



ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Morning Worship | Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2023 | 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

•GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
VOLUNTARY

“Why do the nations so furiously rage together?” from *Messiah*
Ken Weber, bass-baritone

Chris Currie
Handel

INTROIT: Children’s Choirs I and II

“My God Is So Great”

arr. Larsen

•*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Denise Morse

In baptism, we have been claimed by God, marked as Christ’s own forever, and freed by the Holy Spirit to serve and flourish in this world.

In the waters of baptism, God is making all things new.

In baptism, we have been citizens of God’s kingdom and set free from the power of sin.

In the waters of baptism, Jesus Christ is making all things new.

In baptism, we are given a God-given calling through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

In the waters of baptism, the Holy Spirit is making all things new.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, by the gift of water and your Holy Spirit you sustain all life. As we gather here to worship, may we remember our baptism and be grateful, so that we fulfill the Spirit’s calling in our lives. May we impact others and the world around us for your sake, and may we flourish as the true humanity we are in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

•†*HYMN 410

“God Is Calling through the Whisper”

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•CALL TO CONFESSION

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

•PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

For the right roads we have avoided traveling, for the kindly words we refused to share; for the false gods who received our worship, and for the true selves in Christ we have starved of love, God by your grace forgive us.

For the hidden hurts we have held too tightly, for the promises which we never kept; for the careless use of our time and money and the lame excuses we should never have made, Lord have mercy upon us.

For all we should be and all we can still amend, for all you may ask of us and your high expectations for us, Spirit in your persistent love, renew us and prepare us.

For the life of the world and the love of its people, for the humanity of Jesus Christ we seek to reflect in every human life, in Christ’s love, commit us.

By your grace, take us as we are, summon out what we shall be, forgive what we have been and amend what we are 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 PARDON

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING (*response: Thanks be to God.*)

Jeremiah 31:31-34

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:30 service)

August Edward Walther

Presentation

Stewart Peck, Presenting Elder

Affirmation of Faith “The Apostles’ Creed” (*unison, Hymnal p. 35*)

Questions to Parents

Baptism

Presentation and Prayer

ANTHEM: Ringers & Singers Choir

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Dykes

†MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Challenger Class

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

John 12:20-33

•SERMON

“Reflection in the Water”

Jennifer Lord

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: “The Apostles’ Creed” (*unison, Hymnal, p. 35*)

•*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn 581

“Glory Be to the Father”

GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

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

•THE OFFERING

Offertory

“Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace”

Wesley

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee. The darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day.

The darkness and the light to thee are both alike. God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee, for thine is the power and the glory forevermore.

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 547

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

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•*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

“The Irish Blessing”

Blackmon

•*VOLUNTARY

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

TODAY’S USHERS for the 8:30 service are Mayson Buffington, Miriam Hollar, Thomas Schulingkamp, and Wesley Simon; for the 10:30 service are Rick Grubb (captain), Randy Evans, Jackie Derks, Carro and Billy Gardner, Mimi Koch, JoNell Quinton, and Russell Steele.

TODAY’S ACOLYTES for the 10:30 service are Clementine DiSalvo and Maddie Duvernay.

SERVING COMMUNION at the 8:30 service are Beth Poe and Laurie Young.

THIS MORNING

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHAPEL are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Helen Land Ledbetter from her children, John and Dee Ledbetter, Anne Ledbetter, Lee Ledbetter and Douglas Meffert, and Woody and Karen Ledbetter.



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM is being administered today to **AUGUST EDWARD WALTHER**, son of Megan and Kyle Walther, grandson of Renee and Stewart Peck.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harvey Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Edward Hassinger, and Mr. Robert Conery Hassinger, by the Robert Conery Hassinger family.

THE WHITE ROSE IN THE SANCTUARY has been placed in honor of the birth of Madeleine Rhea McGoey, daughter of Whitney and Will McGoey, granddaughter of Kathy and Bill McGoey, who was born on October 6.

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.

LUPBERGER LECTURE 2023



This morning we welcome **Rev. Dr. Jennifer Lord** as our 2023 Lupberger Lecture Series speaker. Dr. Lord is Professor of Homiletics and Liturgical Studies at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. In addition to preaching, she will teach a combined Sunday School class at 9:30 a.m. in Frampton Fellowship Hall entitled **“Standing in Our Baptismal Power: Spirituality for the Ages.”** Following the 10:30 service she will also lead a “light lunch and talk” in the Land Building. Dr. Lord’s lectures will engage the rite and theology of baptism to help us think about the church as a community of the baptized and what a baptismal spirituality means for the life of faith in this storm-tossed world.

Established by a generous gift from SCAPC members Ed and Donna Lupberger, the Lupberger Lecture Series hosts noted theologians for a weekend of theological study.

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

ADULTS

Today, all adults are invited to attend Rev. Dr. Jennifer Lord’s special class in Frampton Fellowship Hall. (See above).

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This afternoon at 4:00, Pastoral Resident Ashley Brown has organized an INTERFAITH DIALOGUE for members of our church and members of the Abu Bakr Al Siddique Mosque. We will meet at the Islamic School of Greater New Orleans, 2420 Illinois Avenue in Kenner. We have a few open slots, so please contact Ashley asap at 512-210-9330 or ashley@scapc.org if you would like to attend.

SCAPC will host the INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE, led by our clergy this Thursday, November 16, at 6 p.m. What does the church have to offer to the world in such a time as this? We hope to send the message to our larger world in the midst of hostility, to use the words of Psalm 133: ‘How good and pleasant it is when kindred dwell together in unity.’ Thank you for joining in these efforts to work toward the unity, harmony, and peace that is inseparable from God’s vision of humanity and all creation. An informal reception will be held in Frampton Fellowship Hall following the service.

For this week’s WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT, we will assemble “Blessing Bags” for those in need in our community. 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 turkey, stuffing, rice and gravy, green peas, salad bar, fruit, and pumpkin pie with ice cream. Learn more about WNO and make your reservation by tomorrow (Monday) at 5 p.m. at scapc.org/wno or on the new SCAPC app.

The annual YAF FRIENDSGIVING FEAST will be held Saturday, November 18 from 5-7 p.m. in the Land Building. All Young Adults & Families are invited to come for a delicious pot-luck dinner with friends! We will also be collecting fresh and canned fruit and vegetables for Okra Abbey’s community fridge. Please RSVP on the SCAPC app by Wednesday, November 15th!

VOLUNTEER WITH THE ADEN PROGRAM FOR ELDER CARE: Word is spreading and Aden is growing! In order to continue providing support for our Aden participants, we need more volunteers. Whether you have one hour a month or a few hours each week, we need you! No special skills are required. Learn more about the program and sign up at scapc.org/aden.

Aden Program Director Kasey Bealer will be hosting a VIRTUAL CARE PARTNER SUPPORT SERIES on Monday mornings from 10-11:30 a.m. beginning November 20. This five-week series will run through December 18 and will provide dementia education and support for people caring for those living with dementia. For more information on topics, cost, and how to reserve your seat for the series, please contact Kasey at aden@scapc.org.