



GATHERING

•WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
VOLUNTARY

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

Steven Blackmon, organ

•*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Nick White (8:30); Trenton Sundmaker (10:30)

We have gathered here this morning to worship God.

We have come seeking comfort, inspiration, community, and insight.

We have come to open ourselves to the power of God's presence in our midst.

We have come to offer up the seasons and the turnings in our lives, and to ask God's help in our learning and in our growing.

Let us worship God!

•*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord of the seasons, there is a time for dying and a time for new birth; a time to speak and a time to keep quiet. Help us discern your will for us now. Lord of autumn leaves and warm berries, help us to let go gracefully and to rejoice in the color and fruitfulness of this moment. Wrap us in the shawl of eternity and teach us to await with wonder the new shoots of your love. In this time of worship, in the midst of the beauty of the changing seasons, remind us of not only your goodness present with us in every time and place, but also of the blessings of change and the ways in which you are at work, in the world and in us. Amen.

•†HYMN 367

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

•CALL TO CONFESSION

•PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Merciful God, you do not call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. We do not always trust in your good gifts and we find it difficult to believe that the invitation to the wedding banquet is meant for us. Instead of trusting in your promises, we want to make sure that we've earned our place at the table, but you call us instead to help make sure that there is enough room for more – more love, more justice, more peace, more grace. Draw us away from the easy roads that lead to destruction, and guide us into paths that lead to life abundant, that in seeking your truth, and obeying your will, we may know the joy of being a disciple 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.*)

Isaiah 25:1-9

†MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Andie Stagg

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

Matthew 22:1-14

•SERMON

"Wedding Etiquette"

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

•*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA)*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

•*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn 581

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (*Hymnal, p. 35*)

•THE OFFERING

Offertory

"Prelude"

Gjeilo

Rejoice, resound with joy, oh you blessed souls, singing sweet songs; in response to your singing let the heavens sing forth with me.

You, oh crown of virgins, grant us peace, console our feelings, from which our hearts sigh.

The Chancel Choir

*Doxology, Hymn 606

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDRETH

*Prayer of Dedication

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

SENDING

•*HYMN 645

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

MIT FREUDEN ZART

•*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, Miriam Hollar, Thomas Schulingkamp, and Wesley Simon; and for the 10:30 service are Laurie Young (captain), Nancy Jane and Charlie Carson, Noah Hardie, Louise Schaefer, and Richard Seelman.

THE COMMUNION SERVERS for the 8:30 service are Nancy Davis and Beth Poe.

THE ACOLYTES for the 10:30 service are Clementine DiSalvo and Caroline Wheeler.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Catherine and Hunter Babin from their daughters, Laura Charbonnet and Kitsie Garland.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES • 9:30 AM • [SCAPC.ORG/SUNDAY-SCHOOL](https://scapc.org/sunday-school)

ADULTS

“Exodus: God Revealed to Moses and His Community”: led today by Neale Miller | Land Building & Zoom
Studying the transition of the Hebrews from a group of tribes to a nation and how Jesus is the fulfillment of the Old Testament

“When Kids Ask Hard Questions”: led today by Bria Rault | 2nd floor conference room
This week's topic: “Good Enough for Jesus: On Body Image”

YOUTH & CHILDREN

Youth Sunday School (grades 6-12): 3rd floor Youth Room

Challenger Class (grades 4-5): 2nd floor Challenger Classroom

3-year olds through 3rd graders: 2nd floor classrooms by age groups

Nursery (ages 0-3): open 8:15-11:45 a.m. | Bear Classroom, 1st floor corner

AS DISCIPLES, there is much that lies ahead of us in the way of mission in 2024. One vital way to contribute to the mission of this church is to pledge a financial gift towards the 2024 budget through the annual stewardship campaign. Each one of us is called to give, regardless of the size of our gifts. Learn how current year stewardship dollars are being spent, and make your pledge for the coming year at scapc.org/pledge. You can also fill out a pledge card in your pew and place it in the offering plate or make your donation on the new SCAPC app.

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” - Matthew 6:21

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUILDING PROJECT: Over the next few months, you will see scaffolding and construction materials around the exterior of the Sanctuary and Education Buildings as we begin a cleaning and waterproofing project to protect these wonderful buildings.

In this week's WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT program, we will prepare meals for Loaves and Fishes, a feeding ministry of Trinity Episcopal Church. WNO dinner is served weekly at 6 p.m. in Frampton Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$10/adult, \$5/child, and \$25/family. On the menu this week are oven-fried fish, mac and cheese, trucker green beans, salad bar, fruit, cobbler, and ice cream. Learn more about WNO and make your reservation by tomorrow (Monday) at 5 p.m. at scapc.org/wno or on the SCAPC app.

SCAPC HOSTS MANHATTAN CHAMBER PLAYERS: Tomorrow at 7:30 p.m., the Manhattan Chamber Players will perform “some of the most unabashedly Romantic music of Johannes Brahms” featuring soprano Faylotte Crayton and a clarinet quintet. The concert will take place in the Sanctuary. It is free and open to the public.

BONHOEFFER THEOLOGY DISCUSSION: Starting this Thursday at 12:15 p.m. in the second-floor conference room, the weekly Theology Reading Group will start discussing Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Faith in Community*. These dynamic discussions led by Chris Currie will explore Bonhoeffer's theological themes. Come join us in person, on Zoom, or listen to the recordings posted each week at scapc.org/theology. For further info, please email Miriam Hollar at miriam@scapc.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FLOWER MINISTRY: The Congregational Care Committee is in need of volunteers to help on Mondays at 9:00 a.m. Enjoy a pleasurable and easy morning assembling and/or delivering flowers that will bring joy to those in our congregation who are in need. No experience is necessary! Available dates are October 16 and 30; November 13 and 20; and December 4. Go to scapc.org/volunteer to sign up. You can reach out Gail Kaliszkeski at gkaliszkeski@cox.net with any questions.

BAKERS NEEDED FOR SCOTTISH HERITAGE RECEPTION: For Scottish Heritage Sunday on October 29, we are seeking volunteers to bake shortbread, oatmeal and oatmeal lace cookies, mini-scones, and mini-lemon tarts. Recipes can be provided if needed. If you would like to contribute, please sign up at scapc.org/volunteer.

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