have projects available for all ages and abilities, so bring the whole family! Sign-up after worship in Frampton Fellowship Hall or contact Elizabeth Artigues at [artigues4@gmail.com](mailto:artigues4@gmail.com).

All ladies are invited to PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S “SIMPLE ELEGANCE” — an evening of fellowship, dinner, and entertaining ideas — on Tuesday, October 11 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the home of Patricia and Vernon Brinson, 217 Audubon Boulevard. The cost is \$35 per person, and your payment is your reservation. Payments can only be made by cash or check payable to “Presbyterian Women” and sent to the church office. The reservation deadline is Tuesday, September 27.

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