



GATHERING

- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
VOLUNTARY

Chris Currie
Steven Blackmon, organ
Sarah Chancellor-Watson

- *CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)
Creator God, Maker of all,
Gather us in and summon us out.
Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor,
Show us whom we are called to serve this day.
Holy Spirit, Breath of Life,
Transform us, inspire us, free us.
Our help is in the name of the Lord.
Who made heaven and earth.
O Lord, open our lips,
And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

- *PRAYER OF THE DAY

Give us grateful hearts, O God, that we have risen this day to the rising of life itself. May this day be a day of blessing; may your Spirit kindle in our hearts a flame of love for our neighbors, as well as for our foes, our friends, and for our kindred all. Bless our worship and may we find ourselves, one moment or another, lost in wonder, love, and praise. Amen.

- †*HYMN 687 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" ST. ANNE

- CALL TO CONFESSION

- PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Good and gracious God, with the people of God, we confess to turning away from you in the ways we would our own lives, the lives of others, and the life of the world. In your mercy, forgive us and show us whom we must love and what we should challenge or change in order that your will might be done in our own lives, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

Through the forgiving and renewing power of your Spirit, increase our hope, dispel our apathy, inspire our imaginations, and deepen our commitment, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 124

- †MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN Tyler Wheeler

- SECOND READING (*response: Thanks be to God.*) Romans 12:1-21

- SERMON "The Truth Shall Make You...Odd" Chris Currie

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

- *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 "Kyrie" from *Messe Solenne* Gounod

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Haley Whitney, soprano; Tyler Smith, tenor; Jake Jenkins, bass-baritone; 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 515 "I Come with Joy, a Child of God" DOVE OF PEACE

- *CHARGE AND BLESSING

- *CHORAL RESPONSE "A Scottis Blyssing" Blackmon/Willcox

- *VOLUNTARY

IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

THE USHERS for the 8:30 service today are Mayson Buffington and Wesley Simon; and for the 10:30 service are LuAnna and Buddy Cambas (chairs); Stephanie Currie, Danny Franklin, Derrick Heyl, Harper Johnson, Bebe Marchal, Kate Prechter, and Nicholas White.

THE COMMUNION SERVERS for the 8:30 service are Ashley Brown and Beth Poe.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nathan's mother, Betty Ann Adams, by Mr. and Mrs. Nathan P. Adams and Family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LET US HEAR FROM YOU TODAY: The Strategic Planning Committee is holding a general listening session for the congregation this morning at 9:30 a.m. in the Land Building Riverside Room and all are invited to attend. Thoughts to consider in advance are: Knowing that you can spend Sunday morning in a variety of ways, what motivates you to attend SCAPC? What aspects of church life at SCAPC are most meaningful to you? What makes people feel seen and belong at SCAPC? Where do you want to see this church by 2030? If you are unable to attend today, note that another listening session will be held at Wednesday Night Out on September 13 with dinner beginning at 6 p.m. in Frampton Fellowship Hall. Dinner reservations will open on September 5 at scapc.org/wno, though you don't need to have dinner to attend.

There will be a SCAPC 101 class today from 9:30-10:15 a.m. in the second floor conference room. This class is designed as an orientation for new members and visitors interested in joining our church...or anyone wishing to learn more about SCAPC! We will talk about our basic beliefs as Presbyterians, the history of SCAPC, and how you can get involved in its ministries. It is also a great way to get to know new and longstanding members alike!

YOUTH WELCOME BACK POOL PARTY: Today from 4-6 p.m., the Talbot family is hosting our annual youth ministry's Welcome Back Pool Party for 6th-12th graders. Parents and siblings of youth are also welcome to attend for what will be a great evening of swimming, socializing, sports, and pizza! Please reach out to chrishazlaris@scapc.org for more info.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages resumes Sunday, September 10 at 9:30 a.m. Visit scapc.org/sunday-school for class details!

SCAPC is forming a group to participate in a PRISON VISITATION PROGRAM led by The Parole Project of Baton Rouge and the Frederick Douglass Project for Justice. Visitations to the Elayn Hunt Correctional Center in St. Gabriel, Louisiana are scheduled for Fridays, September 15 and October 20 from 12-3:30 p.m. The purpose of the visits is to become better educated about the realities of the U.S. Criminal Legal System, to meet and connect with incarcerated residents, to learn about the prison experience and how the correctional system does its work, and to remove some of the stigmas and barriers that divide incarcerated people from the rest of us. If interested, email pierce@scapc.org.

SAVE THE DATE: PW SIMPLE ELEGANCE: All ladies are invited to Presbyterian Women's "Simple Elegance"—an evening of fellowship, dinner, and entertaining ideas—on Tuesday, October 10 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the home of Monique and Bob McCleskey. Guests are welcome! Details to follow.

WAYS YOUR CHILDREN CAN GET INVOLVED THIS FALL!

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH CHOIRS

3 years– 12th grade

Children's Choir 1 (3-years-Kindergarten), led by Betsy Uschkrat, rehearses on Sundays from 11:45-12:15 in the Learning Center on the 2nd floor. Children's Choir 2 (1st-5th Grades), led by Peggy Crain, meets on Sundays from 11:45-12:15 in the Choir Room on the 3rd floor. The Youth Ringers & Singers (6th-12th Grades), led by Peggy Crain, meets on Sundays from 4:15-5:00 in the Choir Room on the 3rd floor. For details, visit scapc.org/childrens-choirs or email mezzomommy@aol.com.

ACOLYTES

2nd – 5th grade

Sign up to acolyte during the 10:30 a.m. service. Duties include lighting chancel candles, bringing communion elements forward, assisting ushers with collecting the offering, and collecting friendship pads.

JUNIOR BAPTISM BUDDIES

Challenger Class: 4th - 5th grade

This year-long commitment includes meeting the family the day of the baptism, assisting in the service by asking questions to the children of the church and praying for and writing to the family periodically during the year.

COMMUNION SERVERS

Challenger Class: 4th - 5th grade

At the 10:30 service, assist the session members in the front of the sanctuary by collecting the cups as communion is served.

For more information or to sign up to be an acolyte, junior baptism buddy, or communion server, contact Michele Murphy at michele@scapc.org.