



ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

GATHERING

•WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Moment for Mission: NOLA Wesley/Labyrinth Cafe (8:30 only)

Chris Currie (8:30) | Chris Hazlaris (10:30)

Lauryn Bachman, Class of 2023

VOLUNTARY

Steven Blackmon, organ

•*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Aimee Bowling, Class of 2025 (8:30) | Mark Keplinger, Class of 2023 (10:30)

Welcome to this holy space where God's spirit dwells among us!

We come longing to feel the presence of God.

Open your hearts, for this is a place of prayer and healing.

This is a place of joy and faith.

This is the place for you.

Thanks be to God!

•*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Ever-present God, even as you are present with us this day, we yearn to feel your presence in our midst each and everyday of our lives. Speak to us with words of grace. Flow over us with the presence of your Holy Spirit. Help us know the glory of your love and experience the wonder of your grace. In the name of your love we pray. Amen.

•†*HYMN 728

"Somebody's Knocking at Your Door"

SOMEBODY'S KNOCKIN'

•CALL TO CONFESSION

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

•PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy One, you have called us to this place, a place where we find your spirit. We have gathered here to pray and to be forgiven, to love and be loved, and to hear the word boldly proclaimed as we apply it to our lives. We often forget that you dwell in our hearts. We fail to notice that your Holy Spirit is present in our lives at all times. Remind us that you are Spirit and life. Help us turn toward your love, your healing, and your truth. In the name of the one who brings life, we pray. 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 23

†MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Mark Keplinger, Class of 2023

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

Acts 12:6-17

•SERMON

"Peter Is Knocking"

Zoë Garry

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

•*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn 581

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Moment for Mission: NOLA Wesley/Labyrinth Cafe (10:30 only)

Shalini Kishore, Class of 2024

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

•THE OFFERTORY

Offertory

"Christus Vincit"

Baker

Christ is risen, Christ victorious, Christ the savior reigns above. Be joyful in the Lord!

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 only)

SENDING

•*HYMN 769

"For Everyone Born"

FOR EVERYONE BORN

•*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"A Scottis Blyssing"

Blackmon/Willcox

•*VOLUNTARY

•8:30 service | *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 Nancy Jane and Charlie Carson, Noah Hardie, Louise Schaefer, and Richard Seelman.

SERVING COMMUNION at the 8:30 service are Hans Jonassen and Beth Poe.

TODAY'S ACOLYTES for the 10:30 service are Clementine DiSalvo and Avery Danner.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of D. Blair Favrot and David Favrot, Jr. by Sybil Favrot and her children.

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.

“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.

NEW CLASS NEXT WEEK FOR ALL AGES:

Intergenerational Study of Jesus’ Miracles | May 7-May 28 | Frampton Fellowship Hall

Participants of all ages will be assigned a table where we will have discussions, activities, science experiments, and more.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A BOOK OF UNCOMMON PRAYER: Through the generosity of a church member, and with permission from the Phifer family, the late Dr. Kenneth Phifer’s beloved book of prayers has been reprinted for our congregation. Dr. Phifer was our Senior Pastor from 1965-1983. Copies are available in Frampton Fellowship Hall today for a suggested donation of \$15 each to benefit the Phifer Library. Copies can also be picked up in the church office Mon-Fri, 8:30-5. Please note that they are available on a first-come, first-served basis and cannot be reserved or shipped.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT begins each week with a pastor-led study, **“The Book of Acts: Jesus Is Risen...Now What?”** at 5:15 in the Phifer Library, followed by dinner at 6:00 in Frampton Fellowship Hall. This week we celebrate **Cinco de Mayo!** On the menu will be chicken enchilada casserole, avocado cilantro salad, black beans and rice, mini tacos for kids, fresh fruit, brownies and ice cream. Dinner reservations are required by tomorrow at 5 p.m. at scapc.org/wno.

PANTRY MINISTRY: SOUPS & CASSEROLES AVAILABLE: Do you know someone in the congregation who could use a comforting meal? Pick up a frozen casserole or container of soup from the freezer in the church kitchen and deliver to a friend or family member in need! Many thanks go out to everyone who contributed soups and casseroles during our pantry drive this month. Questions? Contact Melissa McDonlad at mcdonaldnola@gmail.com or 504-715-1594.

There are only a couple more weeks to **REGISTER FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** at SCAPC this summer, Tuesday, May 30-June 2 from 9-12. Our theme is Hero Hotline! We still have spots available for both campers and youth volunteers. Register at scapc.org/vbs by Tuesday, May 16.



COLLEGE MINISTRY AT SCAPC

SCAPC is called by God’s grace to support, grow, and encourage its congregation members of all ages in Christ Jesus. This mission extends to our college-age members and visitors, for whom we hope to provide positive spiritual resources, mentors, and peer communities to support their religious growth at a unique season in their lives. To this end, we offer three areas of college ministry:

1. NOLA WESLEY

SCAPC has recently entered into partnership with NOLA Wesley, Tulane and Loyola’s open and affirming campus ministry, to better serve college-aged students attending school or working locally. Though officially a Methodist ministry, NOLA Wesley also operates as a branch of UKirk and 1001 worshipping communities, both ministries of the Presbyterian Church (USA). SCAPC has enjoyed becoming part of NOLA Wesley’s Board and supporting their Sunday night dinner ministry. NOLA Wesley, in turn, has joyfully provided fellowship, religious programming, and spiritual counseling for college-age SCAPC members and visitors.



This morning we welcome as our guest preacher **Rev. Zoë Garry**, Campus Minister and Director of NOLA Wesley. Zoë is an ordained minister in the PCUSA and a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary with a concentration in Women, Gender, and Theology.

2. SCAPC YOUTH ALUMNI

Several events for SCAPC Youth Alumni are offered yearly to reunite the young adults that grew up in our church and to build strong relationships beyond our youth program. Among these are Spring and Fall Zoom “check-ins” (to accommodate those now working or attending university out of town) and an in-person dinner over the Christmas holidays. In addition, with the help of our youth, our SCAPC Youth Alumni who are off at college receive care packages to help them get through exam time in the fall and spring terms.

3. FOR ALL LOCAL COLLEGE STUDENTS

Sunday worship and a yearly college retreat opportunity are open to any and all local college students who hope to get more involved in their life of faith. This past January, SCAPC and NOLA Wesley brought students to the Montreat College Conference to learn more about sacred rest amidst college life and to strengthen relationships together. We also understand that some college students simply want to find a place to worship while away from their home congregations, and we seek to be a congregation that makes room for college and university students in the beauty and hospitality of our weekly worship services.