



ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Morning Worship | Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost | Theological Education Sunday

September 17, 2023 | 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

•WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS VOLUNTARY

Chris Currie

Steven Blackmon, organ

Jenny Baldwin

•*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

To Pharisees comfortable in their virtues, to fishermen not thinking about the meaning of life, Jesus calls,

Follow me.

To tax collectors, power brokers, street people, intellectuals, rich and poor, women and men, Jesus calls,

Follow me.

To those with a heavy load of baggage and those who don't think they need forgiveness, Jesus calls,

Follow me.

Then and now, together and apart, willing or doubting, ready or not, Jesus calls to each one of us,

Follow me.

•*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, we thank you for the gift and commitment to theological education throughout the history of this church that is fully alive here today. We give thanks for seminaries and schools of higher education grounded in spiritual formation, dynamic worship, teaching, preaching, and care of souls. We thank you for future generations of pastors, teachers, church leaders, and followers of Jesus Christ, who are among us now and whom you are preparing, inspiring, and summoning forth for the sake of your mission in this world. In our worship now, meet us where we are, draw us beyond ourselves, and enable our lives to more deeply and richly reflect your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

•†*HYMN 65

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

CWM RHONDDA

•CALL TO CONFESSION

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

•PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

O Lord our God, we are challenged, puzzled, and transformed by your grace for us in Jesus Christ. The law invites us to forgive at least seven times, but you call us to forgive seventy times seven. Our world is content to live by an eye for an eye and survival of the fittest, but you declare that the meek and the poor are blessed and beloved. Religion often portrays the insiders as righteous and everyone else as suspect, but you call us to see the most fragile and broken human lives as children of God.

In light of such grace, forgive what we have been. As we lift up our lives before you, amend what we are. And in the power of your Holy Spirit, summon out who we shall be, so that we may more fully become the humanity you share with us in Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. 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.*)

Exodus 14:19-31

†MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Miriam Hollar

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

Matthew 18:21-35

•SERMON

"The Memory of Kindness"

José Irizarry

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

•*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn 581

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

THANKSGIVING FOR JOE BEAN: 10 YEARS ON SCAPC STAFF

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (*Hymnal, p. 35*)

•THE OFFERING

Offertory

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

arr. Ehret

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead to soothe the sin-sick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my works in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

The Chancel Choir

*Doxology, Hymn 606

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

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

(cont.)

SENDING

- †*HYMN 435
- *CHARGE AND BLESSING
- *CHORAL RESPONSE
- *VOLUNTARY

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

IN BABILONE

“An Irish Blessing”

Blackmon

IN TODAY’S WORSHIP

THE USHERS for the 8:30 service today are Mayson Buffington, Miriam Hollar, Thomas Schulingkamp, 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 John Koch.

THE ACOLYTES for the 10:30 service are Brady Kennedy and Wyn Ziegler.

THE PRAY GROUND is a special place that is designated for children where families with children of any age can experience worship together. It is located in Frampton Fellowship Hall where the 10:30 service is live-streamed to the large screen. There are toys, books, and puzzles provided to help kids stay engaged and present.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Robert A. Palmer, Elizabeth Hunt Palmer, and Mr. Richard Parke Ellis, Sr. by Nancy, Parke, and Meg Ellis and Betsy, Steve, Hunt, Parke, and Marguerite Clement.

THANK YOU, JOSÉ!

This morning we welcome THE REV. DR. JOSÉ IRIZARRY as our Selley Series guest preacher and speaker! Dr. 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). Dr. Irizarry is preaching at both the 8:30 and 10:30 services. At 9:30, 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!



CONGRATULATIONS, JOE!

Joe Bean has served on our church staff as a sexton for the past ten years and we are delighted to recognize Joe as well as family members and guests at the 10:30 worship service. After the service, all are invited to a reception and celebration in Frampton Fellowship Hall which will include a special video presentation that tries to capture what Joe means to our community and the smooth operations of all that goes on at SCAPC.



The Aden Program

OPEN HOUSE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 | 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. | LAND BUILDING | SCAPC.ORG/ADEN
CONTACT DIRECTOR KASEY BEALER AT ADEN@SCAPC.ORG FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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

ADULT CLASSES IN SEPTEMBER

“Opportunities and Challenges in Theological Education Today”

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

“Exodus: God Revealed to Moses and His Community” | led today by Janet Bean | Land Building & Zoom

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

YOUTH (Grades 6-12)

Youth Sunday School takes place in the 3rd floor Youth Room. In addition, we occasionally post Sunday School on our Instagram page: @SCAPC_Youth. For details on youth programming, visit scapc.org/youth.

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. Seuss.

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

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN TODAY! Rehearsals focus on music theory and performance preparation. Children's Choir 1 (3 years-Kindergarten) rehearses from 11:45-12:15 in the Learning Center, 2nd floor. Children's Choir 2 (1st-5th Grades) rehearses from 11:45-12:15 in the choir room, 3rd floor. Ringers & Singers (6th-12th Grades) rehearse from 4:15-5:00 p.m. in the choir room, 3rd floor. For performance dates and registration, scan this code.



YAF (Young Adults & Families) EVENTS: **POLO (“Parents of Little Ones”) Party today!** Join Pastor Sarah and Tyler for a special gathering for little ones ages 3 and younger on the Land Building Lawn 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. **Saints Watch Party at Urban South tomorrow!** 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. And finally, sign up today for our tented **YAF Camping Retreat** taking place Saturday, October 7 at 3 p.m. through Sunday, October 8 at 12 p.m.! We'll enjoy gatherings based on our theme “Rooted in Christ” as well as games, fellowship, and of course a campfire for s'mores. Register at scapc.org/yaf-retreat by Friday.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT: WNO begins each week with a pastor-led study on the Book of Acts at 5:15 p.m. in the Phifer Library, followed by dinner at 6 p.m. in Frampton Fellowship Hall. The cost for dinner is \$10/adult, \$5/child, and \$25/family. On the menu this week are pork loin, rice pilaf, green beans, salad bar, fresh fruit and sugar cookies and ice cream. Make your reservation by tomorrow (Monday) at 5 p.m. at scapc.org/wno. This week we'll be meeting our Young Adult Volunteers (YAVs)!

Our FALL DAY OF SERVICE is coming up on September 30. There will be projects for all ages and abilities. The day will begin with breakfast and prayer, after which we will break into groups to go out and serve our Community and Global Ministry partners. Sign up today in Frampton Fellowship Hall!

CHURCHWIDE PICNIC NEXT SUNDAY! Come picnic together at the Land Building next Sunday, September 24 following 10:30 a.m. worship! We'll enjoy fried chicken and sides, and don't worry...the Saints/Packers game will be screened inside!

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Rev. Bobby Stalcup, former Associate Pastor of SCAPC, who died on Thursday, September 14. We will communicate service information to you once it is known. We also extend our sympathy to the family of Gen Trimble who died on Saturday, September 9. A service will be held this Tuesday, September 19 at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary with visitation preceding at 12:30 p.m. in the Bloomfield Parlor.

INTRODUCING THE *New* SCAPC APP!

Download at one of these links:

APP STORE



GOOGLE PLAY



or search "St Charles Ave Presbyterian" in the App Store.

The screenshot shows the app's home screen 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. Callout: "Contact staff or submit prayer requests".
- Events**: A button with a calendar icon. Callout: "Check out upcoming events & make reservations".
- Recordings**: A button with a microphone icon. Callout: "View worship services".
- Giving**: A button with a heart icon. Callout: "View your giving history or link to our donation page".
- People**: A button with an icon of two people. Callout: "View the interactive membership directory (available only to SCAPC members once they have logged into their profile)".
- Messages**: A button with an envelope icon. Callout: "Receive messages from the church".
- Profile**: A button with a person icon. Callout: "Login and update your contact information".

At the bottom right, there is a note: "Calendar coming soon!".

For assistance installing, swing by the app help table outside of the Chapel today or visit scapc.org/app for tap-by-tap instructions. You can also email hallie@scapc.org for help.