

SUMMER SUNDAYS

ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | JULY 2, 2023 | 9:30 AM

SINGING OUR FAITH PREACHING OUR HYMNS



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Chris Currie

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

Steven Blackmon, organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Ashley Brown

'How has it happened, that we have not hitherto once thought of humbling to the Father of Lights to illuminate our understandings?'

Unless the Lord builds the house, those that build it labor in vain.

'To God's providence we owe this happy opportunity of consulting in peace on the means of establishing our future national felicity.'

Unless the Lord builds the house, those that build it labor in vain.

'I have lived, sir, a long time; and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of men!'

Unless the Lord builds the house, those that build it labor in vain.

- from Benjamin Franklin's motion to pray at the Constitutional Convention, May 1787

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

'God grant that right here in America and all over this world, we will choose the high way; a way in which all people will live together as siblings. A way in which the nations of the world will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. A way in which every person will respect the dignity and worth of all human persons. A way in which every nation will allow justice to run down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream. A way in which all people will do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God. A way in which all people will be able to stand up, and in the midst of oppression, in the midst of darkness and agony, they will be able to stand there and love their enemies, bless those persons who curse them, pray for those individuals that spitefully use them. And this is the way we will move closer to the day when white people, colored people, whether they are brown or whether they are yellow or whether they are black, will join together and stretch out their arms and be able to cry out: "Free at last. Free at last. Great God almighty, we are free at last." Amen.

- a prayer for America by Martin Luther King, Jr.

†*HYMN 336

"We Gather Together"

KREMSER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

Jeremiah 29:1-7

*HYMN 340

"This Is My Song"

FINLANDIA

SECOND SCRIPTURE (*response: Thanks be to God.*)

Isaiah 11:1-9

SERMON

"Dual Citizenship"

Chris Currie

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: "The Nicene Creed" (*unison*)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. (cont.)

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



We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn 581

“Glory Be to the Father”

GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

THE OFFERING

Offertory

“How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings”

Liddle

*How lovely are Thy dwellings, O Lord of Hosts! My soul longeth, yea, fainteth, for the courts of the Lord:
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house,
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, even Thine altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God.
O Lord God of Hosts, hear my prayer. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of wickedness, for a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand.*

Sarah Ruth Altman, mezzo-soprano

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

*The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.***

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer (*Hymnal, page 35*)

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN 354

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

BATTLE HYMN

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*VOLUNTARY

TODAY'S WORSHIP & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S USHERS are David Mize (captain), Laura Avery, Terry Ebbert, Deanna McLendon, Kelley and Laura McWhirter, and Wesley Simon. TODAY'S COMMUNION SERVERS are Tom Allen and David Grissett.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in honor of all former and current men and women at St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church, by Kathy and Lee Randall.

Please note that SUNDAY SCHOOL IS NOW ON SUMMER BREAK until September. While there are no planned children's activities during worship, the “PRAYGROUND” in Frampton Fellowship Hall is set up for families looking for a child-friendly space to watch the service via livestream. Coloring sheets, puzzles, and books for children are there. Parents must remain with their children in the Prayground. Our nursery sitters are in the Bear Classroom for children ages 0-3.

SCAPC CARROLLTON CAMP provides a safe, nurturing, enriching environment for children ages 6 to 12 in the Carrollton neighborhood and surrounding areas. This year's camp will take place on weekdays, July 17-28, at Noble Minds School, 1333 S. Carrollton Ave. There are many ways to help! Adult and youth volunteers (rising 7th-12th graders) are needed to serve as “shepherds”, guiding 8-10 campers through their activities from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., or as story time readers from 9-9:30 a.m. We also need volunteers to provide lunches and breakfasts each day, as well as volunteers to help set up on July 16 and clean up on July 30. You can also purchase supplies on the camp's Amazon wish list. For details and sign-up forms, visit scapc.org/carrollton-camp or scan this code to the right with your phone camera and following the link.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN INTERFAITH DIALOGUE? Pastoral Resident Ashley Brown invites all to a monthly Scriptural Reasoning (SR) zoom hosted by the Rose Castle Foundation with Muslims, Christians and Jews from around the world. SR is a tool for inter-faith dialogue whereby people of different faiths come together to read and reflect on their scriptures. It is not about seeking agreement but rather exploring the texts and their possible interpretations across faith boundaries. The next session is July 12 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. If you are interested, please email ashley@scapc.org for further details or visit scapc.org/scriptural-reasoning.

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