



ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Morning Worship | Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday
February 19, 2023 | 8:30 a.m.

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

VOLUNTARY

Steven Blackmon

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Chris Currie

Blessed is the Lord our God, who revealed the law to Moses.

The Lord our God is Holy!

Blessed is the Lord our God, who has spoken through the prophets.

The Lord our God is Holy!

Blessed is the Lord our God, who came to us in Jesus Christ.

The Lord our God is Holy!

The one who spoke and called light out of darkness now shines in our hearts. The one who comes and does not keep silence now speaks in our midst. Now we have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Lord our God is Holy!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, glorious and faithful, to those who seek you with a sincere heart you reveal the beauty of your face. Strengthen us in faith to embrace the mystery of the cross, and open our hearts to its transfiguring power; that, clinging in love to your will for us, we may walk the path of discipleship as followers of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

†*HYMN 409

“God Is Here”

ABBOT’S LEIGH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

William Chesley Hines

Presentation

Phyllis and Chesley Hines, Presenting Elders

Affirmation of Faith “The Apostle’s Creed” (*unison, Hymnal p. 35*)

Questions to Parents

Baptism

Presentation and Prayer

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

Matthew 17:1-9

SERMON

“Nearer My God to Thee”

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn 581

“Glory Be to the Father”

GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (*unison, Hymnal p. 35*)

THE OFFERING

Offertory Anthem

*Doxology, Hymn 606

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD HUNDRETH

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*HYMN 193

“Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”

UNSER HERRSCHER

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*VOLUNTARY

IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

TODAY'S USHERS are Mayson Buffington and Miriam Hollar.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Jacob Storck. This memorial is made possible by a bequest from their son, the late Dr. Ambrose Storck.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP is important and meaningful for all Christians as this day marks the beginning of the season of Lent: a 40-day period of discipline and prayer during which we prepare to encounter the joyful mysteries of Easter. On February 22, we will hold "Ashes on the Avenue" from 12:00-1:00 p.m. on the curb in front of the Sanctuary. All are invited to receive ashes and participate in spiritual formation practices to remember who we are as mortals and as those who belong to Christ in life and in death. An Ash Wednesday service will be held that evening at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

SCAPC 101: Our next SCAPC 101 will be held on Sunday, March 5, from 9:30-10:15 a.m. in the Phifer Library. This class is designed as an orientation for new members and visitors interested in joining our church...or anyone wishing to learn more about SCAPC! We will talk about our basic beliefs as Presbyterians, the history of SCAPC, and how you can get involved in its ministries. It is also a great way to get to know new and longstanding members alike!

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Eugenia Lee who died on February 7. A memorial service was held Saturday at Lakelawn Metairie Funeral Home. We also extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Marion Butcher who died on Sunday, February 12. A brief committal service with family and loved ones will be held on Thursday, March 2, followed by a reception. Details can be found in the obituary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES NEXT SUNDAY | 9:30-10:15 AM | DETAILS AT [SCAPC.ORG/SUNDAY-SCHOOL](https://scapc.org/sunday-school)

ADULT CLASSES:

"John Knox & How the Scots Invented the Modern World": led by John Dunlap and Chris Currie
February 12-March 19 | Learning Center (**new location!**) and Zoom

Due to the contributions of John Knox and the reform movement that gave birth to the protestant church in Scotland, an environment was created that nurtured a literate society, education for all, a faith that asks questions and seeks understanding, free thought and inquiry, a larger commitment to the ethical vision of society, and a say in the affairs of government. Learn more about the legacy of the Scots!

"God, Improv, & The Art of Living": Book by MaryAnn McKibben Dana | January 8-April 30 | 2nd floor conference room
This book blends personal stories, pop culture and Scripture into a smart, funny down-to-earth guide to the art of living.

THE ADEN PROGRAM'S NEW DIRECTOR MEET HEIDI YOUNG BATSON!

Following a long hiatus due to the pandemic, we are thrilled to announce that SCAPC's Aden Program will soon be returning! For more information about this elder care program, visit our Aden page at scapc.org/aden. Along with this exciting news is the hiring of Heidi Young Batson as the program's new director!

Heidi first moved to New Orleans in 1990, and is delighted to be back in her favorite city after nearly 10 years away. Heidi is a Certified Dementia Care Practitioner through the National Council of Certified Dementia Care Practitioners (NCCDP.org). After a 30 year career in banking management and human resources, she began her second career of senior care in 2018. She served as Social Services Director throughout the pandemic at Cordova Health and Rehab, LLC in Cordova, Alabama - one of 50 facilities with NHS Management, LLC headquartered in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Heidi is grateful for this opportunity to serve as Director. She is looking forward to working with church leaders, the community, and congregation, to continue the program for revitalized and joyful success. Outside of her passion for senior and dementia care, Heidi is also a mixed media collage artist and shares her work at local shops around New Orleans.

