



# ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Morning Worship | Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023 | 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

## GATHERING

### •WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Moment for Mission: PW Thank Offering

Ashley Brown

8:30 Nancy Davis | 10:30 JoNell Quinton

### VOLUNTARY

Steven Blackmon, organ

### •\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Kristi Trail

We enter here as humans, made of the same flesh. Our only differences are our lived experiences, which shape how we view ourselves and others.

#### **Breathe Life into us, O Lord.**

We stand here as siblings in Christ, freed by your Son's sacrifice of life. We are united by this holy love.

#### **Breathe Gratitude into us, O Lord.**

We will depart here and return to the world outside these doors where we serve as ambassadors of our faith.

#### **Breathe Empathy into us, O Lord.**

#### **Together, Let us be still, and know that you are God.**

### •\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Serenity Prayer by Reinhold Niebuhr*)

God, grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

### •†\*HYMN 840

"When Peace like a River"

VILLE DU HAVRE

### •CALL TO CONFESSION

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

### •PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Holy God, you are with us always, even in the darkness of night. You see each of our victories, and each transgression we pass against you and others. We ask today that you remind us of your presence in our lives, especially in those moments where we cannot feel you and when our faith and hope is exhausted. Restore our depleted reserves and let us cast your light upon the shadows of our sins. Help us buff out the tarnished bits of our silvered souls and reflect love and light out into the world beyond. 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.*)

Judges 4:1-7

### †MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Allison Thomas

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

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

### •SERMON

"A Sermon on Addiction"

Ashley Brown

### •\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: "The Apostles' Creed" (*unison, Hymnal, p. 35*)

### •\*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn 581

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

### INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (*Hymnal, p. 35*)

### •THE OFFERING

#### Offertory

"Seek Him that Maketh the Seven Stars"

Dove

Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning.

Alleluia, yea, the darkness shineth as the day. The night is light about me. Amen.

The Chancel Choir; Meg Frazier, conductor

#### \*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 379

"We Shall Overcome"

WE SHALL OVERCOME

### •\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

"A Scottis Blyssing"

Blackmon/Willcox

### •\*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 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 ACOLYTE for the 10:30 service is William Thomas.

SERVING COMMUNION at the 8:30 service are Nancy Davis and Bob Smith.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James H. Kepper, Jr. and Louise Trimble Kepper, Lucille and Charles Schaefer, and C. Gary Schaefer, by Louise Schaefer, their children and grandchildren.

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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADDICTION RESOURCES: To go along with today's sermon, Pastoral Resident Ashley Brown compiled a list of local organizations, helplines, online communities, books and other resources for substance abuse prevention. Visit at [scapc.org/addiction](http://scapc.org/addiction).

BUILDING MAINTENANCE UNDERWAY: Over the next few months, you will see scaffolding and construction materials around the entire exterior of the Sanctuary and Education Buildings as we undergo a much-needed exterior cleaning and waterproofing project to protect the gift of these wonderful buildings.

Please note that there will be NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. We resume on November 29 with an evening of cookie decorating and trivia! On the menu will be spaghetti and meatballs, Caesar salad, fresh fruit, Christmas cookies and ice cream. WNO dinner is served weekly at 6 p.m. in Frampton Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$10/adult, \$5/child, and \$25/family. Learn more about WNO and make your reservation at [scapc.org/wno](http://scapc.org/wno) or on the new SCAPC app by Monday, November 27 at 5 p.m.

It's time to register for the 2024 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT taking place January 14-15 at the Solomon Conference Center in Loranger, LA! Learn more and download a registration form at [scapc.org/pw-retreat](http://scapc.org/pw-retreat), or visit the retreat table in Frampton Fellowship Hall this morning.

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](http://scapc.org/aden).

NEW WEEKDAY STUDY: Starting Thursday, November 30 at 12:15 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference room, the weekly Theology Reading Group will discuss Marilynne Robinson's *The Givenness of Things*. These dynamic discussions led by Chris Currie will explore Robinson's theological ideas on the human spirit as it exists in contemporary society. Join us in person, on Zoom, or listen to the recordings posted each week at [scapc.org/theology](http://scapc.org/theology). For further info, email Miriam Hollar at [miriam@scapc.org](mailto:miriam@scapc.org).

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES • 9:30 AM • [SCAPC.ORG/SUNDAY-SCHOOL](http://SCAPC.ORG/SUNDAY-SCHOOL)

### ADULTS

**“Exodus: God Revealed to Moses and His Community”**: led today by Donna Ryan | 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 Emma Pegues | 2nd floor conference room  
This week's topic: “Naming What They See: Addressing Wealth, Poverty, and Income Inequality”

### 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

## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2023

THE WHITE GIFT TREE is now up in Frampton Fellowship Hall! A host of ornaments have been hung, each with gift requests for families in need. Choose an ornament or sign up online at [scapc.org/white-gift](http://scapc.org/white-gift). There will also be a White Gift Wrapping Party during Wednesday Night Out on December 6. Make your dinner reservations by December 4 at 5 p.m. ([scapc.org/wno](http://scapc.org/wno)). We will dedicate the gifts on Sunday, December 10 during 10:30 a.m. worship.

Purchase your 2023 RHINO CHRISTMAS CARDS this morning! All proceeds benefit Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans, SCAPC's own rebuilding ministry. RHINO enables local and out-of-town volunteers to give their time, talent, and treasure in service to people in need. Since its inception in October 2005, RHINO has welcomed over 9,000 adult and youth volunteers. Cards are \$20/pack of 5. SCAPC silk scarves and ties by NOLA Couture will also be available for \$55/each (2 for \$100). Visit the RHINO table in Frampton Fellowship Hall on Sunday.

ADVENT LUMINARIES IN MEMORY/HONOR OF LOVED ONES: Luminaries will be lit in front of the church on the nights of December 16-24. The luminaries are \$15/each and can be purchased in honor or memory of a family member, friend, or even pet. Please note that each luminary represents only one individual or couple. Acknowledgements for each memorial and honorarium will be included in the bulletins on December 17 and Christmas Eve, as well as online and in *The Quatrefoil* e-newsletter. The order deadline is December 10. Order yours by filling out the envelope in your pew and enclosing payment, or by purchasing online at [scapc.org/luminaries](http://scapc.org/luminaries) or on the new SCAPC app.



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