



ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 3, 2021 | World Communion Sunday | Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 and 10:30 services

With Each New Day Comes a New Blessing  STEWARDSHIP 2022

GATHERING

•WELCOME TO WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
VOLUNTARY

Sarah Chancellor-Watson
Bizet

“Agnus Dei”

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.
Tyler Smith, tenor; Steven Blackmon, organ

•*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive, Psalm 67 adapted*)

Ken Kneipp

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you.

May God’s purpose be known on earth and God’s saving power among the nations.

Let the people praise you, O God; let all the people praise you!

Let the nations rejoice with shouts of gladness.

Let the people praise you, O God; let all the people praise you!

May the earth yield its harvest;

May God grant us all a blessing; may the world stand in awe and in praise of our Maker.

•*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord, we thank you for all the light, grace, and life seen and known in the church which nurtured us. Praying that, may we be set free from narrow-mindedness and complacency. Open our eyes to the work of your Spirit among other people and under different forms. And should we yet walk in some things on separate ways, present before us the common goal toward which we travel, a community of love promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

•†*HYMN 396

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

HOLY MANNA

•CALL TO CONFESSION

•PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Good and gracious God, you have called your church out of all nations, peoples, cultures, colors, and social stations, and helped us to see ourselves and each other as your beloved children. Forgive us for preferring the comfort of our stubborn wills and our entrenched ways. Confront the arrogant will in us, uncover the hidden depths in us, and help us to live by the truth that sets us free.

By the power of your Holy Spirit, open us to the beauty of the earth so that we may become one of its servants. Open us to the wonder of life so that we may recognize your face in the face of our neighbors. Open us to the storehouse of grace that we be made new for Jesus’ sake. 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 8

†MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

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

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

•SERMON

“No End”

Chris Currie

•*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “The Nicene Creed”

We believe in one true 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.

(cont.)

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
- MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP: Community Ministries Jane Rasi
- THE OFFERING
 - Offertory Anthem "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" Culloton
 - The Chancel Choir Chamber Singers
- SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
 - Invitation to the Lord's Table
 - Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer (*Hymnal, page 35*)
 - Words of Institution
 - Communion of the People
 - Prayer after Communion

SENDING

- *HYMN 373 "O Day of Peace" JERUSALEM
- *CHARGE AND BLESSING
- *CHORAL RESPONSE "An Irish Blessing" Blackmon
- *VOLUNTARY

OUR COMMUNITY MINISTRY PARTNERS

Through your Stewardship dollars, St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church provides financial support to the following local organizations in addition to volunteer service:

CAFÉ RECONCILE is an education and training program for at risk youth ages 16-22 to work in the service industry, with particular emphasis on the restaurant business. CAFÉ Reconcile is one of NOLA's best local eateries!

CRESCENT CITY CAFÉ is a twice-monthly breakfast serving homeless and marginalized New Orleanians with dignity and love. Volunteers are largely young adults who seek to connect through service.

EDEN HOUSE is a ministry for women who have survived prostitution, addiction and human trafficking. The home accepts women for two years, free of charge, while providing space for healing, programs for recovery and opportunities for job training.

JLNO DIAPER BANK: The Junior League of New Orleans' Diaper Bank helps families from the bottom up. Leveraging the strength of the JLNO's entire membership, this program raises the community's awareness of the "diaper need," hosts diaper drives, buys diapers at a highly discounted rate, provides volunteer support for sorting, packing, distributing, and storing diapers.

KINSHIP CENTER is a senior day activity center open to those 60 years and older. Various activities, classes, exercise, and a hot lunch are available. The Center's mission is to provide seniors with an outlet for socialization and mental and physical stimulation as well as aiding in the development of life skills.

LIBERTY'S KITCHEN is a social enterprise dedicated to transforming the lives of vulnerable New Orleans youth. It provides a path to bright and healthy futures through employability and life skills training and by providing freshly prepared, nutritious meals to school children.

NEW ORLEANS CHARTER SCIENCE AND MATH HIGH SCHOOL is a charter school which provides a rigorous education in science, technology, engineering and mathematics to traditionally under-served high school students in Orleans Parish. It is among the very few open-admissions science and math high schools in the country.

NEW ORLEANS MISSION is a homeless shelter providing lodging, job training, food, clothing, adult education, and substance abuse rehab. The Mission serves the largest population of homeless in the metro area.

NEW ORLEANS WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S SHELTER'S mission is to enable women and their children to transition from a life of homelessness and poverty to one of stability and self-sufficiency. They provide for families from diverse backgrounds, including women in all stages of their pregnancy and those with children.

OKRA ABBEY: Reinvigorated by SCAPC YAV's for the past two years, this community garden is growing and expanding to serve the local community and teach children and families the benefits of fresh produce. SCAPC funds the stand-alone garden along with the full-time staff person for the garden.

PROGRAM OF HOPE is a homeless ministry at First Presbyterian Church staffed by volunteers from many churches in greater New Orleans. It provides housing/shelter vouchers, bus tokens, lunches, hygiene items, clothing, counseling, prayer, worship, financial and volunteer support. SCAPC provides funding and serves lunch on Wednesdays.

RAINTREE CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES is a social service agency giving hope to abandoned, abused or neglected girls through group housing, single family foster care, and developmental disabilities case management.

REBUILDING HOPE IN NEW ORLEANS (RHINO), SCAPC's homegrown ministry, has grown from a disaster recovery program to a premier mission destination organization for national and international volunteers. RHINO has hosted nearly 6,000 youth and adults as they have volunteered over 208,000 service hours and helped rebuild homes, promoted childhood nutritional health, supported adults with developmental disabilities, fed the homeless, and most recently reached out to Baton Rouge and Denham Springs.

SCAPC CARROLLTON CAMPS, programs unique to SCAPC, provide nurturing and enriching sessions over the Christmas and summer breaks. Activities include art, music, drama, academic enrichment, athletics, and many New Orleans-themed guest speakers and special events.

ST. THOMAS CLINIC: Since 1987, this neighborhood clinic, founded to provide medical care to the poor, is now the largest of its kind. The clinic includes sites which deliver medical care as well as behavioral health support to over 300 patients daily.

START THE ADVENTURE IN READING (STAIR) is a children's literacy program that provides both group and virtual tutoring for at-risk public elementary school 2nd graders. STAIR students are matched with a dedicated volunteer for weekly sessions that are tailored to each individual student's ability. SCAPC provides funding, operational space, and volunteers.

YMCA EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (YES!) provides educational services for adults in reading and language comprehension and computer literacy.

YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEERS (YAV) is an international volunteer program of PCUSA for young adults. SCAPC sponsors YAV's who work across multiple sites across the city.

WHITE GIFT is the annual SCAPC gift drive to help children and parents in need. SCAPC members "adopt" a child for Christmas and purchase gifts that address the child's needs and wants.

THE ADEN PROGRAM is a ministry offering a safe and caring environment for a loved one experiencing memory care issues. This daytime ministry offers fellowship and activities for the participant while providing peace of mind to the caregiver and allowing the caregiver a time of respite. Though this program is temporarily suspended due to COVID-19, we hope to resume programming in the coming months. For more information go to www.scapc.org/aden.

STEWARDSHIP 2022



Scan here to learn more about where your Stewardship dollars go, and to make your 2022 pledge! (Hover over graphic with your phone camera or go to www.scapc.org/pledge.) Alternatively, you can fill out a pledge card in your pew and place in the offering plate.

We ask that all pledges be submitted by Dedication Sunday, October 17, when we dedicate all pledges to the service of God during morning worship services.

IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Today we celebrate WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY with Christians all over the globe. Cultures from around the world are represented by the various types of bread, reminding us of our unity in Christ.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Anne Pence Little by Jack, Kristen, and Jim Little.

TODAY'S USHERS for the 8:30 service are Mayson Buffington, Miriam Hollar, Thomas Schulingkamp, and Wesley Simon. The ushers for the 10:30 service are Laurie and Jeff Young (co-captains), Richard Seelman, Noah Hardie, Louise Schaefer, and Nancy Jane and Charlie Carson.

We are pleased to announce that the 8:30 SERVICE has returned to the CHAPEL and weekly communion has resumed.

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 via livestream.

THE NURSERY is open 8:15-11:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings for children ages 0-3. During the 8:30 a.m. service, all children can go to the Monkey Room in Frampton Fellowship Hall. From 9:15-11:45 a.m., infants and toddlers go to the Monkey Room while 2- and 3-year-olds (born before 8/31/2019) go to the Bear Room corner classroom on the 1st floor.

COFFEE SERVICE RETURNS: We are pleased to announce that we are now serving coffee and lemonade following the 10:30 service (only). Drinks will be served outside on State Street, weather permitting. Please keep drinks outside.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, 9:30-10:15, WWW.SCAPC.ORG/SUNDAY-SCHOOL for details and Zoom links

ADULT CLASSES:

"Pairadocs" - September 19-December 19 | 2nd floor Learning Center (in-person only)

The Pairadocs is a uniquely humorous marriage, parenting, and family podcast by a father-son duo with Ph.D.'s in Clinical Counseling. 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 Riverside Room and Zoom. Today is the final class in this series.

Starting next Sunday: "First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God" - October 10 - November 21 | Land Building Lakeside Room and Zoom. Why did Jesus go to the tiny, obscure villages around the Sea of Galilee? What were the priorities of Jesus' original message? Why the confrontations in Jerusalem? Why then? Why there? First Light is a study of the historical Jesus and the Kingdom of God told on location throughout the Galilee and Jerusalem.

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.

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. Locations are posted at the State Street entrance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Ann Bell, including Bill Bell, Allen and Jeanne Bell, Michael and Aimée Bell, and Kathy and Sam Finney. Ann died on September 25 and a service was held Thursday in the Sanctuary.

THE THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER GROUP (TMBSPG) begins a new study on October 14. *Invitation to John* by Robert D. Kysar will be the focus of the group which meets at 9 a.m. every Thursday via Zoom. If you are looking for an opportunity to dive deeper into the Book of John with a group that loves discussion and laughter, please email Miriam Hollar at miriamhollar@gmail.com for the Zoom information.

HURRICANE RELIEF PROJECTS: If you would like to volunteer with RHINO for one of our service projects (debris clearing, gutting, etc.) please join our master list at scapc.org/relief. Projects are developed in response to the needs of effected neighborhoods which are continually assessing damages. As these opportunities arise, we will invite you to sign up via email.