



ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 2, 2022 | Second Sunday after Christmas
9:30 a.m. Service

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

VOLUNTARY

Steven Blackmon

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Judith Halverson

Before we speak, God is here, within us and among us, knocking at our door.

Living God, open what is closed that the Spirit may come in.

Open our hands to give and to greet. Open our minds to new truth and old wisdom. Open our hearts to new hope and old assurance.

Open what is closed that the Spirit may come in.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Living God, Holy Trinity, before whom generations rise and pass away, to whom all life is an open book, you search us and know us, yet never control us. Your Spirit prays for us with sighs too deep for words. Thank you for the signs of your presence – within or through others: a nudge, a call, a vision, encouragement, rebuke, and unexpected wisdom. Show us how to live our lives before you, through Jesus Christ, ever present Word. Amen.

†*HYMN 107

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

REJOICE, REJOICE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of love and compassion, you have come into the world and yet we have not recognized you. Forgive our lack of insight and open our eyes to see you here and now, that we may receive your grace through Jesus our Christ. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Blackmon

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

Friends, hear the good news of your salvation: God freely bestows God’s grace on us through Jesus Christ. In Christ we receive redemption and forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of the grace that God lavished on us. So be reconciled to God and one another. **Amen.**

THE WORD

GOSPEL LESSON (*response: Thanks be to God.*)

John 1:1-18

SERMON

“Grace Upon Grace”

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

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

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again, in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*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 Anthem

“I Wonder as I Wander”

Niles

*Doxology, Hymn 606

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD HUNDREDDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*HYMN 132

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

IN DULCI JUBILO

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*VOLUNTARY

NEW MASKING POLICY

Due to increasing COVID-19 cases in our community, we request that masks be worn during worship services and events on campus regardless of vaccination status.

IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Freeman by Mr. and Mrs. Philip Woollam.

TODAY'S USHERS are David Mize (captain), Mayson Buffington, Wesley Simon, Laura Avery, Leigh Ferguson, John Geiser, Deanna McLendon, and Kelley and Laura McWhirter.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES NEXT WEEK | 9:30-10:15 AM

Details and Zoom links at scapc.org/sunday-school

ADULT CLASSES:

"First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God", resumes January 9-February 20 | Land Building Lakeside Room and Zoom
Why did Jesus happen when he happened? Why the confluence of the Baptism movement of John and the Kingdom movement of Jesus? Why the tiny villages around the Lake? Why the confrontations in Jerusalem? Why then? Why there? First Light is a study of the historical Jesus and the Kingdom of God told on location throughout Galilee and Jerusalem.

New! **"Marriage Podcast for Smart People"**, January 9-May 15 | Learning Center on the 2nd floor (in-person only)
Unfortunately, marriage does not come with an instruction manual. High expectations often lead to disappointment and communication breakdowns. Did you know communication is the No. 1 challenge married couples face? The Marriage Podcast for Smart People is designed to help busy couples move away from conflict and unhappiness to build a marriage they will love today and treasure for a lifetime. In every episode, co-hosts Caleb and Verlynda Simonyi-Gindele examine secular research and integrate it with a Christian worldview to share actionable steps every couple can take to strengthen their marriage.

YOUTH & CHILDREN: 6th-12th graders meet in the Youth Room on the 3rd floor as well as virtually on Instagram (@SCAPC Youth). Children ages 2 - 5th grade are divided into age groups in different locations which are posted at the State Street entrance. The nursery is open from 8:15-11:45 a.m. for children ages 0-3.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YAF TWELFTH NIGHT PARTY AND PINTS: Young Adults & Families are invited to a Twelfth Night Party this Thursday, January 6 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Land Building! Also, PINTS (Presbyterians Imbibing in Necessary Theological Study) will resume on January 12 at 6:45 p.m. at the Land Building. Each week we discuss a different topic, so there is never any prep work involved. Childcare is always provided in the Bear Classroom. Connect with us as we embrace being a community of believers and questioners who enjoy discussing how faith impacts our everyday lives. For a full list of YAF events, go to scapc.org/yaf.

THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT is filling up, so be sure to send in your registration! We will gather Monday morning, January 24 through noon Tuesday, January 25 at the Solomon Conference Center in Loranger, LA. During our time there, we will worship and pray together, study scripture, renew friendships, and simply recharge our batteries. Our theme is "The Courage to Claim Your Voice", led by speaker Lori Archer Raible. To learn more and to download a registration form, go to scapc.org/pw-retreat. The registration deadline is January 7.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: Our next staff spotlight is on Emily Fleshman who has served on the SCAPC Staff as Accountant for 13 years! You can read about Emily in our Quatrefoil e-newsletter this Tuesday. Join our email list at scapc.org or text "SCAPC" to 22828.



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