



ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Morning Worship | Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 25, 2022 | 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

•WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
VOLUNTARY

Sarah Chancellor-Watson
Steven Blackmon, organ
Melissa McDonald

•*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive, from Psalm 91*)
“When they call to me, I will answer them,” says the Lord.
“I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue and honor them.”
With thanksgiving and praise, let us worship God.

•*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God, giver of all good gifts, you have created us for life together, and in Christ you have revealed to us that the true riches of faith are good works, generosity, and a desire to serve. Strengthen us this day to pursue all righteousness, godliness, and love with perseverance and gentleness, that we may take hold of that life that is really life, and dwell with you eternally.

•†*HYMN 299 “You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

HANOVER

•CALL TO CONFESSION

Chris Currie

•PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Holy God, giver of all that is good, we recognize that you are the source of all that is. The breath of life is a gift from your generous hand. The food we eat is grown in the world you sustain. The community that supports us is called into being by your saving activity. Everything we have is a gift from you. So why do we treat life as though you are stingy and tightfisted with us? Why do we believe we must hoard our blessings? It is our sin that makes us live as though we don’t trust your goodness. So forgive us, we pray. Teach us again what it is to rely upon you. Remind us that we are always in your loving care. Fill us with grace and goodwill, that our hearts might overflow from the fullness of your love.

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 91:1-6, 14-16

FOURTH GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

Michele Murphy

†MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Catherine Karas

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

1 Timothy 6:6-19

•SERMON

“Take Hold”

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

•*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: “The Apostles’ Creed” (*unison, Hymnal, p. 35*)

•*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

“Psalm of Life”

Craig Hella Johnson

Echo of understanding, silhouette of courage, reflection of knowledge, Oh, sighing breath of wisdom, Spirit my life. I live in the shadow of doubt; I dwell in dark of unknown; I wonder and wander in mere mortal moments, my soul seeking solace and peace. I pray for the world in such need; I yearn for a world with real peace; I praise and give thanks in the hope of tomorrows, beyond days of moments on earth.

*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 846

“Fight the Good Fight”

DUKE STREET

•*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

“A Scottis Blyssing”

Blackmon/Willcox

•*VOLUNTARY

•8:30 service | *Please stand as you are able | †Latecomers seated
Large print bulletins are available. Please see an usher.

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 Nina Edgecombe and Emma Edgecombe.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jennie Steele by her family.

ADULT CLASSES:

Parenting in the Pew Workshop: Today only | Chapel

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

Our Reformed theological traditions extend back to the 16th-century Protestant Reformation. One way of “being reformed” is confessing our faith and proclaiming to the world what we believe. This study introduces us to the Book of Confessions, a collection of eleven creeds and confessions that form the basis for the theological beliefs of this denomination. They give us Reformed Christians rich insight on what we believe and how we live.

Parenting Podcast Class: starting next Sunday | 2nd floor conference room

Recording: “Theological Education During Racial Crisis”: If you missed last Sunday’s class, by Rev. Dr. Thomas W. Currie (father of Chris Currie), you can visit scapc.org/sunday-school for an audio recording and transcript.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOURTH GRADERS RECEIVING THEIR BIBLES this morning are Ann Beevers, Evan Eubanks, Pearson Eubanks, William Graves, Joy Griffith, Walter Kramer, Buddy Mackenroth, Marion Nagim, Bradley Richard, Gaines Wilson, and Owen Wilt.

CALLING ALL BAKERS! Next Sunday is World Communion Sunday, and we will be celebrating Holy Communion not just at SCAPC, but with Christians all around the world. To help us visualize this great feast, we need bread of all nationalities, sizes, shapes and colors. If you would like to contribute some bread (which you don’t have to bake yourself!), please contact Sarah Chancellor-Watson at sarah@scapc.org and bring your bread to church no later than this Friday at 5 p.m. There will be a box for bread donations in the church kitchen refrigerator.

HURRICANE RESPONSE: This week, Hurricane Fiona impacted Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic with flooding and powerful winds leading to widespread power outages and a lack of running water. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance of PC(USA) has begun recovery efforts which you can learn more about and support at pda.pcusa.org.

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. This week is **BINGO NIGHT!** On the menu are oven-fried fish, macaroni and cheese, trucker green beans, salad bar, fruit bowl, peach cobbler and ice cream.

SCAPC is holding a DIAPER DRIVE to support the Junior League of New Orleans Diaper Bank. Please bring disposable diapers of any size, including open packages, to the large bins inside the State Street doors this week through Saturday morning. All diapers will be delivered to the JLNO Diaper Bank warehouse for sorting during SCAPC’s Fall Day of Service.

FALL DAY OF SERVICE: Join us this Saturday, October 1, as we continue to build relationships with our numerous Community and Global 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.

CHURCH BBQ: The Congregational Life Committee is hosting a churchwide BBQ on Sunday, October 9 on the Land Building lawn following the 10:30 service. To sign up to bring a food or drink item, visit scapc.org/bbq. Thank you!

Copies of our NEW SCAPC PHOTO DIRECTORIES can be picked up in the church office this morning. If they run out, we will print more this week.

WRITERS & ARTISTS SOUGHT: If you would like to compose a short devotional, about 300 words, for our Advent devotional books and web page, please contact Katie Brendler (katie@scapc.org) by Wednesday, October 5. You will then be given a scripture reading to write a short reflection about. We are also seeking artists to contribute drawings, paintings, or photographs, so please notify Katie if you wish to contribute art.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY is extended to Russell Steele and his family on the death of his wife, Jennie Steele, who passed away on Monday, September 19. A service was held Friday in the Sanctuary.

NEW RHINO STAFF: Join us in welcoming Young Adult Volunteers Khyah Van Es and Lena Kennedy who will be coordinating our RHINO ministry this year! They will also be helping us host youth groups from around the country this summer as part of our Camp RHINO program. Their “office hours” at SCAPC are Monday, Tuesday, and Friday mornings, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., when they are not out in the community helping us Rebuild Hope in New Orleans!



Khyah



Lena