



ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Morning Worship | First Sunday after Easter
April 16, 2023 | 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Moment for Mission: Aden Program

VOLUNTARY

•*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

For the day now done,

Thanks be to God.

For the day ahead,

Thanks be to God.

For the gift of this moment,

Thanks be to God.

For the ripples of Christ's resurrection still moving among us,

Thanks be to God.

Before this day is done,

May God's name be praised; may our lives reflect Christ's grace; may the Spirit cause us to flourish.

•*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, in this sacred space, from generation to generation, Jesus Christ has surprised people, challenged our presumptions, embraced, inspired, and encouraged us in the way of discipleship. As we gather here, keep us from worshipping our past or celebrating the good we have done; instead, prepare us for what we might yet do through the Holy Spirit. Make our worship together a holy gathering, an arena of grace, a place of flourishing, where the risen Christ gathers us together for God and for the sake of the world God so loves. Amen.

•†*HYMN 239 "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!"

GELOBT SEI GOTT

• CALL TO CONFESSION

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

• PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Almighty God, through the rising of your Son from the grave, you broke the power of the grave. You broke the power of death, and condemned death itself to die. As we celebrate this great triumph, may we also make it the model for how we live and treat each other. So this day, help us to identify in our lives all that should rightly die: broken relationships, tired habits, fruitless longings.

And by the power of your Spirit at work in our lives, resurrect in us faith, hope, and love as surely as you raised Jesus Christ from the grave.

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.*)

Psalm 111

†MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Katie Brendler

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

John 20:19-31

• SERMON

"The Point of Easter"

Chris Currie

•*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed (*Hymnal, p. 35*)

•*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn 581

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (*Hymnal, p. 35*)

• THE OFFERING

Offertory

"I Got Me Flowers"

Burton

*I got me flowers to strew thy way; I got me boughs off many a tree:
But thou wast up by break of day, and brought'st thy sweets along with thee.*

*The Sun arising in the East, though he give light, and the East perfume;
if they should offer to contest with thy arising, they presume.*

Can there be any day but this, though many suns to shine endeavour?

We count three hundred, but we miss: There is but one, and that one ever. -- George Herbert

The Chancel Choir

*Doxology, Hymn 606

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (8:30 service only)

SENDING

•*HYMN 238 (*refrain after verse 3 only*)

"Thine Is the Glory"

JUDAS MACCABEUS

•*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"An Irish Blessing"

Blackmon

•*VOLUNTARY

*Please stand as you are able | †Latecomers seated
Large print bulletins are available. Please see an usher.

IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

TODAY'S USHERS for the 8:30 service are Mayson Buffington, Miriam Hollar, Thomas Schulingkamp, and Wesley Simon; and for the 10:30 service are Laurie Young (captain), Nancy Jane and Charlie Carson, Noah Hardie, Louise Schaefer, and Richard Seelman.

SERVING COMMUNION at the 8:30 service are Beth Poe and Bob Smith.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God by Jenny Bruggers, celebrating the marriage of Jessie Bruggers and Sean Chaney, and in memory of their grandparents who were unable to be present for the wedding ceremony.

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

ADULT CLASSES:

New! "Jesus of the East: Reclaiming the Gospel for the Wounded" | book by Phuc Luu | led by Miriam Hollar
April 16-May 14 | Land Building, Lakeside Room and Zoom

This class gives us an opportunity to explore Christianity and justice from the Eastern Christianity perspective. The author examines his experiences as a Vietnamese immigrant, as well as others who live between pain and hope. Phuc Luu powerfully presents a Christian foresight of holistic healing communities for the traumatized, the unanswerably suffering, and the brokenhearted from sin, sickness, racism, impoverishment, and war.

"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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

After a three-year hiatus, USHER FEST is back! Usher Fest is SCAPC's thank-you to our outstanding ushers and church staff. We are also recruiting new ushers and invite anyone interested to join us and learn what it's all about. Festivities will be held at the home of Holly and Geoff Snodgrass, 1454 Joseph St. on May 6 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Attire is Jazz Fest casual. RSVP to Geoff at gpsnodgrass@gmail.com.

Our mission partners at OKRA ABBEY are in need of some DINNER PLATES AND DINNER FORKS (only) to use at their weekly community lunch. If you have any mismatched or no longer used dinner plates and /or dinner forks, please drop them in the marked box inside the State Street entrance. No other tableware is needed. Thank you.

STAIR (START THE ADVENTURE IN READING), which is one of our Community Ministry Partners and is headquartered at the Land Building, is celebrating 38 years of children's educational development with "Cocktails & Cake, Music & Merriment" on Tuesday, May 2 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Land Building. All are welcome! Additionally, during the month of April, 30% of proceeds from the sale of the book *Lila Duray: a Collection of Delightfully Delectable Poems* by Lafayette, Louisiana author Emily Morrison will be donated to STAIR. Books can be purchased at emilymorrison.com.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT begins each week with a pastor-led study on "A Vocabulary of Faith...a.k.a. Theology for Beginners" at 5:15 in the Phifer Library, followed by dinner at 6:00 in Frampton Fellowship Hall. This week is Trivia Night! On the menu will be pork loin, sweet potatoes, squash casserole, salad bar, fresh fruit, and peach cobbler. Dinner reservations are required **by tomorrow at 5 p.m.** at scapc.org/wno.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PRESENTATION: This Wednesday, April 19, at 7 p.m. in the Youth Room (immediately following WNO), Sarah Pottharst-Girolami with the Carnahan Educational Planning Group will be leading any interested families in a presentation on college admissions. Her wisdom will be an incredible opportunity and blessing to our church community, as she will provide insightful info regarding college applications, the admissions process, and essay writing. No RSVP is required!

THE SCAPC COLUMBARIUM was created to provide a sacred and secure place for church members and their families who choose cremation. A peaceful gathering place for loved ones, the Columbarium bears witness to the Biblical promise that in life, and in death, we belong to God. Now may be a good time to purchase a niche, as about 80% of the double-occupancy niches have been sold. Single occupancy niches are available as well. If you have questions or would like to purchase a niche, please contact Pierce Young in the church office at 897-0101 x112 or pierce@scapc.org.