St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church
Scottish Heritage Sunday

Morning Worship | Scottish Heritage & Reformation Sunday | October 25, 2026 | 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

•WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Chris Currie

PROCESSION — "Highland Cathedral" — Roever and Korb
Pipes and Drums of New Orleans

Presentation of the Bible — Bob Smith, Beadle
(In Scottish worship, the Beadle is responsible for keeping the Bible during the week and delivery it to the pulpit each Sunday.)

•*CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive) (from the Iona Community)* — Judith Halverson

L: For the roots and purpose of this community and for all the communities of which we are a part,
P: Thanks be to God.
L: For all that we share here and all that we can now share with others.
P: Thanks be to God.
L: For the paths that lie before us and our future in God's hands,
P: Thanks be to God.
L: May God's blessing be upon us this day,
P: And on our pilgrim's way and journey home.

•*PRAYER OF THE DAY (from the German Reformed Church)

May thy blessing, O Lord, be upon our persons, upon our labors, upon our substance, and upon all that belongs to us. In prosperity, may we not forget thee, and in adversity may we still trust in thy wisdom, mercy, and love; knowing that whatever seeming evils befall us in this valley of tears, they shall all turn out to our advantage. And, whatever thou dost deny us, O withhold not that grace which bringeth salvation. Amen.

•†*HYMN 385 — "All People That On Earth Do Dwell" — Old Hundredth

•CALL TO CONFESSION

•PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)* (from the Church of Scotland)

God of mercy and grace, you know the secrets of our hearts: how blind we are to our own faults, yet harsh in judging others; how swift we are to take for gain, yet slow to give for others; how proud we are of our successes, yet grudging in our praise of others.
Remember, Lord, your tender care and love unfailing. Do not remember our sins and offences, but remember us in your goodness, in accordance with your endless mercy; 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.***)* — Deuteronomy 26:1-11

†MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN — Chris Currie

•SECOND READING *(response:* **Thanks be to God.***)* — Romans 15:7-13

•SERMON — "Memory & Hope: Echoes of the Past/Into The Future" — Glen Bell

•*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from the Iona Community)

We believe in God, who conceived all that is created, God who fathers and mothers all people.
We believe in Jesus Christ, God's firstborn and only Lord of the earth.
He came down from both heaven and the womb of the virgin Mary;
He lived in solidarity with humankind, befriending, teaching, healing, and restoring;
He was denied and betrayed by his friends; and was done to death by the state.
He descended to the place of oblivion, rose to life again on the third day,
and ascended to heaven where he sits at God's right hand.
This same Jesus will come again in glory to judge the living and dead.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, whose dynamic presence can make all things new.
And we believe in the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

•*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn 581 — "Glory Be to the Father" — Gloria Patri

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP
PRESENTATION OF HERITAGE MEMBERS:
Sydney Lawder, Laura Shields, George White, Barbara Bush, Allen Bell, Michael Bell, John Morton IV, Rebecca Brandao, Mary Monsted, Ken Smith, Mimi Smith, Ashton Phelps Jr., David Edwards, Catherine Edwards

PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES: Michele Murphy
PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER *(Hymnal, p. 35)*
•THE OFFERING

Offertory "Pilgrim's Hymn" PAULUS

Even before we call on Your name
To ask You, O God,
When we seek for the words to glorify You,
You hear our prayer.
Unceasing love, O unceasing love
Surpassing all we know.

Glory to the Father
And to the Son
And to the Holy Spirit.

Even with the darkness sealing us in,
We breathe Your name.
And through all the days that follow so fast
We trust in You.
Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace
Beyond all mortal dream.

Both now and forever,
And unto ages and ages,
Amen.

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 320 "The Church of Christ in Every Age" WAREHAM
•*CHARGE AND BLESSING
*CHORAL RESPONSE "A Scottis Blyssing" Blackmon/Willcox
•*VOLUNTARY

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

IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

TODAY'S USHERS for the 8:30 service are Thomas Schulingkamp, Bob Smith, and Wesley Simon; 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 ACOLYTES are Laurel Rowland and Lilla Rowland.

THE PRAY GROUND in the Phifer Library 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 loving memory of Ruth V. and Martin L. Jones; Gerald A. Derks, Louis L. Frierson, Louis L. Frierson Jr, Dr. Lincoln D. Paine by their family Jackie Derks, Ruthie Frierson, Judy Paine, Dr. Martin Jones, Ann and Denis Milliner

THE WHITE ROSES IN THE SANCTUARY are given in honor of the birth of Walter Lampton Nijoka, son of Tupper and Michael Nijoka and grandson of Tupper and Tom Allen, who was born on October 14.

Scottish Heritage Sunday

TARTANS! BAGPIPES! KILTS!

Today we welcome Selley Series speaker **Rev. Dr. Glen Bell** to preach at both services and lead an adult Sunday School class at 9:30 in Frampton Fellowship Hall titled "Ecclesial Imagination & Innovation - and St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church". 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. In his role he has been a pastor to pastors throughout the denomination, helped provide supportive connective tissue, and has also helped raise the profile of innovative ministries happening throughout the denomination.
Following worship, we will enjoy scones and shortbread as we celebrate Michele Murphy's 20-year anniversary at SCAPC! *(see below)*

Come Celebrate Michele Today!

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.

ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2026 Heritage Members

HONORING MEMBERS WHO HAVE SHOWN GREAT FAITH
TO THIS BODY OF CHRIST FOR 50 YEARS AND MORE!

NEW 50 YEAR MEMBERS

Mrs. Sydney Lawder
Mrs. Laura Shields
Mr. George White
Mrs. Barbara Bush
Mr. Allen Bell
Mr. Michael Bell
Mr. John Morton, IV
Mrs. Rebecca Brandao
Mrs. Mary Monsted
Dr. and Mrs. Ken Smith
Mr. Ashton Phelps, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. David Edwards

51-60 YEAR MEMBERS

Mrs. Dale Curry
Mr. Bob Vorhoff
Mr. Mayson Buffington
Mrs. Ellen Brierre
Mr. & Mrs. A. William Marchal
Mr. & Mrs. John Church
Mr. Thomas Benjamin
Mrs. Ruth Winston
Mrs. Janet Favrot
Ms. Martha Beveridge
Mrs. Patricia Brinson
Mr. William Gahagan
Mary Fischer Johnson
Mrs. Barbara Montgomery
Mrs. Elizabeth Hassinger
Mrs. Barbara Montgomery
Mrs. Pierce L. Jonassen
Mrs. Jackie Derks
Mrs. Anne Mathes
Mrs. Julianne Lansing
Mrs. Judy Paine
Mrs. Bonnie Hobden
Dr. & Mrs. Chesley Hines Jr.
Mr. Henry Chotard Eustis III
Miss Jane Trevor Eustis
Mr. Hans A. B. Jonassen
Mrs. Louise Hoffman
Mr. Walter Francis Becker Jr.
Mrs. Nell Lanier
Mr. Paul J. Leaman Jr.
Mrs. Patricia Hardin
Mrs. Margaret Sanders Phelps
Mrs. Kathryn Smallpage
Mrs. Mary Price Robinson
Mrs. Judy Gessner

61-70 YEAR MEMBERS

Ms. Tina Louise Freeman
Mrs. Lois Downing
Mrs. Barbara V. Johnsen
Mrs. Kay LeJeune
Mrs. Sandra D. Freeman
Mrs. Ann Milliner
Mr. Thomas B. Favrot Jr.
Miss Cecile Gordon
Mr. John Michael Landis
Mrs. Ruthie Frierson
Mrs. Mary Lou O'Keefe
Miss Delia Lane Hardie
Mr. Wylmer Crenshaw Pool
Mrs. Candy Ulmer Cranch
Mrs. Millie Ball
Mrs. Claudia Fenner
Mrs. Molly Gahagan

71-80 YEAR MEMBERS

Mr. John Alan Bolles
Mr. Edward C. Mathes
Mr. Earl L. Mathes Jr.
Mrs. Sissy Curry
Ms. Frances Darrah McCall
Mr. John F. Morton, Jr.

81+ YEAR MEMBERS

Mrs. Anne Robinson
Mrs. Margaret Ann Lindsey

Sanctuary Tartan Banners

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CHANCEL

PULPIT

Louisiana Tartan

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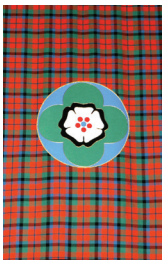
Maxwell Tartan
Margaret and Max Maxwell

Snodgrass Tartan
Holly and Geoff Snodgrass



McNaughton Tartan
Joan and Eean McNaughton

Urquhart Tartan
Quentin and Anne Urquhart

Morrison Tartan
Emily and Cam Morrison

Morrison Tartan
Shauna and David Grissett

McLeod Tartan
Colleen and Don Frampton

Keith Tartan
Colleen and Don Frampton

NARTHEX

ST. CHARLES AVENUE

STATE STREET

Banner design by Shauna Grissett
Banner seamstress, Christyn Elliot, Caledonian Society of New Orleans
Paraments and Vestments by Judith Halverson and Wendi Adams

The antiquity of tartan is amply proved by the many references to it in early Scottish literature and in the many written accounts of travelers who visited Scotland several hundred years ago. The ancient method of describing tartan was to refer to it as "mottled," "checkered," "striped," "sundry colored," and so on, but the Gaelic word for tartan is breacan, *meaning checkered, and is aptly descriptive of the check-like arrangement of tartan patterns. For many centuries tartan formed part of the everyday garb of the Highland people, and while it was also worn in other parts of Scotland, it was in the Highlands that its use continued and developed until it became recognized as a symbol of Clan kinship.*
- from Robert Bain's Clans and Tartans of Scotland

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

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

New next week! Romans for Everyone | November 1-22 | Phifer Library
Led by Stewart Peck
Paul's epistle to the Romans stands as his masterpiece, addressing a plethora of topics from numerous angles. It weaves them into a captivating and swiftly flowing line of thought. Its energy and excitement stem from unveiling God's power and grace through Jesus, accessible to all who believe.

Resuming Next Week: The Whiteboard Bible | September 13 - November 22 | Second-floor conference room
Led by Elizabeth Penn, Erika Cunningham, Lacy Edgecombe, & Michelle Greene
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 2: A Nation Divided to the Gospels

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 chicken pot pie, roasted broccoli, glazed carrots, salad, and chocolate mousse. Following dinner, programming for all ages will run 6:45-7:30 and will include a pastor-led Bible study on "Christianity and Difficult Questions", adult small groups PINTS and BREW, and a children's activity that will be making soup kit jars for our neighbors at Okra Abbey.

NEW LIBRARY HOURS! The Phifer Library is now open every Monday morning from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Our volunteer librarian Ruth Hickox is also leading monthly "Critics Corners" from 9-10 a.m. on the second Monday of each month. If you would enjoy some book discussion and exchange of ideas for your favorite (or least favorite) reads, come join in! 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.

Our next MAHJONG MONDAY will be Tuesday, November 2, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Land Building! Know the basic rules of the game? Beginners through experts of all ages are invited to join a table or sign up a group on the SCAPC app or through our calendar page. This is a game night, not a tutorial program. There is no fee for the event.

It's time for the 4th Annual YAF TENNIS TOURNAMENT! Join us for this adults-only event at the City Park Tennis Courts on Sunday, November 8, from 4-6 p.m. The suggested donation is $10 per player. Bring your own racquet or they have them available there! We'll head to Blue Oak to eat afterwards! RSVP at scapc.org/tennis or on the SCAPC app. Questions? Email caitlin@scapc.org.

Our next MAHJONG MONDAY will be held November 2 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Land Building! Mahjong Monday is held on the first Monday of each month. It is open to all skill levels, though a basic knowledge of the game is requested. Tables are open and there is no fee for the event. Sign up at scapc.org/calendar or on the SCAPC app.

SCAPC Pilgrimage
Cathedrals & Communities of Faith
England & Scotland
October 5 - October 13

Earlier this month, a host of SCAPC members undertook a pilgrimage to "Cathedrals and Communities of Faith" in England and Scotland, led by Chris Currie. Included in their journey were visits to St. Paul's Cathedral for Evensong and Westminster Abbey in London, Canterbury and Durham Cathedrals, Lindisfarm (the Holy Island), abbeys along the Scottish borders including Melrose Abbey, and St. Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh.

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