



# ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 19, 2021 | Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Services

## GATHERING

•WELCOME TO WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

VOLUNTARY

•\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Wendi Adams

Believing that God made and loves the world, **we gather.**

That it may be reshaped to fulfill God's purposes, **we work.**

To seek a wisdom deeper than our own thinking, **we listen.**

To be transformed into Christ's own likeness, **we hope.**

To set out again this day to follow Jesus Christ, **we pray.**

To glorify God who gave us voice, **we worship.**

•\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord, support us all the day long, as the sun comes up, and the promise of a new day begins, and this busy world returns to life, and our work beckons. By your grace, grant us strength to serve your purpose this day, vision to see dignity in every human life, and perseverance to run the race that is set before us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

•†\*HYMN 692

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

*Verse 1, choir only; verses 2-3, congregation*

•CALL TO CONFESSION

•PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Eternal God, we ask for your forgiveness for our careless thoughts, for our thoughtless deeds, for our empty speech, and for the words with which we have wounded. We ask your forgiveness for all our false desires, our hateful actions, our wastefulness, and for all we have left untended. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Enable us, by the power of your Holy Spirit, to pass this day as pass the saints in heaven, to spend this day as spend your household of heaven, and to love this day and everything in it, which you have perfected 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.*)

Jeremiah 31:31-34

†MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN: Teacher Commissioning

Michele Murphy

*unison prayer:*

**God of hope, guide each teacher as they study your Word.**

**Strengthen the gifts you have given them, and energize their compassion.**

**Remind us to find ways to support and encourage them throughout the year.**

**May we share in their joy and times of difficulty. Amen.**

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

Mark 8:27-38

•SERMON

"And Start Again at Your Beginnings"

Chris Currie

•\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostle's Creed (*unison, Hymnal p. 35*)

•\*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn 581

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

•INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

•PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison, Hymnal, page 35*)

•THE OFFERING

Offertory Anthem

"Ubi caritas"

Gjeilo

Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.

Let us fear, and let us love the living God. And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

The Chancel Choir Chamber Singers

\*Doxology, Hymn 606

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDRETH

\*Prayer of Dedication

## SENDING

•\*HYMN 726

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

KELVINGROVE

*Verse 1, choir only; verses 2-5, congregation*

•\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

"The Irish Blessing"

Blackmon

•\*VOLUNTARY

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

## IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

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

THE WHITE ROSE has been placed in honor of the birth of Henry Monroe Landis, son of Ella and Charles Landis and grandson of Ruth and John Landis, who was born on August 21.

TODAY'S USHERS for the 8:30 service are Mayson Buffington and Wesley Simon. The ushers for the 10:30 service are Stephanie and Pete November (Co-Captains), David Grissett, Jeanie Clinton, Polly Hardie, Brenda Stephens, and Luke and Catherine Lemoine.

CHILD-FRIENDLY WORSHIP SPACE: While people of all ages are welcome and encouraged to worship in the Sanctuary, our "Pray Ground" in Frampton Fellowship Hall provides an alternative child-friendly space for families to worship together for the 10:30 service. The service is projected via livestream to a large screen and there are coloring sheets, puzzles, and books for children to enjoy. Parents must remain with their children, and all children are asked to wear masks.

Please note that COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS following worship are temporarily suspended as we request that everyone remain masked while inside.

## RECONNECT WITH THE CORNER!

Following 10:30 worship today, gather with us outside of the Sanctuary to explore all the groups and activities SCAPC has to offer, and find out how you can connect with the church this year!



**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, 9:30-10:15,** [www.scapc.org/sunday-school](http://www.scapc.org/sunday-school) for details and Zoom links

### ADULT CLASSES:

**"Pairadocs"** - September 19-December 19 | 2nd floor conference room (in-person only)

The Pairadocs is a uniquely humorous marriage, parenting, and family podcast that women will love, and guys won't want to turn off. The Pairadocs are Jimmy and Josh, a father-son duo with Ph.D.'s in Clinical Counseling. They are both full-time adolescent/family therapists, husbands, and parents. Join us as we explore the podcast to muse together about faith, family, and culture.

**"The Life and Times of John Calvin"** led by Geoff Snodgrass; September 19-October 3 | Land Building Lakeside Room and Zoom: John Calvin possessed one of the greatest minds of the 16th century as demonstrated by his seminal work, *The Institutes of Christian Religion*. This systematic theology, which came to be known as Calvinism, significantly contributed to the Protestant Reformation. The Presbyterian Church owes its beliefs to him.

YOUTH: 6th-12th graders meet in the Youth Room on the 3rd floor as well as virtually on Instagram (@SCAPC\_Youth). To learn more, visit [www.scapc.org/youth](http://www.scapc.org/youth).

CHILDREN ages 2 through 5th grade are divided into age groups to study the Old and New Testaments and learn how the Biblical stories relate to their lives today. 2-3 year olds meet in the first floor "Bear" classroom; 4 year olds through 3rd graders meet on the 2nd floor in rooms by grade; and the Challenger Class (4th and 5th graders) meets on the 2nd floor in the Challenger Classroom.

## HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORTS: [www.scapc.org/relief](http://www.scapc.org/relief)

RHINO VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP: If you live in New Orleans or the surrounding areas and you would like to volunteer with RHINO (Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans), please sign up at [scapc.org/relief](http://scapc.org/relief) and let us know your interest in the type of work, tools/resources you would be willing to share, and your experience level. Be sure to list ALL skills and we will be in touch to match you with a particular volunteer project date/time/location.

DONATE ITEMS AND FUNDS: RHINO is now collecting items for "Clean Up Buckets" for our neighbors in Southeast Louisiana. Needed items are: 12 oz. liquid concentrated household cleaners (like Lysol), scouring pads, sponges, and 50 oz. (or two 25 oz.) bottles of liquid laundry detergent. You can also bring these items to the church during business hours this week and store in the Phifer Library. To make a donation to the RHINO/Hurricane Relief Fund, go to [scapc.org/relief](http://scapc.org/relief).

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