



ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 16, 2022 | Second Sunday after Epiphany
8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Services

GATHERING

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

VOLUNTARY

Steven Blackmon

•*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Sydney Lawder

The light of God,

To lead us.

The power of God,

To gather us.

The joy of God,

To ambush us.

The grace of God,

To disrupt us.

The love of God,

To hold us.

The praise of God,

To exalt us.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, you are so vast you move the stars and tides and yet are unafraid to become something so small and vulnerable and live as one of us. As we gather together for worship, help us to see your brilliance in the faces and lives of those in our company, tune our hearts to sing your praises, and use our lives to offer others the life we share in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

•†*HYMN 263

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

CORONATION

•CALL TO CONFESSION

•PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Creator of all, Savior of all, Spirit in all, you gather us together from the fragments of our lives, mend what is broken, forgive our failures, and enable us to become more than our worst tendencies. As we come before you now, forgive what we have been and help us to see what we can become.

Where there is apathy, kindle the flame of your love. Where there is deceit, confront every lie with your truth. Where there is hopelessness, reveal deep wells of compassion. Where there is joy, let it be spread to others. Where we hesitate to serve you, make us restless until we change.

O Lord our God, forgive us that we may forgive one another, heal us that we may become people of healing, and renew us that we may take risks and be used up in service of your kingdom; 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.*)

Isaiah 62:1-5

†MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Allison Thomas

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

John 2:1-11

•SERMON

“More Is Always Possible”

Chris Currie

•*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: “The Apostle’s Creed” (*Hymnal, p. 35*)

•*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

“Open Thou Mine Eyes”

Rutter

*Doxology, Hymn 606

The Chancel Choir Chamber Singers

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

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

SENDING

•*HYMN 156

“Sing of God Made Manifest”

SALZBURG

•*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

“A Scottis Blyssing”

Blackmon/Willcox

•*VOLUNTARY

The City of New Orleans has reinstated the indoor mask mandate. To keep in line with the city's mandate, we require that masks be worn during worship services and events on the church 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 former church members, my parents, Ruth St. Martin Ulmer and William Edward Ulmer, and my grandmother, Margaret Quin Ulmer, by Candy Ulmer Cranch, M.Ed., and family.

TODAY'S USHERS for the 8:30 service are Mayson Buffington, Miriam Hollar, Thomas Schulingkamp, 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 9:30-10:15 AM

ADULT CLASSES:

"First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God", 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. Visit scapc.org/sunday-school for previous class recordings.

"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. Visit scapc.org/sunday-school for links to weekly episodes.

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 in the Bear Classroom which is the corner classroom on the first floor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT WILL RESUME JANUARY 26 from 6-7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall! Our theme will be 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. Online reservations are required and will open tomorrow at scapc.org/wno. Childcare is available from 6-8 p.m.

EVENTS FOR YOUNG ADULTS & FAMILIES (YAF): Dinner & Trivia - Join us at Dat Dog (3336 Magazine St.) this Wednesday, January 19 at 7 p.m. in place of our regularly scheduled PINTS group. Trivia will start by 7:30 p.m. All are welcome, whether you want to participate in trivia or prefer to just eat. Resuming January 26 is our weekly **PINTS** (Presbyterians Imbibing in Necessary Theological Study) group which meets Wednesday evenings from 6:45-8 p.m. at the Land Building for theological discussion and adult beverages. Our discussions are centered on a different topic each week so there is never any prep work involved. Childcare is provided in the Bear Classroom. For a full calendar of YAF events, visit scapc.org/yaf.

SCAPC is seeking a PART-TIME OPERATIONS MANAGER to serve on the church staff. For details, please contact Lynn Hoffman, Director of Administration, at lynn@scapc.org or 504-897-0101 x115.

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 BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY: 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.

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.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Beth Hassinger on the death of her husband, Bobby Hassinger, as well as to daughters Cathy Drennan, Mary Schmidt, and Betsy Van Horn and their families. A memorial service will be held tomorrow, January 17, at 1:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary with visitation from 12:00-1:15 p.m. in the Bloomfield Parlor.

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



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