St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church

Morning Worship | Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost | October 18, 2026 | 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

•WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Chris Currie
VOLUNTARY — Steven Blackmon, organ
•*CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)* — Amy Kehlenbach

This is the day that the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us worship God!

•*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, new every morning is your love, great God of light, and all day long you are working for good in the world. Stir up in us the desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors and to devote each day to your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

•†*HYMN 624 — "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" — Toulon
•CALL TO CONFESSION
•PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,
that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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 133
†MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN
•SECOND READING *(response:* **Thanks be to God.***)* — Ephesians 4:1-16
•SERMON — "Unity in the Midst of Diversity" — Harry Barrow
•*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: "The Apostles' Creed" *(unison, Hymnal, p. 35)*
•*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn 581 — "Glory Be to the Father" — Gloria Patri
INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Recognition of New Members

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

Offertory — "O Great God" — Kauflin

O great God of highest heaven, occupy my lowly heart. Own it all, and reign supreme, conquering every rebel power.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists your holy war. You have loved and purchased me; make me yours forevermore.
I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice; did not know your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys. Then your spirit gave me life, opened up your word to me, through the gospel of your son, gave me endless hope and peace. Help me now to live a life that's dependent on your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face. You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heaven, glorify your name through me.

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)*

SENDING

•*HYMN 306 — "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" — Dennis
•*CHARGE AND BLESSING
*CHORAL RESPONSE — "An Irish Blessing" — Blackmon
•*VOLUNTARY

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

IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

We welcome back to the pulpit THE REV. DR. HARRY BARROW who has served as our guest pastor for the last two weeks. 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 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 Robert Edgecombe and Michael O'Keefe.

TODAY'S ACOLYTES are Ann-Kempter and Lilly Wheeler.

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Children four years old and older are encouraged to remain in the service with their families and participate in the children's message during the service. After the message, children first grade and younger may go with the sitters to the playground for a time of play. Parents may pick up children after the service outside.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in honor of our visiting pastor, Harry Barrow, from our grateful congregation.

THE REFRESHMENTS IN FRAMPTON FELLOWSHIP HALL have been provided by Stacey Danner.

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 "Where we have been, where we are now, where we might go, and what's the point?"

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

Scottish Heritage Sunday

TARTANS! BAGPIPES! KILTS!

Next Sunday, our Selley Series speaker **Rev. Dr. Glenn Bell** will preach at both services and lead an adult Sunday School class at 9:30 a.m. in Frampton Fellowship Hall. Dr. Bell is a Presbyterian minister who served churches in North Carolina, Indiana, and Florida. He recently retired from the Presbyterian Foundation where he served as Senior Vice President of Development. He has been a pastor to pastors throughout the denomination, helping provide supportive connective tissue, as well as helping to raise the profile of innovative ministries happening throughout the denomination.

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!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Sarah Ruth Altman

Sarah Bartley

Det Beal

William Boyer

Tommy Brown

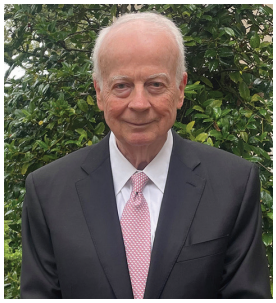
Scott Burns

Tom Chambers

Sean Chaney (with wife Jessie Bruggers and daughter Hazel)

Will Cockerham

Hanson and Betsy Horn (with son Bill)



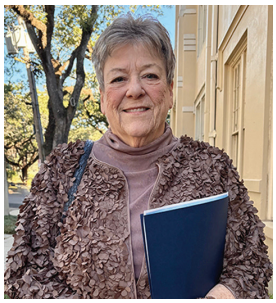
Jerry Jackson

Chris Keene (with wife Jennifer and daughter Emilia)

Michael and Cayla Kennedy

Sherri and LeRoy Lambert

Rachel and Chris Merritt (with son Henry)

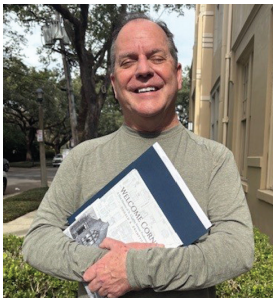


Mary Olson

Rebecca Prosino

Reese Rutherford

Kate and Jack Wimberly with daughter Cece



Knight Worley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next JOURNALING CLUB will meet this Tuesday, October 20, at 6:00 p.m. in the Phifer Library. Led by Harriet Riley, this club offers a holy space to gather for creative solitude and community. We are inspired by prompts from Suleika Jaouad's "The Book of Alchemy" and other creative musings. Bring your favorite journal and pen!

Check out the WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT webpage (scapc.org/wno) or the SCAPC app events tile for dinner reservations and details on this week's programming, including children's choir practice at 5:30, supervised play and 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. On the menu will be grits and grillades, collard greens, Autumn cobb salad, and pineapple upsidedown cake. Following dinner, Louellen Berger will lead a brief discussion and tour of her "Skeleton House" from 6:40–7:00 p.m. Adult and children's programming will be from 7:00–7:30 p.m. and will include a pastor-led Bible study on "Christianity and Difficult Questions", as well as adult small groups PINTS and BREW.

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 this 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.

Want to participate in the Advent Art but can't make it to the workshop? Email Caitlin, caitlin@scapc.org, and she'll make you a to-go kit of supplies to work on at home. Bring your finished piece into the office to be scanned, or email Caitlin back a high-quality photo or scan of the finished piece. Let's connect all our art together wherever it is made through consistent color and materials to show the thread that binds us all together as a community of faith and fellowship.

YAF PUMPKIN CARVING PARTY: Join the Young Adults and Families on Friday, October 23 for our annual pumpkin carving party (and one of our biggest events!) on the Land Building lawn from 5-7 p.m.! This event is open to adults and kids of all ages to carve or decorate a pumpkin or just hang out and snack! Please RSVP on the SCAPC app or scapc.org/yaf to let us know how many pumpkins to buy. Questions? Email caitlin@scapc.org.

Come Celebrate Michele!

Next 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: Next 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.

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.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Tammy Crabtree and her family on the death of her mother, Barbara Garrett Hudson, who passed away on September 22, and on the death of her father, Bob Hudson, who passed away on October 12.