



ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 9, 2022 | Baptism of the Lord
8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Services

GATHERING

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

VOLUNTARY

Steven Blackmon

•*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Ann Maier

He came among us,

To touch, to heal, to bless, to inspire, to confront, to convert, to show at all times the human face of God.

He was baptized as one of us,

To heal the sick, to help the helpless, to exorcise demons, to give new names to those who were known only for their problems.

He baptizes us into being,

To be servants of his kingdom, to be a sign of God's new order, to reflect to others whose image we have been made.

He became what we are,

So that we might engage this world, lift up our hearts, raise our voices, and reflect his glory.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. As we gather here to worship you, keep us, your children born of water and of Spirit, faithful in your service, ready to show up for you and for each other, living lives that rejoice and reflect our baptismal calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

•†*HYMN 463

"How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

•CALL TO CONFESSION

•PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Almighty God, in baptism you promise a life of forgiveness and renewal as we daily participate in the body of Christ. We confess that we prefer to keep our faith private and prefer not to see the obligations of our baptism extend beyond ourselves. We pursue destructive habits, we make superficial resolutions, we are reluctant to show hospitality to those beyond our niche demographic, and we would rather remain captive to a past we cannot change or undo.

In your loving kindness, have mercy upon us as we begin a new year. Remind us that the task of discipleship starts afresh daily, but the promises you have made for us in baptism are eternal. In your grace, forgive where we have gone astray and awry, give us what we need to confront and renew who we are, and move us into the future to remember our baptism and be grateful, daily, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 3:15-17, 21-22

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Joseph Otto Porter

Presentation

Jennifer Steck, Elder

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

Nina Edgecombe, Jr. Baptism Buddy

Prayer of Thanksgiving Over the Water

Baptism

Welcome

†MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Katie Brendler

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

Isaiah 43:1-7

•SERMON

"Parting the Waters"

Chris Currie

•*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn 581

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

•THE OFFERING

Offertory Anthem

"Vidi Aquam"

arr. Christiansen

I saw water coming forth from the temple on the right side, alleluia: And all those to whom this water came were saved, and shall say, alleluia, alleluia.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Chancel Choir Chamber Singers

•SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

(*cont.*)

SENDING

•*HYMN 774

“There Is Now a New Creation”

STUTT GART

•*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

“An Irish Blessing”

Blackmon

•*VOLUNTARY

IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jerry S. Hoggatt, Jr., by his family.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHAPEL are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Abby Shaw Nalty, in celebration of her January 6th birthday, by Jill, Layne, and M.E. Nalty.

TODAY'S USHERS for the 8:30 service are Mayson Buffington and Wesley Simon. The ushers for the 10:30 service are David Mize (captain), Laura Avery, Leigh Ferguson, John Geiser, Deanna McLendon, and Kelley and Laura McWhirter.

TODAY'S ACOLYTES are Pearson Eubanks and Evan Eubanks.



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
is being administered today to
JOSEPH OTTO PORTER,
son of Katie Steck Porter and Alexander Leeds Porter,
grandson of Jennifer and John Steck.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 9:30-10:15 AM

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 class! “**Marriage Podcast for Smart People**”, January 9-May 15 | 2nd floor conference room (in-person only)

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.

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

CHILDREN'S OPPORTUNITIES THIS SEMESTER: To find out how your children can become more involved in church life, visit scapc.org/childrens-ministry or contact Michele Murphy at michele@scapc.org. In addition to Sunday School, opportunities include serving as Acolytes (grades 2-5), serving as Baptism Buddies (grades 4-5), singing/playing bells in a Children's Choir (PreK4-grade 5), and participating in the Worship Workshop (grades 1-2, see announcement below).

WORSHIP WORKSHOP FOR 1ST-2ND GRADERS: Starting February 13, both first and second graders will remain in the worship service with their families after the Children's Message to continue their faith journey with Jesus Christ. To help with this new experience, we are offering Worship Workshop 101 on January 23, 30 and February 6 during the 10:30 service in Fellowship Hall. The workshop is for students AND PARENTS. We request that all participants attend all three classes as we will be going through aspects of the worship service, sacraments, and how to stay actively involved in worship.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT WILL RESUME JANUARY 26 from 6-7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall! This is a great way to share a delicious family-friendly meal with fellow SCAPC members. Our theme on the 26th is COLLEGE NIGHT and all are encouraged to show their school spirit by wearing their team colors! Chefs Bonnie and Jim Hobden will return with a delicious menu of chicken piccata and pasta, chicken nuggets for the kids, and cake and ice cream. The cost is \$10/adult, \$5/child under 12, or \$25/family (a special price for parents with children under 18). Online reservations are required and will open on January 17. Childcare is available from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

SOCKS AND T-SHIRTS NEEDED FOR HOMELESS: For the month of January, PW is collecting new socks and t-shirts in sizes large and extra large for Program of Hope Homeless Ministry. These items can be used by both the female and male homeless guests of the program. The donation basket is located just inside the main church entrance on State Street.

Please note that the PW RETREAT originally scheduled for this month has been moved to MAY 15-16 at the Solomon Conference Center in Loranger, LA. For details and a registration form, go to scapc.org/pw-retreat.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: Our next staff spotlight is on Joe Bean who has served on the SCAPC Staff as Sexton for eight years! You can read about Joe in our Quatrefoil e-newsletter this Tuesday. Join our email list at scapc.org or text “SCAPC” to 22828.



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