



## GATHERING

•WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
VOLUNTARY

Chris Currie  
Steven Blackmon, organ  
Barrett Wheeler

•\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

For the joy of each other's company and mutual burdens shared,

**Thanks be to God.**

For shared stories, friendly laughter, and conversations that change us,

**Thanks be to God.**

For a church that spans the ages and is home to all who gather,

**Thanks be to God.**

For grateful hearts, for generous souls, for lives offered in service to Jesus Christ until our life's work is done,

**Let us worship God.**

•\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, Sovereign Lord of the Universe, yet nearer to us than our hands or feet and closer to us than our own breathing, draw us to yourself and to each other in worship, praise, and thanksgiving. Direct us by your grace as we reckon up our inventories of resources and responsibilities. Give us time to reflect on our gifts and your call at work in our lives, so that each one of us may be used and used up in service to Jesus Christ and each one of us may offer our lives for his sake in worship and lifelong discipleship. Amen.

•†\*HYMN 687

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

ST. ANNE

•CALL TO CONFESSION

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

•PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God our Creator, you have wonderfully made us and set us in this world to flourish, to reflect your grace and glory, and to love those put in our lives. You have planted in us different gifts; not two of us are the same. On our own we may or may not shine, but together, in your company, you turn us into a kaleidoscope of grace. Forgive us for thinking faith is about going at it alone or about becoming disciples without the help, encouragement, and wisdom of others. Forgive us for trying to turn faith into a project we can check-off rather than a lifelong passion that we may never see to full completion.**

**God, you give seed to the sower and grain to the reaper; give us all that we need so that we may plant seeds of faithfulness and seek a rich harvest of love, justice, and joy for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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.*)

Luke 17:11-19

†MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Kelly Mackenroth

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

Psalm 1

•SERMON

"Rooted"

Chris Currie

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

•\*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn 581

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

•MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP 2023

8:30 Nicholas White | 10:30 Ava Zander

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

•THE OFFERING

Offertory

"Abide with Me"

arr., Moses Hogan

The Chancel Choir

\*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 457

"How Happy Are the Saints of God"

WAREHAM

•\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

"An Irish Blessing"

Blackmon

•\*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 Jeff Young (captain), Nancy Jane and Charlie Carson, Noah Hardie, Louise Schaefer, Richard Seelman and Laurie Young.

For the 10:30 service, TODAY'S ACOLYTES are Owen Wilt and Juliet Wilt.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Catherine Rea Vermeulen and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Matthew Rea, Jr., and Buddy Rea, by Ann Rea, Lee Rea Manges and Matthew Rea.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHAPEL have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Catherine Chapman Babin from her family: Hunter Ellis Babin, Laura Babin Charbonnet, and Kitsie Babin Garland.

THE WHITE ROSE has been given in honor of the birth of Lachlan Louise Wilson, daughter of Hannah and Andrew Wilson, granddaughter of Lisa and Peter Wilson and great-granddaughter of Betty Wilson Jeffrey. She was born on September 27.

## 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:

**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 our denomination. The book offers rich insight into what we believe and how we live as Reformed Christians.

**"Parents Take Five" Podcast Class:** 2nd floor conference room

Join us as we dive into a variety of topics that offer meaningful parenting and family tips to help you grow in faith.



## 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. This week we will be assembling **"Welcome Home Baskets"** for our RHINO partner, Louisiana Just Recovery Network. On the menu are spaghetti and meatballs, green peas, Caesar salad, and banana pudding. Dinner reservations are required by Monday at noon at [scapc.org/wno](https://scapc.org/wno).

The Congregational Care Committee is collecting SMALL FLOWER VASES for use in their flower delivery ministry. If you have vases to donate, please place them in the box located just inside the State Street doors.

BRACELETS & DONATIONS FOR CUBA/UKRAINE: Tomorrow at 4 p.m. in the Land Building Riverside Room, Presbyterian Women invite everyone to assemble "Sisters of the Cross" bracelets for our partners in Ukraine and Cuba. During the month of October, Presbyterian Women are collecting donations of over-the-counter medications, preferably large size, including pain relief and cold/flu drugs, vitamins, etc. to be brought to our sister congregations in Cuba. Pills are preferred over liquids and gummies. Collection baskets are located just inside the State Street doors.

CHALLENGER CLASS RETREAT: Registration is now open! This retreat for 4th and 5th graders takes place Friday, October 28–Sunday, October 30 at Tickfaw State Park. This year's theme is "The Power of Prayer". The retreat is open to all students regardless of church affiliation. The cost is \$80/student. Go to [scapc.org/challenger-retreat](https://scapc.org/challenger-retreat) to register.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Kathy Randall on the death of her sister, Lynn Stephens Wilkerson, who passed away on September 30.

### WAYS TO SUBMIT YOUR 2023 PLEDGE

- Visit [scapc.org/pledge](https://scapc.org/pledge) or scan the QR code to the right.
- Fill out a pledge card in your pew and place in the offering plate.
- Contact Emily Fleshman at [emily@scapc.org](mailto:emily@scapc.org) or 504-897-0101 x113.

