



ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Morning Worship | Second Sunday of Advent | December 4, 2022 | 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

•WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
VOLUNTARY

Chris Currie

•*ADVENT CANDLE WREATH RESPONSE

Steven Blackmon, organ

Over a hundred people, from the ages of two to eighty years old, were asked the question, "What are you afraid of?" From the voices of different generations, hear their answers:

Margaret, Morgan, and Blair Cross, Sybil Favrot

Not being enough... Not making enough of a difference... Falling down... That we will forget we belong to one another... Climate change... My child having to learn gun violence drills at school... Spiders... Not having someone to take care of me... Not having someone who knows my stories... My mental health slipping... Ending up alone... Nightmares... Stopping short of following God all the way.

Today we light the candle of peace, because we so desperately need God's peace in the midst of all we fear.

*PRAYER (*unison*)

May this light be a reminder that Christ is coming. God was with generations before. God is with us today and God will be with us tomorrow. Even now, God is on the way. Amen.

•†*HYMN 87

"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

GENEVAN 42

•CALL TO CONFESSION

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

•PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Good and gracious God, as we gather before you in the embrace of this community, we admit ourselves to be both infected and affected by the spirit of the times. Behind the talk of world peace, we hear the machinery of war. Beneath the talk of global equality, we detect the posturing of the powerful. Beside the talk of your church being renewed, we recognize the bondage to failed patterns of the past. Beside our talk of personal transformation, we are more than happy to go along and get along.

Loving God, as we contemplate the wildness of John the Baptist and his call of repentance, help us to change. To know our need for it. To deal with the pain of it. To feel the joy of it. To commit to the journey of repentance, forgiveness, and reconciliation, without understanding the destination, except that it leads through and to 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.*)

Isaiah 11:1-10

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Reed Rowan Hudson

Presentation

Jeanie Clinton, Philip Clinton, Presenting Elders

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

Liam Kennedy, Junior Baptism Buddy

Questions to Parents

Baptism

Presentation and Prayer

†MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Tyler Wheeler

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

Matthew 3:1-12

•SERMON

"Happy Holidays from John the Baptist"

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

•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 (*8:30 service only*)

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

•*Prayer of Dedication (*8:30 service only*)

•SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer (*Hymnal, page 35*)

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

•*HYMN 163

"Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice"

ABERSTWYTH

•*CHARGE AND BLESSING

•*VOLUNTARY

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*.

SERVING COMMUNION this morning are Cindy Bush, Zach Christiansen, Kate Prechter, and Laurie Young.

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 Roger Fleshman (captain), Leon Hinson, Sallee Benjamin, Caty Johnson, and Kandice and Mike Snow.

TODAY'S ACOLYTES for the 10:30 service are Ann Kempter Wheeler and Caroline Wheeler.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jennie Steele, Mr. & Mrs. A.O.H Duval, and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Steele by Dr. Russell Steele and Family.

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

THE FRONT DOOR WREATHS are given in loving memory of Mrs. Richmond's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Berckes, and Mr. Randolph Richmond, Jr. by Mrs. Randolph Richmond, Jr.



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
is being administered today to
REED ROWAN HUDSON,
daughter of Sarah Reed Hudson and Mark Douglas Hudson,
granddaughter of Jeanie Clinton and
Philip and Evelyne Clinton.

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:

"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

Please visit the WHITE GIFT tree in Frampton Fellowship Hall to help support our community partners this Christmas season. You can also sign up online at scapc.org/whitegift. See the WNO announcement below for details on our Wrapping Party. All white gifts will be dedicated **next Sunday, December 11**, during the 10:30 service.

For this week's WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT we will hold a White Gift Wrapping Party in preparation for next Sunday's service! On the menu will be chicken piccata, chicken nuggets, angel hair pasta, salad bar, fresh fruit, Christmas cookies, and ice cream. **Dinner reservations are required by tomorrow at noon** at scapc.org/wno.

SCAPC CRECHE/NATIVITY SHOWCASE: Do you have a special creche you would like to share with the congregation? Members are invited to showcase their Nativity scenes in the Phifer Library December 16–20 by signing up with Michele Murphy at michele@scapc.org. All versions are welcome: traditional, exotic, playful, etc. You may set up your creche in the library between December 14 and 15. The congregation will view the scenes on Sunday, December 18. You may pick up your treasures December 19–20.

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.

YAF CHRISTMAS BRUNCH & GIFT EXCHANGE: Celebrate the Advent season with YAF (Young Adults & Families)! We will gather at the Wheeler's house, 3112 Octavia St., next Sunday, December 11, immediately following 10:30 worship to share a meal and exchange gifts. All food and drinks will be provided. Please bring a gift (silly or serious - limit of \$20 or less) if you would like to participate in the gift exchange. RSVP to tyler@scapc.org by Wednesday, December 14 if you plan on attending.

ADVENT FOOD DRIVE: During Advent, we are 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. This week we will collect PEANUT BUTTER. 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.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE for Chance Avery DuVernay, son of Jennie Wimbish and Charles DuVernay, will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary with visitation preceding at 1 p.m. in the Bloomfield Room. Chance was born on Wednesday, November 16 and died on Sunday, November 20.