St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church

Morning Worship | Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost| October 11, 2026 | 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

•WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Katie Brendler
VOLUNTARY — Meg Frazier, piano
•*CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)* — Jennifer Keene

Our help is in the name of the Lord, maker of heaven and earth.
Let us worship God!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Living God, we give you thanks for our unity in Christ. As we support one another, enable us to use our different gifts for the building of your kingdom on earth. Amen.

•†*HYMN 317 — "In Christ There Is No East or West" — McKee
•CALL TO CONFESSION
•PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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.***)* — Micah 6:6-8
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM — Baker Gillis Cappelmann and Frederick Edward Johnson Woodbury

Presentation — Presenting Elders: Michelle and Anderson Baker
Affirmation of Faith "The Apostles' Creed" *(unison, Hymnal p. 35)* — Junior Baptism Buddy: Caroline Edgecombe
Questions to Parents
Baptism
Presentation and Prayer

†MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN — Kelley Mackenroth
•SECOND LESSON *(response:* **Thanks be to God.***)* — Ephesians 4:4-6
•SERMON — "The Living Head of the Church—Jesus Christ" — Harry Barrow
•*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: "The Apostles' Creed" *(8:30 service only)*
•*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn 581 — "Glory Be to the Father" — Gloria Patri
INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP — Chris Hazlaris
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Hymnal, p. 35)*
•THE OFFERING

Offertory — "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" — Friedel

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly in thy name, two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them: Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem. As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father, break the bread and bless the cup. Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

Meg Frazier conducting; 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)*

SENDING

•†*HYMN 826 — "Lift High the Cross" — Crucifer
•*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
*CHORAL RESPONSE — "A Scottis Blyssing" — Blackmon/Willcox
•*VOLUNTARY

•8:30 service | *Please stand as you are able | †Latecomers seated

We welcome back to the pulpit THE REV. DR. HARRY BARROW who is serving as our guest pastor through October 18 while Chris Currie leads a pilgrimage of church members to cathedrals and communities of faith in England and Scotland. Harry served for 32 years at Newnan Presbyterian Church in Georgia, and he joined us as our interim pastor in the summer of 2021.

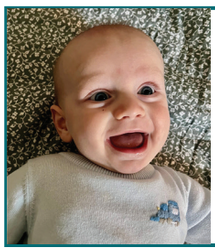
TODAY'S USHERS for the 8:30 service are Thomas Schulingkamp, Wesley Simon, and Bob Smith; and for the 10:30 service are Laurie Young (captain), Nancy Jane and Charlie Carson, Noah Hardie, Louise Schaefer, Richard Seelman, and Stephen Stock.

TODAY'S COMMUNION SERVERS for the 8:30 service are Kristin Guidry and Beth Poe.

TODAY'S ACOLYTE is Brady Kennedy.

THE PRAY GROUND in Frampton Fellowship Hall is a special place where families with children of any age can experience worship together. There are toys, books, and puzzles provided to help kids stay engaged while the service is livestreamed to a large screen. THE NURSERY is also opened for children ages 0 to 3 in the Bear Classroom located on the first floor corner.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM is being administered today to BAKER GILLIS CAPPELMANN, son of Lindsey Baker Cappelmann and William Edwin Cappelmann III, grandson of Michelle and Anderson Baker.



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM is being administered today to FREDERICK EDWARD JOHNSON WOODBURY, son of Katherine Blair Johnson and Benjamin Grinnell Woodbury, grandson of Mary and Eddie Johnson.

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

Class details and recordings: scapc.org/sunday-school or scapc app

Exploring the Spirits of Religion | September 13 - October 18 | Land Building Riverside | Led by Richard Ashmore
We will explore how, across time and space, human communities have identified "spirits" and linked (or not linked) them to "religion." What might we learn from the diverse "religions" and their associated "spirits"? **Today's topic** is East Asia/China: *The 'Three Teachings' and Much More*. There are many associated "spirits," but is this a religion?

The Whiteboard Bible | September 13 - November 22 | Second-floor conference room
Led by Michelle Baker, Sandra Jenkins, and Dawn Talbot
The Whiteboard Bible is created by Pastor G. Allen Jackson. It utilizes live-action whiteboard drawing video lessons to help everyone gain a fundamental understanding of the narrative of the Bible. Volume 1: Creation to Kings

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THE REFRESHMENTS IN FRAMPTON FELLOWSHIP HALL have been provided Elizabeth Penn.

BLESSING OF THE PETS **TONIGHT**! The Worship and Music committee invites pets and families to join us tonight at 6 p.m. in the Land Building yard for a Blessing of the Pets. Please bring your pets appropriately leashed or contained, or a photo of pets who cannot travel with you, as well as a chair for their humans. There will be a brief service and individual blessing for each pet, followed by light refreshments for humans and animals to enjoy. Please consider a donation of pet food items or gently-used pet supplies (leashes, bowls, carriers, etc.) to support pets that are still searching for their "fur-ever" homes.

"CRITICS CORNER" AT PHIFER LIBRARY & NEW BOOK SHARE CART: **Tomorrow** (Monday) our volunteer librarian Ruth Hickox will lead our first monthly "Critics Corner" at the Phifer Library from 9-10 a.m. If you would enjoy some book discussion and exchange of ideas for your favorite (or least favorite) reads, please join us! In addition, throughout the week, all are welcome to visit our new book share cart stationed at the Library. It is there for anyone wishing to borrow a book or leave one for others to enjoy.

Check out the WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT webpage (scapc.org/wno) or the SCAPC app under events for dinner reservations and details on this week's programming, including children's choir practice at 5:30, supervised play and supervised student study hall at 6:10, and family dinner (line opens at 5:45). The cost for dinner is $10/adult, $5/child, and $25/family. We will have an Oktoberfest-themed meal with German roasted chicken, bratwurst and sauerkraut, spaetzle, roasted beets and goat cheese salad, and apple strudel. Following dinner, we will have a CAKE WALK for all ages in celebration of National Dessert Day! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING A CAKE, please contact Stacey Danner at staceynorrisdanner@gmail.com.

THE NEW MEMBER BRUNCH will be held next Sunday, October 18, in the Land Building Riverside Room at 11:30 a.m. All those who have joined the church in the last year are welcome! Please RSVP to Kay Randels at kayrandels@gmail.com.

DREAMS AND VISIONS ADVENT ART COLLAGE WORKSHOP: Join Harriet Riley and Caitlin Wallace-Rowland for this creative and spiritual art collage workshop to create art centered on our upcoming Advent theme of "Visions, Dreams, Prophecies, & Exultations." The workshop will take place Saturday, October 24 at 2 p.m. in the Land Building. We will reflect on scripture, learn collage basics, and spend time in peaceful art-making and fellowship together. Finished pieces will be highlighted in this year's Advent Devotional Books. All supplies will be provided and no prior experience is necessary. All ages are welcome. (Children must have a supervising adult to help them make their work.) Visit scapc.org/advent to sign up. Questions? Email caitlin@scapc.org.

ADVENT DEVOTION WRITERS SOUGHT: Interested in writing? We are looking for volunteers to write devotions of about 300 words for our 2026 Advent Devotional. Children of all ages are encouraged to sign up as well! The 2026 Adent theme is "Visions, Dreams, Prophecies, & Exaltations." Use the code to the right to sign up, or visit scapc.org/advent. Questions? Email katie@scapc.org.

SCOTTISH HERITAGE SUNDAY is coming up on October 25! Visiting pastor and Selley Series Speaker Rev. Dr. Glenn Bell will preach at both morning services and lead a special Sunday School class on the innovative work of pastors and churches at 9:30. We will incorporate worship elements from our denomination's very beginnings, enjoy a rousing bagpiper procession, and recognize SCAPC's 50+ year members. We encourage everyone to wear tartan!

COME CELEBRATE MICHELE! On Sunday, October 25 following 10:30 worship in Frampton Fellowship Hall, we will hold a special celebration in honor of Michele Murphy's 20 years at SCAPC as our Director of Christian Education! Come enjoy some treats and fun memories while we recognize Michele for her excellent service in the spiritual formation of our congregation.

LUNCH AT NOMA & MUSIC AT THE SCULPTURE GARDEN: On Sunday, October 25 at 12:30 p.m., all are invited to lunch at Dickie Brennan's Acorn Café at the Children's Museum in City Park. The cost is $20/person by check to SCAPC or Venmo Michele Murphy (email michele@scapc.org for username). Following lunch from 2:00-4:00 we will enjoy "Music in the Garden" at the Sydney and Walda Besthoff Sculpture Garden at the New Orleans Museum of Art. Enjoy local musicians performing live music alongside modern and traditional artworks across the garden. The concert is free.

The 2026 MEN'S RETREAT is taking place Friday-Saturday, November 13-14 in Pass Christian, Mississippi. Our theme is "Wholesome (Less Toxic) Masculinity" led by the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Kane of Second Presbyterian Church of Little Rock. For details and registration, go to scapc.org/mens-retreat or the SCAPC app under events. The registration deadline is October 30.

COLLEGE CUBA MISSION TRIP, JAN 6 – 13, 2027: This trip is open to students 18–25 years old who are interested in growing in mutual relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ abroad through our partnerships in Cuba. We will fly round-trip to Havana and travel to several churches supported by SCAPC, meeting Cuban congregation members, assisting in restoration and maintenance projects, participating in local worship, and having free time to get to know the culture, people, and island. SCAPC hosts several trips to Cuba each year, has maintained close relationships with key partners, and monitors the safety of the trip. For more information and cost, contact Michele Murphy at michele@scapc.org or visit scapc.org/college-cuba or the SCAPC app.