

THE SEASON OF EASTER

SECOND SUNDAY APRIL 11, 2021 † SANCTUARY & VIRTUAL SERVICES

ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GATHERING

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

VOLUNTARY

"La Grâce" from *Twelve Marches*
Steven B. Blackmon, organ

Telemann, arr. Blackmon

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sarah Edgecombe (8:30) | Judith Halverson (10:30)

The crucified one is risen from the dead.

We are witnesses: Christ is risen indeed!

*OPENING PRAYER

Brightness of God's glory and exact image of God's person, whom death could not conquer, nor the tomb imprison, as you have shared our frailty in human flesh, help us to share your immortality in the Spirit. Let no shadow of the grave terrify us, and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you. Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days, as the first and the last, the Living One, our immortal Savior and Lord. Amen.

HYMN

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!"

EASTER HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION (*from 1 Peter 2:24*)

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*from Acts 2:17, 21*)

Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALM (*response: Thanks be to God.*)

Psalm 133

How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.
It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the Lord ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (*10:30 service only*)

Presentation

Kate Elkins, Elder
Anders Douglas Hudson
Parke Ellis, Elder
Otto Green Lochridge

Presentation

*Affirmation of Faith "The Apostles' Creed"

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Baptismal Questions

Baptism

Presentation and Prayer

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

Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

SERMON

"The Living Christ Before Us"

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Apostles' Creed" (*8:30 service only*)

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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.

ANTHEM

"Sanctus" from *Requiem*

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Holy! Holy ! Holy! Lord, God of Sabaoth! Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
The Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SENDING

HYMN

"Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers"

SUO GAN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*VOLUNTARY

"Allegro" from *Concerto in G-minor*
Steven B. Blackmon, organ

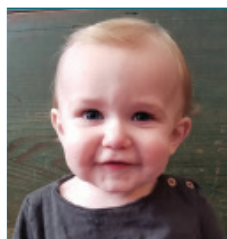
Handel

**Congregation, please stand as you are able.*

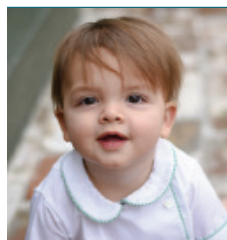
The ushers will collect the offering at the doors as you exit.

Please exit through the doors you entered and take your bulletins to dispose of in the baskets at the doors.

Virtual Service: Videography and photos by Steven B. Blackmon



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
is being administered today to
ANDERS DOUGLAS HUDSON,
son of Sarah and Mark Hudson.



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
is being administered today to
OTTO GREEN LOCHRIDGE,
son of Amelia and Lloyd Lochridge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Audrie and Leon Shields; Carolyn and Lloyd Shields, Jr.; and Dr. and Mrs. William Davis Noble.

SERVING AS USHERS TODAY for the 8:30 service are Mayson Buffington, Thomas Schulingkamp, Wesley Simon, and Pierce Young. Serving for the 10:30 service are Laurie Young, Nancy Jane and Charlie Carson, and Noah Hardie.

FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL: Beginning today, children and parents are invited to a new Sunday School series that will meet weekly through May 23 from 9:30 – 10:15 AM outside the Land Building. Come hear the stories of Jesus and the Early Church while making crafts and art projects! Masks and social distancing will be maintained. Reservations are not required but we ask that you email Michele Murphy at michele@scapc.org if you plan to participate. All children must attend with an adult (parent or chaperone). If your family would like to attend either the 8:30 or 10:30 AM worship service in person, you will need to make your reservation separately each week at www.scapc.org/reservations.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: A new class entitled "Painting the Stars" begins this morning! Classes take place in the Land Building at 9:30 AM and can be attended virtually via Zoom as well. The curriculum celebrates the communion of science and faith and explores the promise of evolutionary Christian spirituality. There is a video component to the class, featuring a number of well-respected theologians. Amy Morris and Geoff Snodgrass will facilitate the class. Click on the "Virtual Sunday School" button at www.scapc.org for the Zoom link.

COLLECTING ITEMS FOR RAINTREE: In April, Presbyterian Women are collecting regular size toiletries, new towels and wash cloths, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste and lotion for Raintree Children & Family Services. Please place your donations in the collection baskets at the State Street Chapel entrance. Monetary donations are also welcome. Please make checks payable to Presbyterian Women with the MEMO "Raintree" and mailed to SCAPC 1545 State Street, New Orleans, LA 70118.

TMBSPG STUDIES THE BOOK OF ROMANS: The Thursday Morning Bible Study and Prayer Group is beginning a new study on the book *Invitation to Romans* by Pamela M. Eisenbaum. This study looks at the book of Romans as it has been interpreted by theologians throughout Christian history. TMBSPG enjoys lively discussion every Thursday morning at 9AM via Zoom. The meetings open and close with prayer. All are welcome. For further information contact Miriam Hollar at miriam.hollar@gmail.com.

Reservations for worship services next Sunday
will open Wednesday at 9:00 AM
and close Friday at noon.

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