



ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 28, 2021 | First Sunday of Advent
8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Services

GATHERING

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
VOLUNTARY

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

•*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Stagg Family: Andie, David, Elliott, and Griffin

The prophet Jeremiah proclaims, "The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill my gracious promise with the people of Israel and Judah. In those days and at that time, I will raise up a righteous branch from David's line, who will do what is just and right in the land."

On this first Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of hope. During the season of Advent may our hope in God's promises be renewed as we await Christ's coming into the world and into our hearts.

Choral and Congregational Response (*first choir, then congregation*)

HYMN 95

"Prepare the Way of the Lord"

PREPARE THE WAY

"Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord, and all people will see the salvation of God."

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Living Christ, our hope, Jesus of Nazareth, Teacher and Friend, Savior and Lord, we love you and long for your presence. As we follow the story of your coming, touch us by your Spirit, that through people we know and through people we have yet to meet, we may hear your voice and heed your call. In your name we pray. Amen.

•†*HYMN 106

"Prepare the Way, O Zion"

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

•CALL TO CONFESSION

•PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Eternal God, from the beginning you intended to make your home alongside us in Jesus Christ. In spite of your gracious intentions, we are in bondage to various limitations. We doubt what we cannot prove; we ignore what we cannot see, and finding little room for faith, we are suspect of angels and disbelieve the good news of the gospel. We admit that we are both infected and affected by the spirit of the times. Our cynicism is a result of our past experience, not the key to our future. Our bondage is to failed patterns of the past, not freedom to prepare the way of our future. Our perfect analysis may help us describe the mountain and how it came to be, but is helpless to move it.

As we prepare the way of the Lord this Advent, forgive our preference for convention, our cynical assumptions, and our distrust of your gospel. By your Spirit, forgive what we have been and give us faith like Elizabeth and Zechariah, Mary and Joseph, John the Baptist and the Magi, who encountered angels, believed the good news, and recognized Christ among them. 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.*)

Jeremiah 33:14-16

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

William Michael Mann, III

Presentation

Lyn Fabacher and Nell Lanier

*Profession of Faith and "The Apostle's Creed" (*unison, Hymnal p. 35*)

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Baptism

Welcome

†MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Derrick Heyl

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

Luke 21:25-36

•SERMON

"Preparing for the Unpreparable"

Chris Currie

•*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: "The Apostle's Creed" (*8:30 service only, unison, Hymnal p. 35*)

•*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn 581

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

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

•THE OFFERING

Offertory Anthem

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Holst

Taylor Miller, baritone; The Chancel Choir Chamber Singers

*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 357

"The Days Are Surely Coming"

LLANGLOFFAN

•*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL REPOSE

"An Irish Blessing"

Blackmon

•*VOLUNTARY

IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Catherine Rea Vermeulen and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Matthew Rea, Jr., and Buddy Rea, by Ann Rea, Lee Rea Manges, and Matthew Rea.

THE ADVENT BANNERS are given in loving memory of Tom and Kathryn "Kit" Favrot.

TODAY'S USHERS for the 8:30 service are Mayson Buffington and Wesley Simon. The ushers for the 10:30 service are Randy Evans, Jackie Derks, Carro Gardner, Rick Grubb, and Mimi Koch.



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
is being administered today to
WILLIAM MICHAEL MANN, III
son of Lawton and Michael Mann,
grandson of Lyn and Bob Fabacher.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 9:30-10:15: scapc.org/sunday-school for details and Zoom links

ADULT CLASSES:

New: "Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent" - Sundays, November 28-December 19 | Land Building Lakeside Room and Zoom: Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus through the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, and the visit from the Magi.

"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.

ALL CHILDREN AGES 4 - HIGH SCHOOL will be making Advent wreaths in the Learning Center on the 2nd floor.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS: Each week during Advent, we are featuring a devotional and original artwork by SCAPC members online at scapc.org/advent-devotionals. The devotionals consist of scripture and written reflection as well as art to inspire, connect, and encourage us into a deeper relationship with God. There are also printed copies of the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary's "Glimpses of God Incarnate" Advent Devotional books available at the entrances of the Sanctuary.

FOOD DRIVE: During Advent, we are collecting food for the Broadmoor Food Pantry. Each week we will highlight a different food item relating to that week's Advent candle. You can bring non-perishable items to the collection bins inside the Chapel doors during the week or Sunday mornings to Fellowship Hall. For next week's "Peace" theme, we will collect SOUP which is a complete and easy meal-in-one that can bring peace for those worried about being able to make a meal.

Visit THE WHITE GIFT TREE in Fellowship Hall! There are a host of ornaments with gift requests for families in need. Choose an ornament or sign up online at scapc.org/white-gift. Monetary donations are welcome as well. We will dedicate the gifts on Sunday, December 12 during 10:30 a.m. worship.

Pathways of LUMINARIES will be lit in front of the church on the nights of December 18-26. Each luminary can be purchased in honor or memory of a family member, friend, or even pet. Acknowledgements for each will be included in the bulletins on December 19 and Christmas Eve, as well as the Quatrefoil e-newsletter. The cost is \$15 per luminary. You can EITHER order by credit card online at scapc.org/luminaries OR by check or cash enclosed in the luminary envelopes in your pews. Luminaries cannot be reserved without payment. The deadline is Sunday, December 12.

This year's RHINO CHRISTMAS CARD SETS are a throw-back to some of our favorites from Christmases past. We are selling a \$10 variety pack with each pack containing the same 10 cards. Stop by our table in Fellowship Hall today to purchase yours.

THE MCMILLAN SOCIETY (ages 55 +) is holding a Christmas gathering on Tuesday, December 7 beginning with caroling, wine and hors d'oeuvres from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the home of Michelle and Anderson Baker, 1123 Octavia Street. Afterwards, guests are invited to dine in small groups at a number of local restaurants. Reserve your place(s) at scapc.org/mcmillan. Reservations are due this Thursday, December 2.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

A MEMORIAL SERVICE for Walter Evans will be held tomorrow at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Visitation will be at 9:30 a.m. in the Bloomfield Room.

EXTENDED SERVING OF COMMUNION AT HOME: On December 5-7, the pastors and some elders will bring communion to those who cannot attend worship. If you or someone you know would appreciate having a visit and the serving of communion, please contact Miriam Hollar at 231-330-5754 or by email at miriamhollar@gmail.com. If you are an elder and would like to participate in the extended service of communion, please contact Miriam as well.

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