



# ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Morning Worship | Third Sunday of Easter  
April 23, 2023 | 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

## GATHERING

•GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
VOLUNTARY

Sarah Chancellor-Watson  
Steven Blackmon, organ  
Harper Johnson

•\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Along dirt roads and interstate highways,

**the Living Christ meets us.**

In locked upper rooms and in high rise buildings,

**the Living Christ meets us.**

With a meal along the lakeshore and at our kitchen tables,

**the Living Christ meets us.**

In a quiet garden at sunrise and in this time and place of worship,

**the Living Christ meets us.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection, may, through the renewing power of your Spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

•†\*HYMN 515

"I Come with Joy"

DOVE OF PEACE

•CALL TO CONFESSION

Chris Currie

•PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Merciful God, more often than we would like to admit, our own fears, doubts, and anxieties keep us from seeing the truth right in front of us – your very real presence with us. We turn a blind eye from the suffering of others, and we conveniently overlook the humanity of those we disagree with, not understanding that is in the faces of others where we will see you. Forgive our shortsightedness, move once again in our hearts so that our eyes may be opened to the Living Christ all around us and in all those we encounter. Amen.**

SILENT REFLECTION

KYRIE

*Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Blackmon

•ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

Psalm 116:1-4; 12-19

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Sophie Elizabeth Wilt

Presentation

Dawn Talbot, Presenting Elder

Affirmation of Faith "The Apostles' Creed" (*unison, Hymnal p. 35*)

Adeline Lemoine, Junior Baptism Buddy

Questions to Parents

Baptism

Presentation and Prayer

†MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN: Teacher Appreciation

Michele Murphy

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

Luke 24:13-35

•SERMON

"Resurrection Rumors"

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

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

•\*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn 581

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison, Hymnal p. 35*)

•THE OFFERING

Offertory

"My Master from a Garden Rose"

Eleanor Daley

*My master in a garden lay, perfumed with spices rare, for tender hands had laid him there to rest amid the roses.*

*'Twas on a cross they laid him bare, and pierced his hands with nails, that we poor men might live again and be with him in glory. Alleluia.*

*My master from a garden rose to go for us to heav'n, and he will come and take us there, to be with him forever. - Gordon Young*

The Chancel Choir

•\*Doxology, Hymn 606

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDRETH

•\*Prayer of Dedication

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

## SENDING

•\*HYMN 260

"Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"

HYFRYDOL

•\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

"A Scottis Blyssing"

Blackmon/Willcox

•\*VOLUNTARY

## 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 Ruthie Frierson and Beth Poe.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Olivia and Walter Evans by their son, Randy Evans.



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM  
is being administered today to  
SOPHIE ELIZABETH WILT  
daughter of Laura Elizabeth Wilt  
and Jonathan Kyle Wilt

THE WHITE ROSE has been placed in honor of the birth of Adele Clare Abrams who was born on Tuesday, April 18. She is the daughter of Laura and Andrew Abrams, sister of Axel Abrams, and granddaughter of Mary and Scott Monsted.

TEACHER APPRECIATION: This morning we recognize and thank all of our Spiritual Formation teachers for enriching the faith of our congregation across all age groups!

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

### ADULT CLASSES:

**“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

PERFORMERS ARE NEEDED for our WNO Talent Show this Wednesday, April 26! We are looking for musicians, magicians, comedians, dancers, poets, etc. If you would like to perform, please contact Katie Gilly at [katie.gilly@gmail.com](mailto:katie.gilly@gmail.com). Come to Frampton Fellowship Hall on Wednesday by 6:00 p.m. to entertain our dinner guests! See below for details...

WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT begins each week with a pastor-led study. Our new study is entitled **“The Book of Acts: Jesus Is Risen...What Next?”** at 5:15 in the Phifer Library, followed by dinner at 6:00 in Frampton Fellowship Hall. This week is our **Jazz Fest Celebration and Talent Show!** On the menu will be red beans and rice, sausage, salad bar, fresh fruit, and bread pudding. Dinner reservations are required **by tomorrow at 5 p.m.** at [scapc.org/wno](http://scapc.org/wno).

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](mailto:gpsnodgrass@gmail.com).

THE PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION OF LOUISIANA, INC. is a non-profit corporation whose purpose is to extend God's kingdom by helping the needy in areas of education, medical care, and the necessities of life through grants and scholarships. We encourage everyone to support the foundation by going to [www.givenola.org/PresbyterianFoundationOfLouisiana](http://www.givenola.org/PresbyterianFoundationOfLouisiana) on Give Nola Day: Tuesday, May 2!

## MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

PROGRAM OF HOPE, one of SCAPC's Community Ministry Partners, serves the homeless and those living on the margins of society in New Orleans. Each Wednesday, the sanctuary doors at First Presbyterian Church on Claiborne Avenue are opened at 9:00 and our friends and neighbors are welcomed in for a cup of coffee, a muffin, a devotional service, and friendly words before practical services are offered. Volunteers supply toiletries, sack lunches, bus passes, and vouchers for a night at the Salvation Army Shelter. Social work interns from the Broadmoor Improvement Association are available to help clients navigate the many issues that may arise while they are regaining their footing.

**We are currently collecting clothing donations** including sturdy shoes, men's and women's white shirts, blouses and black pants for work, casual jeans, pants, t-shirts and other tops, as well as new underwear and socks. A collection basket can be found in Frampton Fellowship Hall now through May 15 (no later, please). Another drive will be held in the fall.

On Wednesdays during the month of May, **SCAPC volunteers are needed to pack and serve lunches** from 8:45-10:30. Please contact Jane Rasi by text or email at [janerasi@gmail.com](mailto:janerasi@gmail.com) or 713-454-3974.