



## GATHERING

### •WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS VOLUNTARY

“Gloria in excelsis” from *Messe Solennelle*

Sarah Chancellor-Watson  
Gounod

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you; we bless you; we adore you; we glorify you. We give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly king, O God, almighty Father.

Betsy Uschkrat, soprano; Sarah Ruth Altman, mezzo; Justin Eifert, tenor; Matt McCann, baritone; Chancel Choir

### •\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive, from Psalm 105*)

Ashley Brown

O give thanks to the Lord; call on the name of God and make God’s deeds known among the peoples.

**Sing to God, sing praises to the Lord and tell of all God’s wonderful works.**

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**With heart, soul, and voice we remember the wonderful works God has done. Praise the Lord!**

### •\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of mystery and might, whose wonderful works are to be remembered, guide us in this time of worship so that at all times this community may reflect your goodness with sincerity, honor, and hospitality. Move in our lives, change our minds, soften our hearts, direct our feet, that we may follow you more faithfully. In the name of Jesus Christ, who shows us the way, we pray.  
Amen.

### •†\*HYMN 304

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

### •CALL TO CONFESSION

### •PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**God of Mercy, we confess that, like the disciples, we set our minds not on divine things but on human things. Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need. Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink from living as your followers. Doubting your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks in your creation. In Christ’s self-giving love, Almighty God, you have revealed the path of our salvation. Forgive us that we may follow you anew; give us courage to deny our selfish desire and bear the cross of discipleship, that we may live as those who have no fear of death and receive the joy of everlasting life; through 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.*)

Romans 12:9-21

### †MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Russell Steele

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

Matthew 16:21-28

### •SERMON

“There’s No “I” in Disciple”

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

### \*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.**

**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

“Domine, fili unigenite” from *Messe Solennelle*

Gounod

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten son; Lord God, lamb of God, son of the father, you take away the sins of the world.

Have mercy on us; receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of the father. Have mercy on us.

For you alone are holy; you alone are Lord; you alone are most high, Jesus Christ, with the glory of God the Father, amen.

Jacob Huffty, baritone; Sarah Ruth Altman, mezzo; Justin Eifert, tenor; Matt McCann, baritone; Chancel Choir

### •SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

#### Invitation to the Lord’s Table

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

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.**

#### Words of Institution

#### Communion of the People

#### Prayer after Communion

(cont.)

## SENDING

•\*HYMN 718

“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”

BOURBON

•\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

“An Irish Blessing”

Blackmon

•\*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 Geoff Snodgrass (captain), David Grissett, Jeanie Clinton, Polly Hardie, Catherine Rigby, Kathy Slater, and Catherine and Luke Lemoine.

THE COMMUNION SERVERS for the 8:30 service are Ashley Brown, Beth Poe, and Bob Smith; and for the 10:30 service are Hallie Boh, Ashley Brown, Judith Halverson, and Jennie Wimbish.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in honor of Beth Poe, leader of Spiritually Hungry Women, and all the members of SHW, by Nancy Rix and SHW members.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRING CEREAL BOXES FOR FOOD BANK: Since 2004, Jefferson Presbyterian Church has hosted a food bank that serves the elderly and others in need in the community. Their most requested food is cereal, and they are now reaching out to sister churches to help provide this valued item. We are asking that everyone bring a box of cereal with them to church on either of the next two Sundays (September 10 and 17). Donations can be brought to the Phifer Library. Thank you, all!

MEN'S RETREAT: All men are invited to attend the SCAPC Men's Retreat on Friday-Saturday, October 6-7, in Pass Christian, Mississippi. The theme will be “The Gospel According to Ted Lasso” (though you don't need to have watched the show to enjoy the discussion!) The registration fee of \$100 includes meals and accommodations, and the deadline is September 15. There is an optional golf game on Friday afternoon. Retreat details and registration can be found at [scapc.org/mens-retreat](http://scapc.org/mens-retreat).

SAVE THE DATE: PW SIMPLE ELEGANCE: All ladies are invited to Presbyterian Women's “Simple Elegance”—an evening of fellowship, dinner, and “Naturally N'awlins”—inspired tablescapes—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.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES BEGINS NEXT WEEK!

All classes meet at 9:30 a.m. See [scapc.org/sunday-school](http://scapc.org/sunday-school) for details.

### ADULT CLASSES IN SEPTEMBER

#### **“More than Curse Words: The Gospel in the English Language”**

led by Chris Currie | Sept. 10 only | Frampton Fellowship Hall

A brief overview of the origins of English, its lack of sophistication and refinement as a language, the struggle to get scripture into English, and the irony of the most beautiful translation of scripture.

#### **“Opportunities and Challenges in Theological Education Today”**

led by Rev. Dr. José Irizarry, President of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary | Sept. 17 only | Frampton Fellowship Hall

#### **“Study of the Early Church: Exodus, Matthew, & Galatians”**

Weekly, starting Sept. 17 | Land Building Riverside Room

#### **“When Kids Ask Hard Questions”**

Weekly, starting Sept. 24 | 2nd Floor Conference Room

## WAYS YOUR CHILDREN CAN GET INVOLVED THIS FALL

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH CHOIRS: Rehearsals begin Sept. 17. See [scapc.org/childrens-choirs](http://scapc.org/childrens-choirs) for details **and registration**.

Children's Choir 1 for 3 years-Kindergarten | Children's Choir 2 for 1st-5th grades | Ringers & Singers for 6th-12th grades

### 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 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, email [michele@scapc.org](mailto:michele@scapc.org).

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