



ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Morning Worship | First Sunday of Advent | November 27, 2022 | 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS VOLUNTARY
- *LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Sarah Chancellor-Watson
Steven Blackmon, organ
Laura and Sonny Shields | Lacy and Hardie Edgcombe, Emma and Caroline
Sarah and Robert Edgcombe, Nina

*PRAYER (*unison*)

From generation to generation, God has brought good news of love and compassion, justice and community. Let us rest and abide in that good news. Amen.

- †*HYMN 104 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN
- CALL TO CONFESSION
- PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of today and tomorrow, you say, "Bring your full self. There's room for you here." But we say, "Our lives are too messy." You say, "Bring your hopes and your dreams. There's room for you here." But we say, "It's too risky to hope." You say, "Bring your grief and your prayers. There's room for you here." But we say, "Some things are easier to forget." God of today and God of tomorrow, we know in our hearts that there's room for us here. Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you. Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best. Help us remember, today and tomorrow, there's room for every story. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

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

• ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, we who feel scattered are held together. We who have lost our way are forgiven and found. And we who are lonely are brought into the fold and are told, "There's room for you here." From generation to generation, this is the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are held, forgiven, found, and welcomed. Thanks be to God! Amen.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

Isaiah 2:1-5

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Lachlan Russell Ross, Rees Scarlett Ross, and Charles Rick Rees
Debbie Rees, Presenting Elder
Owen Wilt, Junior Baptism Buddy

- Presentation
- Affirmation of Faith "The Apostle's' Creed" (*Hymnal, p. 35*)
- Questions to Parents
- Baptism
- Presentation and Prayer

†MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Katie Brendler

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

Matthew 24:36-44

• SERMON

"Interruptions"

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

• *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Apostle's 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 LORD'S PRAYER (*Hymnal, p. 35*)

• THE OFFERING

Offertory

"Light Dawns on a Weary World"

Mack Wilberg

*Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people's dignity. The promised day of justice comes.
The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands gush with springs; the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace, as the world in wonder echoes Shalom.
Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find bread and children's dreams are fed. The promised feast of plenty comes.
Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn.*

Betsy and Pat Widhalm, pianos; The 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 93

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

TRURO

• *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

ADVENT WREATH: This year's Advent theme is "From Generation to Generation." Our Advent wreath will be lit each week by a three-generation family in our church. The spoken text and prayers are by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed of *A Sanctified Art LLC*.

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 Rick Grubb (captain), Randy Evans, Jackie Derks, Carro Gardner, and Mimi Koch.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kennedy, Sr. and Wendy Kennedy Monsted by Linda, Ted, Theo, Kathryn, Dylan and Stirling Kennedy.

THE ADVENT BANNERS are given in loving memory of Tom and Kathryn "Kit" Favrot.



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
is being administered today to
LACHLAN RUSSELL ROSS,
son of Taylor and Jack Ross,
grandson of Debbie and Rick Rees.



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
is being administered today to
REES SCARLETT ROSS,
daughter of Taylor and Jack Ross,
granddaughter of Debbie and Rick Rees.



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
is being administered today to
CHARLES RICK REES,
son of Avery and Austin Rees,
grandson of Debbie and Rick

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

ADULT CLASSES:

“The History of Christmas”: Land Building Lakeside Room and Zoom | Nov. 20 - Dec. 18 | led by Robert Edgecombe

The holiday of Christmas has a fascinating history, one which begins long before the event it celebrates. Over the centuries, Christmas has changed dramatically, evolving alongside culture, economics, technology, and theology. We will explore the significance of Christmas history and enjoy lots of fun, unexpected facts along the way.

“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

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS: Each week during Advent, we are featuring a devotional and original artwork by SCAPC members on our Advent Devotionals page (scapc.org/advent-devotionals). The devotionals consist of scripture and written reflection as well as art to inspire, connect, and encourage us into a deeper relationship with God. Printed books are also available in the Sanctuary and Chapel. Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary Advent Devotional books are available as well.

WARM CLOTHES NEEDED FOR BLESSING BAGS: **Today through Wednesday only**, please bring your donations of NEW hats, gloves, scarves, and blankets to help our neighbors keep warm this winter! We'll be assembling blessing bags with these items as part of our WNO program this Wednesday (see below) and delivering them to Okra Abbey where they will be distributed to those in need. Donation baskets are located at the State Street doors and in the Narthex.

For this week's **WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT** we will be creating “Winter Blessing Bags” for Okra Abbey where they will be distributed to those in need. On the menu will be pizza, salad, cookies, and ice cream. **Dinner reservations are required by tomorrow at noon** at scapc.org/wno.

WHITE GIFT DEDICATION SUNDAY is December 11th! Please visit the White Gift tree in Frampton Fellowship Hall to help support our community partners this Christmas season. You may choose between buying gifts for the families of Eden House, New Orleans Women's and Children's Shelter, Raintree Children and Family Services, and St Thomas Community Health Center, or providing monetary donations to STAIR and Okra Abbey. You can also sign up online at scapc.org/whitegift. A White Gift Wrapping Party will take place at Wednesday Night Out on December 7. Dinner reservations will open Thursday, December 1 at scapc.org/wno.

ADVENT FOOD DRIVE: During Advent, we will be collecting food for Okra Abbey. We encourage you to bring any non-perishable items to the collection bins inside the vestibule by the Chapel entrance during the week or Sunday mornings in Frampton Fellowship Hall. We have one suggested item for each week of Advent. For next week's “Peace” theme, we will collect SOUP. Other items especially appreciated are cereal, rice, pasta, canned fruit and vegetables, and juice.

ADVENT LUMINARIES IN MEMORY/HONOR OF LOVED ONES: Luminaries will be lit in front of the church on the nights of December 17-25. The luminaries are \$15/each and can be purchased in honor or memory of a family member, friend, or even pet. Please note that each luminary represents only one individual or couple. Acknowledgements for each memorial and honorarium will be included in the bulletins on December 18 and Christmas Eve, as well as online and in *The Quatrefoil* e-newsletter. The order deadline is December 11. Order yours by filling out the envelope in your pew and enclosing payment, or by purchasing online at scapc.org/luminaries.

THE 40/50's CHRISTMAS PROGRESSIVE DINNER will take place Sunday, December 4 from 5:30-9:00 p.m. Join us as we travel around the neighborhood enjoying a different course at each home. Reservations are limited and the deadline is TOMORROW. The cost is \$35/person and can be paid by check made out to SCAPC or Venmo Michele Murphy @michele-murphy-12. Please mark “Progressive Dinner”.

All women and men ages 55+ are invited to the **MCMILLAN SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY** on Tuesday, December 6 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Land Building! Enjoy wine and refreshments as we sing carols led by Steven Blackmon. Reservations are \$15 each and can be made by sending checks (made out to “SCAPC” with “McMillan” in the memo line) to Bonnie Shoemaker's attention in the church office by December 2.

OUR DEEP SYMPATHY goes out to Jennie Wimbish and Charles DuVernay whose son, Chance DuVernay, was born on Wednesday, November 16 and died on Sunday, November 20. Chance was the brother of Sadie, Maddie, and Julianne. The white rose in the Sanctuary has been placed in his memory.