



ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 20, 2022 | Seventh 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*)

Cassie Oliver

The church is the place where the broken gather:

Let us worship God, who mends us and puts us back together.

The church is the place where sinners are welcome:

Let us worship God, who with forgiving hands shapes us into a new people.

The church is the place where the lost, the least, and the last are loved:

Let us worship God, who looks at us all with the eyes of love.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you pour out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and truth: Draw near to us this day, we pray, and in so doing, deliver us from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you with the fullness of heart, soul, and mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

•†*HYMN 815

“Give to the Winds Thy Fears”

FESTAL SONG

•CALL TO CONFESSION

•PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Before God, with the people of God, we confess our brokenness: in the ways we wound our lives, in the ways we wound the lives of others, and in the ways we do damage to the life of the world. Forgive us for barbed words spoken angrily, forgive us for kind words stubbornly withheld, forgive us for cowardice in the face of hostility and aggression. Forgive us for our complicity in actions that do damage to your world, forgive us for our disregard to your creation. In your mercy, O God, forgive us; through your grace O Christ, renew us; and by your Spirit, enable us to grow in love. 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.*)

Luke 6:27-38

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Ross Cowden Ward

Presentation

Jack Little, Elder

Profession of Faith and “The Apostles’ Creed” (*Hymnal, p. 35*)

K.K. Gilly, Junior Baptism Buddy

Prayer of Thanksgiving Over the Water

Baptism

Welcome

†MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Katie Brendler

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

Genesis 45:3-15

•SERMON

“The End of the Church”

Chris Currie

•*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*8:30 service only*)

•*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn 581

“Glory Be to the Father”

GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

•THE OFFERING

Offertory Anthem

“Beati quorum via”

Stanford

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

The Chancel Choir Chamber Singers

*Doxology, Hymn 606

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

SENDING

•*HYMN 756

“O God of Every Nation”

LLANGLOFFAN

•*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 Dr. and Mrs. Jacob Storck. This memorial is made possible by a bequest from their late son, Dr. Ambrose Storck.

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 Buddy and Luanna Cambas (co-captains), Bebe Marchal, Derrick Heyl, Danny Franklin, Kate Prechter, Harper Johnson, Ann Maier, and Nicholas White.



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

is being administered today to
ROSS COWDEN WARD,
son of Erin and Stephen Ward.

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
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.

UPCOMING LENT CLASS: “Hosanna-A Spiritual Journey Through Holy Week,” March 6-April 3

Land Building Lakeside Room and Zoom

Explore the main texts in all four Gospels and in Paul's writings that deal specifically with the last week of Jesus' life and with the resurrection. Every one of the four Gospel writers has a reason for writing. Each wants his audience to come to see who Jesus Christ is and what God is doing in and through him. For this study, Paul is also crucial. He is the first of the New Testament writers to mention the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. All of his work predates any of the four Gospels. Paul is the only writer that we know for certain was a witness of the resurrected Christ so he has a special place in the discussion of Holy Week and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We invite you to listen and respond to five stories of the One Story, over five sessions.

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

Owing to parade traffic, please note that there will be only ONE SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, February 27, at 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The church office will close at 3 p.m. on February 23, 24, 25, and 28; and will be closed for Mardi Gras day on March 1.

An ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE will be held on March 2 at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. DRIVE-UP ASHES AND AN INTERACTIVE DEVOTIONAL will be available that day at the St. Charles Avenue curb in front of the church from 12:00-1:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday services are important and meaningful for all Christians as they mark 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. Easter is traditionally a time to reaffirm our baptisms and live out our thanksgiving for the gift of our new life in Christ.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT programming is now on break and will resume on March 9.

SESSION NOMINATIONS: As a governing body, the SCAPC Session needs people who are strong in faith and generous in spirit. Being elected an Elder by the congregation is an opportunity to serve Jesus Christ in leadership. Nominees for the Session Class of 2025, which is a three-year term, must be active church members who participate in worship regularly, support the church's stewardship campaign, and use their time and talents to support the mission of the church. Will you answer the call to service for our thriving church? Or do you know of another member who would be an asset to our Session? Please go to scapc.org/nomination to submit your nomination(s).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will take place Tuesday, May 31-Friday, June 3 from 9a.m.-12p.m. and is open to all children 4 years old (by June 1, 2022) through current 5th grade. Students currently 6th grade and older may register as youth volunteers. Parent participation is strongly encouraged. Our theme is “Food Truck Party: On the Roll with God” which invites children to pray as Jesus teaches us in Matthew 6:11: “Give us this day our daily bread.” The cost is \$40/first camper, \$20/siblings and \$10/youth. To learn more and to register, visit scapc.org/vbs.

Our next STAFF SPOTLIGHT is on Sarah Chancellor-Watson who has served as our Associate Pastor for over five years! You can read about Sarah in our Quatrefoil e-newsletter. Join our e-news list at scapc.org.



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