



GATHERING

•WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

VOLUNTARY

Steven Blackmon, organ

•*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Pat Widhalm

Happy are those who delight in the law of the Lord,

Who meditate on God's word day and night.

They are like one who builds a house on solid rock

When the rains fall and the winds blow they will stand strong.

Let us worship the Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer.

•*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord, our God, you are our shelter and stay in times of trouble and always. Nourished by your streams of living water you give us strength to weather life's storms. Help us in this time to recognize and be reminded of your many acts of faithfulness. Plant in our hearts seeds of faith, so that your word may dwell in us richly and we may be fruitful in works of righteousness for your kingdom's sake. Amen.

•†*HYMN 353

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

SOLID ROCK

•CALL TO CONFESSION

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

•PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep your word before us always and in all things. Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours. Forgive us for growing weary in following you; for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice; losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world. Tune our ears to the sounds of your justice. Turn our hearts to your commandments and word of grace. Do not remember our sin, but remember your mercy forever. We pray in Christ's name. 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.*)

Matthew 7:24-27

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Donald William Jackson III

Affirmation of Faith "The Apostles' Creed" (*Hymnal, page 35*)

Parke Ellis, Presenting Elder

Questions to Parents

Lizzie Hope, Jr. Baptism Buddy

Baptism

Presentation and Prayer

†MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Chris Hazlaris

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

Psalms 1

•SERMON

"Standing Strong"

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

•*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

•MOMENT FOR MISSION: STEWARDSHIP 2023

Megan Guy and Adelle Bergman Valenti

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

•THE OFFERING

Offertory

"Poor Wayfaring Stranger"

Traditional Folk Spiritual, arr. Christopher

Jacob Huffty, baritone; Chancel Choir

*Doxology, Hymn 606

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

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

SENDING

•*HYMN 821

"My Life Flows On"

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

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

TODAY'S ACOLYTES for the 10:30 service are Julianne Duvernay and Clementine DiSalvo.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elizabeth and William D. Durland by a bequest from the Benjamin Family.



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
is being administered today to
DONALD WILLIAM JACKSON III,
son of William Joseph Jackson
and Erica Owen Jackson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES 9:30-10:15 A.M. | CLASS DETAILS AT 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

Today we are joined by Adelle Valenti, Executive Director of CRESCENT CITY CAFÉ, one of SCAPC's Community Ministry Partners supported by your pledge dollars. The Café hosts free breakfasts twice a month for the homeless and low-income population of New Orleans and plans to open a pay-what-you-can community café in the near future. Learn more at crescentcitycafe.com.

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 decorating pumpkins and enjoying Don Frampton's book *Welcome Corner: A New History of St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church*. On the menu are pork loin, sweet potatoes, turnip greens, and Halloween cookies. **Dinner reservations are required by Monday at noon** at scapc.org/wno. This week, **NEW MEMBERS EAT FREE!** If you joined SCAPC in the last year, you can enjoy dinner "on the house", though you will still need to make a reservation.

THE YOUNG ADULTS & FAMILIES (YAF) PUMPKIN CARVING PARTY is this Friday, October 21 at 5:30 p.m. at the Land Building. Pumpkins, carving and decorating supplies, pizza, drinks, and dessert will be provided! Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 19 to tyler@scapc.org.

RUNNING FOR LITERACY: SCAPC Runners, take your marks! Come out to support our Community Ministry Partner YMCA Education Services (YES!) in their Corporate Classic 5K Run in City Park on the morning of Saturday, November 12. YES! provides adults the math, reading, and computer skills they need to advance at work, assist their children at school, and be active, engaged citizens. If you are interested in joining our SCAPC team please contact Avery Beuerman by November 1 at beuermana@gmail.com. For race details visit ymcaneworleans.org.

MEDICINES FOR CUBA: During the month of October, Presbyterian Women are collecting donations of over-the-counter medications including pain relief and cold/flu drugs, non-gummie vitamins, etc. to be delivered to our Global Ministry Partners in Cardenas, Cuba. Large sized bottles are especially welcome, and pills are preferred over liquid. Please drop off donations to the basket inside the State Street entrance doors.

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.



WAYS TO SUBMIT YOUR 2023 PLEDGE

- Visit 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 or 504-897-0101 x113.



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