



ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 8, 2022 | Fourth Sunday of Easter | Gospel Music Sunday
8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Services

GATHERING

•WELCOME TO WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
SCAPC Ministry Match
VOLUNTARY

Sarah Chancellor-Watson
Michele Murphy
Sneed

“Come By Here”
Kameron Loppreore, tenor

•*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)
Believing that God made and loves the world,
We gather.
That it may be reshaped to fulfill God’s purposes,
We pray.
To seek a wisdom deeper than our own thinking,
We listen.
To give thanks to God who gave us voice,
We rejoice.

Pat Widhalm

•*PRAYER OF THE DAY (*unison*)
At the beginning of this day, draw us near to you O God, and at our journey’s end give us grateful hearts for the road traveled and for the open door. As we come into your presence with thanksgiving, we offer our tiredness and our expectancy; we rejoice that you receive us just as we are, not as we might wish we were. In this place, here and now, prepare us to entertain angels unaware and to meet Christ in our life together with one another. Amen.

•†*HYMN 700 “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

I’M GONNA LIVE

•CALL TO CONFESSION

•PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison, from Martin Luther King, Jr.*)

Our Holy Father, we confess the weakness and sinfulness of our lives. We have often turned away from thee to seek our own desires. And often when we have done no evil, we have undertaken nothing of good, and so have been guilty of uselessness and neglect. From this sin of idleness and indifference, set us free. Lead us into fruitful effort, and deliver us from profitless lives. We ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

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

Blackmon

•ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Response of Praise: Hymn 834 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” (*verse 1*)

PRECIOUS LORD

Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand;

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

Psalm 114

† MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Stephanie Currie

ANTHEM

“Daniel Saw the Stone”
The Chancel Choir

arr., Scott

•SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9-17

•SERMON

“Now, Not Just Later”

Chris Currie

•*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostle’s Creed, *Hymnal p.35*)

•*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn 581

“Glory Be to the Father”

GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

LORD’S PRAYER

•THE OFFERING

•PW Birthday Offering
Offertory Anthem

“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”
The Chancel Choir

Harriet Riley (10:30 service)
arr., Lojeski

*Doxology, Hymn 606
*Prayer of Dedication

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

SENDING

•*HYMN 837

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

SHOWALTER

•*CHARGE AND BLESSING

•*CHORAL RESPONSE

“Irish Blessing”

Blackmon

•*VOLUNTARY

SCAPC MINISTRY MATCH

We encourage all of you to fill out our SCAPC Ministry Match survey designed to help you discover serving opportunities aligned to your gifts and interests. See your results immediately. Share your results with one another. Have fun discovering ways you’re wired to service! To take the survey, scan the code at right by opening the camera app on your phone and clicking the link that pops up. (You do not need to take a photo, just hover over the image.)



You can also find the link on our homepage, scapc.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S SERVICE OF INSTALLATION COORDINATING TEAM 2022-2023

*During the installation of the Presbyterian Women’s 2022-2023 Coordinating Team,
those women to be installed will be asked to affirm the following questions:*

Will you walk in the company of Deborah, judging with mindful authority and strength?
And, like Ester, will you use your position for the good of the community?

Will you walk alongside those women who are nameless,
whose stories have been silenced or lost?

Will you walk alongside them with the perseverance of Rizpah,
ceaselessly seeking justice and reconciliation?

Will you serve with the enthusiasm of the first evangelists –
Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Suzanna and other women who witnessed Jesus’ resurrection?

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S BIRTHDAY OFFERING

The Birthday Offering is collected every spring across our assembly by Presbyterian Women PC(USA). The funds received are directed to grants for organizations throughout the world that give women “a tangible way to celebrate the blessings in their lives”.

To contribute, enclose your check (payable to “Presbyterian Women”) or cash
in the pew envelope and place it in the offering plate.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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2022-2023 COORDINATING TEAM

EXECUTIVE

Moderator Harriet Riley
Vice Moderator Sarah Edgecombe
Immediate Past Moderator Stephanie November
Recording Secretary Becky Knight
Treasurer Kathy Randall
Assistant Treasurer/Auditor ... Jeanie Clinton
Assistant Treasurer/Auditor ... Emily Fleshman
Corresponding Secretary Libbie Reiss
Missions Coordinator Karen Donaldson
Missions Coordinator Jane Rasi
Justice & Peace Coordinator .. Julie Nice
Justice & Peace Coordinator .. Sarah Whicker
Advisor to Moderator Ebie Strauss
Advisor to Moderator Hallie Boh
Session Liaison Henrietta Harris
Nominating Committee Catherine Karas
Nominating Committee Catherine Lemoine
Nominating Committee Elizabeth McGough
Nominating Committee Kathy Randall
Nominating Committee Ebie Strauss
Nominating Committee Ann Van Horn
Nominating Committee Gwen Wertz
Staff Liaison Emily Fleshman

BIBLE STUDIES

Monday Circle Chair Kate Prechter
Monday Circle Zoom Hostess Jane Rasi
Monday Circle Zoom Hostess Harriet Riley
Monday Circle Food & Bev Mikell Johnson
Monday Co-Bible Moderator Kate Elkins
Monday Co-Bible Moderator Brenda Stephens
Lambeth House Circle Chair Ellen Harrell
Lambeth Bible Co-Moderator Kate Elkins
Lambeth Bible Co-Moderator Brenda Stephens
Lambeth Bible Substitute Beth Poe
Tuesday Evening Circle Chair Gwen Wertz
Tuesday Evening Zoom Hostess Darlene Guillot
Tuesday Evening Bible Moderator ... Frances McCall
Devotions Gerlie Weinstein
Retreat Coordinator Christina Carlisle
Retreat Coordinator Stephanie Currie
Retreat Coordinator Kelly Gottsche
Retreat Liturgist Sarah Chancellor-Watson

PROGRAMS

Pledging Co-Coordinator Sybil Favrot
Pledging Co-Coordinator Barbara Bush
Historian (Written) Cindy Bush
Historian (Photo) Kate Elkins
Historian (Photo) Michelle Baker
Shadow Box Melissa McDonald
YAF Liaison Catherine Karas
Membership Liaison Jenny Baldwin
Membership Liaison Margaret Ann Lindsey
Membership Liaison Ann Maier
Membership Liaison Gwen Wertz
Mailing Co-Chair Jenny Baldwin
Mailing Co-Chair Karen Barnett
Mailing Co-Chair Sydney Lawder
Book Club Elizabeth Artigues
Simple Elegance Hostess Elizabeth Favret
Simple Elegance Co-Chair Lacy Edgecombe
Simple Elegance Co-Chair Ella Landis
Christmas Worship Planner ... Beth Wren
Christmas Reception Hostess Stephanie November
Easter Egg Hunt Hostess Louellen Berger
Easter Egg Hunt Hostess Amanda Berger
Easter Egg Hunt Hostess Allison Tiller
Easter Egg Hunt Co-Chair Katherine Granade
Easter Egg Hunt Co-Chair Annie Wilson
Endowment Planning Laura Avery
Endowment Planning Megan Mazzanti
Endowment Planning Kathy Randall
Churchwide 2021 Gathering Coordinator... Beth Wren

SPIRITUALITY, FAITH & ACTION

Missions: Cents-Ability Christina Carlisle
Missions: Cents-Ability Gwen Wertz
Missions: Eden House Joanne Chancey
Missions: Eden House Holly Snodgrass
Missions: Raintree Sarah Edgecombe
Missions: Raintree Kathy Randall
Missions: Raintree Sheila Schwartzman
Missions: Living Waters Laura St. Clair
Missions: Program of Hope Donna Davis
Missions: Program of Hope Jane Rasi
Yearbook Coordinator Hallie Boh
Meal Train Coordinator Mary Lou O'Keefe

IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Riess, Dr. Karlem Riess, and Miss Mary Riess by Bequest.

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 Randy Evans, Jackie Derks, Carro Gardner, Rick Grubb, Mimi Koch, and Russell Steele.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 9:30-10:15 AM | SCAPC.ORG/SUNDAY-SCHOOL

ADULTS:

"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.

"Kierkegaard's Fear & Trembling" April 24-May 8 | Land Building Lakeside Room and Zoom

Led by Stewart Peck, this class explores Soren Kierkegaard's *Fear and Trembling*, which involves the biblical story of the Knight of Faith, Abraham, and the sacrifice of Isaac. Abraham's existential dilemma arose from being asked to sacrifice his son in obedience to God.

SPECIAL CLASS NEXT WEEK ONLY:

"Against the Grain: Pascal, Kierkegaard, and Simone Weil" led by Chris Currie | May 15 | Learning Center (2nd floor)

Sometimes the Christian life goes against the grain of the social graces of our culture, the cultural norms of our larger world, and even the accepted practices of the institutional church. With help of Diogenes Allen's book, *The Three Outsiders*, we will look at the lives of Blaise Pascal, Soren Kierkegaard, and Simone Weil, and how these figures from the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries help us rediscover the strangeness of the Christian faith in the 21st century.

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 on the first floor.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

OUR PASTOR-LED STUDY meets at 5:15 p.m. in the Learning Center (2nd floor). We are examining the book *Lies My Preacher Told me: An Honest Look at the Old Testament* by Brent A. Strawn. All are welcome!

This week we will hold a MOTHER'S DAY CAKE WALK following 6 p.m. dinner in Frampton Fellowship Hall. If you would like to contribute a cake, please email Meg Gammage at maxreporters@gmail.com. On the menu will be Bonnie and Jim's famous chicken piccata with pasta, spring vegetables, salad and fruit, dinner rolls and cake and ice cream for dessert. The cost is \$10/adult, \$5/child under 12, or \$25/family. Reserve your spots at scapc.org/wno by Tuesday at noon.

We close out our WNO program year on May 18 with our annual BROADWAY NIGHT! Come enjoy an evening of rousing tunes by our Chancel Choir and soloists! **Reservations for this program will open Thursday, May 12 and close Monday, May 14 at noon** and are strictly required as the meal will be catered and seating will be limited.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

RHINO WORK DAY: Join us this Saturday, May 14 as we partner with Louisiana Just Recovery in their ongoing efforts to help the folks of the River Parishes clean up and build after last fall's Hurricane Ida. We will carpool from the church, leaving at 8:30 a.m. and returning around 5 p.m. You don't need any special knowledge or skills to join us, just a willingness to serve, work hard, and get dirty! Please email Pastor Sarah (sarah@scapc.org) if you are interested.

THE MCMILLAN SOCIETY for members age 55+ is holding a historical tour of the SCAPC property led by John Geiser on Saturday, May 14 at 10:30 a.m., followed by a gourmet lunch catered by Hatch + Harvest. To make your lunch reservation (\$20/each), go to our scapc.org/mcmillan and make your menu selection. Your reservation is finalized when your check is received. The deadline for reservations is this Tuesday, May 10 at noon.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service next Sunday for the purpose of electing the Elder Class of 2025. All members are strongly encouraged to attend.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Judith Halverson on the death of her father, Rev. Howard M. Tollefsrud, who died on April 28 in Omaha, Nebraska.