

# ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SCOTTISH HERITAGE SUNDAY

October 31, 2021 | Reformation Sunday  
8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Services

### GATHERING

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS  
VOLUNTARY

“Highland Cathedral”  
Pipes and Drums of New Orleans

Sarah Chancellor-Watson  
Roever and Korb

PROCESSION

Dave Grissett, Beadle

*\*In early Scottish worship, the Beadle was responsible for keeping the Bible during the week and delivering it to the pulpit each Sunday.*

•\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive, adapted from the Iona Abbey Worship Book*)

Louise Hutcheon

This is a place where saints are found, a sacred house, a holy ground;

**Where scripture, song, and fervent prayer, work and discussion, food and care, have shaped the heritage we share.**

This is a place where saints are grown, as faith is shared and love is shown.

**Where all who doubt or who believe are asked to give and to receive and share with Christ the air we breathe.**

This is a time of fond surprise for hearts and minds and ears and eyes,

**Where what’s gone wrong can be forgiven and what’s to come is glimpsed or given as earth makes room for more of heaven.**

This is the place and space and time, for paths to walk and hills to climb,

**For us to find a better view, of all that’s good and just and true, and to let God’s Spirit make all things new.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (*an ancient Celtic rune of hospitality*)

We saw a stranger yesterday. We put food in the eating place, drink in the drinking place, music in the listening place. And, in the sacred name of the triune God, he blessed us and our house, our cattle and our dear ones. As the lark says in her song: often, often, often goes the Christ in stranger’s guise. Amen.

•†\*HYMN 664

“Morning Has Broken”

BUNESSAN

•CALL TO CONFESSION

•PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison, by John Calvin, 1509-1564*)

**Grant, Almighty God, that as thou art pleased to try our patience, by requiring mutual justice, and the offices of love and benevolence—O grant, that we may not be wolves one to another, but show ourselves to be really thy children, by observing all those duties of justice and kindness which thou commandest, and thus follow what is right and just through the whole course of our life, that we may at length enjoy that blessedness which is laid up for us in heaven, through 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.*)

Psalms 146

Hymn 806

“I’ll Praise My Maker”

OLD 113TH\*

*\*The Church of Scotland, like many Protestant churches in Europe, relied heavily on communal psalm singing of metrical paraphrases of the Psalms. Many of the psalms were set to traditional Scottish tunes and folk tunes. Today’s sung psalm, however, written and arranged by Isaac Watts, was probably set to an earlier psalm setting familiar to Continental Protestants.*

†MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN:

Chris Hazlaris

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

Mark 12:28-34

•SERMON

“Writing Straight with Crooked Lines”

Chris Currie

•\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “Scots Confession” (*unison*)

**As we believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, so we firmly believe that from the beginning there has been, now is, and to the end of the world shall be, one Kirk, that is to say, one company and multitude of men (and women) chosen by God, who rightly worship and embrace him by true faith in Christ Jesus, who is the only Head of the Kirk, even as it is the body and spouse of Christ Jesus. The Kirk is catholic, that is, universal, because it contains the chosen of all ages, of all realms, nations, and tongues, be they of the Jews or be they of the Gentiles, who have communion and society with God the Father, and with his Son, Christ Jesus, through the sanctification of the Holy Spirit. It is therefore called the communion, not of profane persons, but of saints, who, as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, have the fruit of inestimable benefits, one God, one Lord Jesus, one faith, and one baptism.**

•\*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn 581

“Glory Be to the Father”

GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

RECOGNITION OF FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS

Nell Lanier

•THE OFFERING

Offertory Anthem

“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go”

Helvey

The Chancel Choir Chamber Singers

\*Doxology, Hymn 606

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer (*Hymnal, p. 35*)

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•8:30 service | \*Please stand as you are able | †Latecomers seated  
Large print bulletins are available. Please see an usher.

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

## SENDING

- \*HYMN 275
- \*CHARGE AND BLESSING
- \*CHORAL RESPONSE
- \*VOLUNTARY

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

EIN' FESTE BURG

"A Scottis Blyssing"

Blackmon/Willcox

"Amazing Grace"

Pipes and Drums of New Orleans

## IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in honor of our new Head of Staff and Senior Pastor, Chris Currie, by the church staff.

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 Jeff Young (captain), Charlie and Nancy Jane Carson, Noah Hardie, Louise Schaefer, Richard Seelman, and Laurie Young.

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.

COFFEE & TREATS will be served outside on State Street following the 10:30 service (only), weather permitting.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 9:30-10:15: [scapc.org/sunday-school](https://scapc.org/sunday-school) for details and Zoom links

ADULT CLASSES (Please note that next Sunday, these classes will be replaced by the "Three (Southern) States" class. See below for details.)

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

Exploring a humorous marriage, parenting, and family podcast by a father-son duo with Ph.D.'s in Clinical Counseling.

"First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God" - October 10-November 21 | Land Building Lakeside Room and Zoom:

A study of the historical Jesus and the Kingdom of God told on location throughout 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 [scapc.org/youth](https://scapc.org/youth). CHILDREN ages 2 - 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.

THE NURSERY is open today from 8:15-11:45 a.m. for children ages 0-3.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

THREE (SOUTHERN) SAINTS: During the Sunday School hour next week, Chris Currie will lead a class entitled "Three (Southern) Saints: The Faith of Will Campbell, Vernon Johns, and Flannery O'Connor", examining their responses to the social norms of the American South in the 1940s, 50s, and 60s. The class will take place at 9:30 a.m. in Frampton Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. Learn more at [scapc.org/class](https://scapc.org/class).

MEET THE CURRIES! We will be holding several "Welcome Corner" receptions in different neighborhoods (Uptown, Metairie, River Ridge, and Lakeview) to give you an opportunity to visit with Stephanie and Chris. The receptions will all take place on Sundays from 5-6:30 p.m. Space is limited and reservations are required. Please visit [scapc.org/rsvp](https://scapc.org/rsvp) for details.

Our WALK-BY-WEDNESDAY displays are set up weekly from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on St Charles Avenue. All ages are invited to come reflect on a Bible verse and participate in a related obstacle course. This week's theme is "Thankful for Friends."

CONGRATULATIONS are extended to Betsy and Thomas Favrot on the birth of their daughter, and to Janet and Thomas Favrot on the birth of their granddaughter, Ann Marie Favrot, who was born on October 2.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Sarah Chancellor-Watson on the death of her grandfather, Charles Longacre, who died on October 19; as well as to Dale Curry and her family on the death of her husband, Doug Curry, who died on October 25. A service was held yesterday in the Sanctuary.

It's not too late to make your 2022 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE! Visit [scapc.org/pledge](https://scapc.org/pledge) to learn about the programs your dollars support and to submit your pledge.

## STAFF SPOTLIGHTS

This week we will spotlight Michele Murphy who has served as Director of Christian Education for 15 years! Read more about Michele in this Tuesday's Quatrefoil e-newsletter. Text "SCAPC" to 22828 to join the e-mail list or sign up at [scapc.org](https://scapc.org).



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