



ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Morning Worship | Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 2023 | 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

•GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

New SCAPC App

VOLUNTARY

•*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

For the greening of trees and the gentling of friends,

Thank you, God.

For the brightness of field and the smell of a welcome rain,

Thank you, God.

For teachers who believe in us with a care that inspires us,

Thank you, God.

For gifts to serve, for work behind the scenes, for different kinds of gifts, for different ways of serving you,

Thank you, God.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord our God, we give thanks for the people in this community of faith who use their gifts to teach, to volunteer, to help behind the scenes, to set up tables, to help clean up. As we begin a new year of spiritual formation and learning, may we use the minds you have given us to learn more deeply; may we use the hands you have given us to carry out significant tasks for others; may we use our wills to pursue your loving purposes in this world. Let our worship broaden appreciation for those who share in our life together here, and may our worship deepen our faith through the teachings of Jesus Christ, Rabbi, Teacher, and Lord. Amen.

•†*HYMN 683

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

SLANE (*alternate tune*)

•CALL TO CONFESSION

Ashley Brown

•PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Merciful God, for the things we have done that we regret and for the things we have failed to do that we regret, forgive us. For all the times we have acted without love and for all the times we have reacted without thought, Lord have mercy. For all the times we have withdrawn our care and for all the times we have asked you for forgiveness but failed to practice forgiveness ourselves, hear our prayer. For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid, for unfinished tasks, unfulfilled hopes, forgotten follow-ups, gracious God forgive us.

Help us lay down our burdens of regret, and by your Spirit enable us to more fully become children of God, disciples of Jesus Christ, and new creations of the Holy Spirit to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

KYRIE

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

Blackmon

•ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

Psalms 149

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:30 service only)

Catherine Elise Griffith

Presentation

John Koch, Presenting Elder

Affirmation of Faith “The Apostles’ Creed” (*unison, Hymnal p. 35*)

Baptism

Presentation and Prayer

†MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Michele Murphy

Commissioning of Spiritual Formation Leaders

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

Matthew 18:15-20

•SERMON

“I Want to Speak to the Manager”

Chris Currie

•*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn 581

“Glory Be to the Father”

GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

CONFIRMANTS: REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT (10:30 service only)

•THE OFFERING

•8:30 service | *Please stand as you are able | †Latecomers seated
Large print bulletins are available. Please see an usher.

Offertory

“O Word of God”

arr. Courtney

*O Word of God incarnate, O wisdom from on high, O truth unchanged, unchanging, O light of our dark sky;
We praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page, lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.
The church from you, our savior, received the gift divine, and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the sacred vessel where gems of truth are stored; it is the heav'n-drawn picture of Christ, the living word.
The scripture is a banner, before God's host unfurled; it is a shining beacon above the dark'ning world.
It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging tide, mid mists and rocks and quick-sands, to you, O Christ, will guide.
O make your church, dear savior, a lamp of purest gold, to bear before the nations your true light as of old.
O teach your wand'ring pilgrims by this their path to trace, till, clouds and darkness ended, they see you face to face. Amen.*

Vance Woolf, trumpet; Chancel Choir

•*Doxology, Hymn 606

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD HUNDREDTH

•*Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer (unison, Hymnal p. 35)

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

SENDING

•*HYMN 733

“We All Are One in Mission”

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

THE COMMUNION SERVERS for the 8:30 service are Ashley Brown and Bob Smith.

THE ACOLYTES for the 10:30 service are William Thomas and Caroline Wheeler.

CONFIRMANDS reaffirming their baptismal covenant this morning at the 10:30 service are Harper Beezley, Harrison Currie, Lauren Fish, Adele Fort, James Gottsche, Oscar Grabill, Elise Griffith, Bizzie Guy, Owen Heymann, Caroline Hillery, Logan Lanier, Elle Marshall, Parker Pugh, Elliott Rice, Rachel Ruiz, and Caroline Schmidt.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Andrew Clayton Elkins, Marilyn and Henry C. Sevier, and Beverly and Joel C. Elkins by Kate and Gary Elkins.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES • 9:30 AM • SCAPC.ORG/SUNDAY-SCHOOL

ADULT CLASSES IN SEPTEMBER

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

led by Chris Currie | Today only | Frampton Fellowship Hall: Overviewing of the origins of English and scripture translations

“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 & Zoom

“When Kids Ask Hard Questions” Weekly, starting Sept. 24 | 2nd Floor Conference Room

CHILDREN

The Challenger Class (grades 4-5) meets in a special room on the 2nd floor that is set up with sofas and chairs where students can explore their faith, ask questions, and begin to verbalize what they believe. This year's class topics include Psalm 23, the books of the Bible, John Calvin, the Apostle's Creed, and The Gospel According to Dr. Suss.

3-year olds through 3rd graders gather by age group for classes that focus on hands-on learning. They are divided into three groups: 3 yrs to PreK, Kindergarten-1st grade, and 2nd-3rd grade, all meeting in rooms on the 2nd floor. They engage in Bible stories through activities, interactive games, and creative crafts. Throughout the year we explore stories from the Old and New Testaments. Weekly lessons help kids navigate the stories and begin to compare what they learn to their own lives.

The Nursery for ages 0-3 is open 8:15-11:45 a.m. in the Bear Classroom which is the corner classroom on the first floor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH (Grades 6-12): Youth Group (most Sundays, 5-7:30 p.m., 3rd floor Youth Room) brings middle and high schoolers together for games, discussion, and reflective activities based on a Christian theme of the day, concluding with dinner. Youth from all faith backgrounds are welcome! This year we are also beginning a Parent's Group (6-7:30 p.m., Land Building) during the first youth group of each month, where moms and dads have a space to socialize over drinks and snacks and discuss some of the same Christian themes their children will be exploring across the street before picking them up.

VOLUNTEERS & MEN'S CLOTHING FOR HOMELESS: For the month of September, SCAPC volunteers are needed to help serve lunches and offer assistance on Wednesday mornings from about 9:00-10:30 at the Program of Hope homeless ministry, located at First Presbyterian Church, 5401 S. Claiborne Ave. Please contact Karen Donaldson at khdonaldson57@gmail.com if you are interested. In addition, we are collecting men's clothing. There is a blue collection bin in Frampton Fellowship Hall where you can place your donated items through the month of September. Thank you!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT (WNO) & STRATEGIC PLAN SESSION: WNO kicks off this week, beginning with a pastor-led study on the Book of Acts at 5:15 p.m. in the Phifer Library, then dinner at 6 p.m. in Frampton Fellowship Hall. The cost for dinner is \$10/adult, \$5/child, and \$25/family. On the menu are Ingles' Market meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green peas, tossed salad, fresh fruit, cake and ice cream. Make your reservation by tomorrow (Monday) at 5 p.m. at scapc.org/wno. It's **school spirit night**, so be sure to wear your team colors! At 6:30 p.m. the **Strategic Planning Committee** will lead a listening session. **Come share your ideas!** If you are not attending dinner, you do not need to make a reservation to participate.

YAF (Young Adults & Families) EVENTS: **POLO ("Parents of Little Ones") Party!** Join Pastor Sarah and Tyler for a special gathering for little ones ages 3 and younger on the Land Building Lawn next Sunday, September 17 from 4:30-6:00! We will have water tables, bubbles, and chalk for the littles to play, plenty of kid-friendly snacks to share and adult refreshments. For questions or to RSVP please email tyler@scapc.org. **Saints Watch Party at Urban South**: Wear your black and gold and join us at Urban South to cheer on the Saints as they take on the Panthers on Monday, September 18. We'll gather around 5:30 for the 6:15 kickoff. Please RSVP to tyler@scapc.org by Friday, September 15.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S MONTHLY BIBLE CIRCLES begin this week with the Monday Lunch Circle tomorrow at 11:30 a.m. in the Land Building, the Lambeth House Circle tomorrow at 2:00 p.m., and the Tuesday Evening Circle at 5:45 in the Land Building. Circles offer an environment in which faith is nurtured and growth takes place through worship, Bible study, fellowship, and outreach. This year's study is *Sacred Encounters: The Power & Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts* by the Rev. Dr. Olive Mahabir. All women are welcome! Study books and SCAPC PW yearbooks can be picked up at the first circles for \$10/each. Learn more about all of Presbyterian Women's programs, and view the yearbook online, at scapc.org/pw.

Coming up next Sunday...

JOSÉ IRIZARRY SELLEY SERIES SPEAKER & GUEST PREACHER

The Rev. Dr. José Irizarry is President Professor of Practical Theology at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. After a search in which Chris Currie was a part, President Irizarry became the tenth president of the seminary in June 2022. Since 2016, Irizarry has served as Vice President of Education at the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Out of his expertise as a bilingual educator, Dr. Irizarry directed Cambridge College's regional campus in his native San Juan, Puerto Rico, (2011-2015) and served as academic dean, acting president, and held The Limardo Chair in Practical Theology at the Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico (2007-2011).



Next Sunday, Dr. Irizarry will preach at both the 8:30 and 10:30 services. During the 9:30 Sunday School hour, he will speak about 'Opportunities and Challenges in Theological Education Today,' followed by a time of question, answer, and conversation. The class will take place in Frampton Fellowship Hall and all are welcome to attend!

INTRODUCING THE *New* SCAPC APP!

Download at one of these links:

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or search "St Charles Ave Presbyterian" in the app store.

The screenshot shows the home screen of the SCAPC app for St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church. At the top is the church's logo and name. Below are several interactive buttons:

- Contact Us**: A button with a paper plane icon, used for contacting staff or submitting prayer requests.
- Events**: A button with a calendar icon, used for checking out upcoming events and making reservations.
- Recordings**: A button with a microphone icon, used for viewing worship services.
- Giving**: A button with a heart icon, used for viewing giving history or linking to the donation page.
- People**: A button with a group of people icon, used for viewing the interactive membership directory (available only to SCAPC members once they have logged into their profile).
- Messages**: A button with an envelope icon, used for receiving messages from the church.
- Profile**: A button with a person icon, used for logging in and updating contact information.

Additional notes on the right side of the screenshot include "Calendar coming soon!"

For tap-by-tap instructions, go to scapc.org/app.
Contact: events@scapc.org for additional assistance.