



ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 5, 2021 | 2nd Sunday of Advent | 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Services
Ordination and Installation of Elders

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Currie

VOLUNTARY "For Behold, Darkness Shall Cover the Earth"/"The People Who Walked in Darkness" from *Messiah* Handel
Horace English/Jake Jenkins, soloists

•*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH The Celentano Family: Boyra, Chaunda, Tallula, and Penelope
The prophet Malachi proclaims, "Look, I am sending my messenger who will clear the path before me. He is like the refiner's fire or the cleaner's soap. He will sit as a refiner and purify the people like gold and silver. They will belong to the Lord, presenting a righteous offering."

On this second Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of love. May its light remind us of God's love, incarnate in Jesus Christ, and of all God's messengers who continue to carry God's message of love out in the world today.

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

God most particular, descending from generalities to show yourself in person, and speak to John the Baptizer in a particular time and place, make our love for you as particular and specific as your love for us, beginning here, beginning now, through the leveler of the mountains and the straightener of crooked ways, Jesus Christ. Amen.

†*HYMN 105

"People, Look East"

BESANÇON

•CALL TO CONFESSION

As John the Baptist called the people to repent, as Jesus calls us now, we turn to the one who is both judge and savior, trusting that repentance opens the door to new life, and that peace beyond all measure has been promised to us. Let us confess our sins.

•PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign in our lives, our church, and our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us, for the sake of 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

Friends, I am confident of this: if we repent, God is sure to forgive us. The One who began a good work in us will bring it to completion. Grateful for the promise of joy and of peace, let us bring the peace of Christ out into the world.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

Malachi 3:1-4

†MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Meg Gammage

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

Luke 3:1-18

•SERMON

"Change of Heart"

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

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

•*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn 581

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS (*see page 2*)

•THE OFFERING

Offertory Anthem "Ev'ry Valley Shall Be Exalted"/"And the Glory of the Lord" from *Messiah*

Handel

Kameron Lopreore, tenor; the SCAPC Chamber Singers

The Chancel Choir Chamber Singers

*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 82
- *CHARGE AND BLESSING
- *CHORAL RESPONSE
- *VOLUNTARY

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

HYFRYDOL

“A Scottis Blyssing”

Blackmon/Willcox

*Please stand as you are able | †Latecomers seated | Large print bulletins are available. Please see an usher.

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

PRESENTATION

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

- PASTOR: As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. *Galatians 3:27*
- PEOPLE: **There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.** *Ephesians 4:4*
- PASTOR: Karen Donaldson, Nancy Ellis, Ann Van Horn, John Koch, David Grissett, Richard Seelman, Christy McCann, Kristie Trail, Matthew Wilson, Henrietta Harris, Kelly Gottsche; Tyler Wheeler, Megan Guy, Judith Halverson, Mary Malone, Sophie Frankowski, and Madeline Heymann, in baptism you were clothed with Christ, and are now called by God through the voice of the church to enter into ministries of service and governance, announcing in word and deed the good news of Jesus Christ.
- PEOPLE: **We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God’s particular call to our brothers and sisters.**

STATEMENT ABOUT ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Chris Currie

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES

- Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? **(I do.)**
- Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God’s Word to you? **(I do.)**
- Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God? **(I do and I will.)**
- Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions? **(I will.)**
- Will you be governed by our church’s polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God’s Word and Spirit? **(I will.)**
- Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world? **(I will.)**
- Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church? **(I do.)**
- Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? **(I will.)**
- Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in the government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **(I will.)**

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Scott Zander, Clerk

- Do we, the members of the church, accept these friends as elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**
- Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is the Head of the Church? **We do.**

LAYING ON OF HANDS

All ordained ministers and elders of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) are invited to stand.

PRAYER OF ORDINATION & THE LORD’S PRAYER (*unison, Hymnal, p. 35*)

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION & INSTALLATION CHARGE

THE ELDER CLASS OF 2024

KAREN DONALDSON joined SCAPC four years ago, transferring from First Presbyterian Church of Slidell. She has served as a choir member, Sunday School teacher, PW Circle leader and in other PW positions. She and her husband Keith have four adult children, Robin Voiles, Katie Anderson, Chris Donaldson, and Elizabeth Hernandez.

NANCY ELLIS has been a SCAPC member for 37 years and has served as an Elder, Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teacher, and member of the Congregational Life and Missions Committees. She and her husband Parke have two grown daughters, Betsy and Meg, and three grandchildren.

SOPHIE FRANKOWSKI, Youth Elder, is a junior at Benjamin Franklin High School and is studying cooking at NOCCA. She is a lifelong member of SCAPC and a leader in the Youth Group program. Her parents are Courtney Bell and Jan Frankowski and her siblings are Michael and Gigi.

KELLY GOTTSCHKE joined SCAPC in 1996 and since that time has taught Sunday School and served on the Youth Group Committee. Kelly is an attorney at Coats Rose, PC and is married to Scott Gottsche. They have two boys, Lock (15) and James (12).

DAVID GRISSETT has served as an Elder, usher, co-teacher of the CBD Study Group, member of the Design Committee for the Sanctuary restoration following Katrina, and planner of Scottish Heritage Sunday. A retired banker, David is now Territory Manager for J2Medical Supply. He is married to Shauna and has adult children Jonathan (with granddaughter Gigi), and Megan.

MEGAN GUY is a Professor and Interim Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs at Tulane's A.B. Freeman School of Business. At SCAPC, she has served as an Elder and a children's message presenter, as well as assisting with Sunday School and the church nursery. She and her husband Matt have two children, Charlie (14) and Bizzie (12).

JUDITH HALVERSON has been a SCAPC member for 25 years during which time she has been an Elder, choir soloist, and liturgist. She is a physical therapist, serving as Education Manager, and is married to Thomas.

HENRIETTA AUGUSTUS HARRIS has served as an Elder, Global Ministries Committee Chair, PW Mission Team member and Thursday Morning Bible Study and Prayer Group member since joining SCAPC 15 years ago. Previously she was active in Christian education, choir, youth programs, and campus ministry. Henrietta and her late husband Walter have two grown daughters, Rev. Ayana Teter and Askala Calhoun.

MADELINE HEYMANN, Youth Elder, is 16-years old and has been a member of SCAPC all her life. Her church service includes babysitting and participation in the Youth Group program. Madeline and her brother Owen are the children of Kristi Trail-Heymann and Blake Heymann.

JOHN KOCH has been a SCAPC member for 35 years. He is CFO of Donovan Marine, Inc., and he and his wife Mimi have two grown children, Amelia Lockridge and John Koch.

CHRISTY MCCANN has been active in supporting the Youth Group program since she joined SCAPC four years ago from St. Francis of Assisi. She is an attorney, and she and her wife Philip have a daughter, Camille (16).

MARY MALONE has been a member of SCAPC for almost 40 years, during which time she has served as an Elder, choir member, Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School teacher, usher, and Treasurer/Chair of the SCAPC Nursery School. She is married to Ernie and has three grown children, Meredith Montgomery, Eric Malone, and Chandler Malone; and three grandchildren.

RICHARD SEELMAN has served as an Elder, Stewardship Committee Chair, RHINO Board member, Personnel Committee Chair, usher, and Youth Group adult advisor since joining SCAPC in 1995. He is an attorney and has a daughter, Caroline, with his wife Joan.

KRISTI TRAIL joined SCAPC 16 years ago during which time she has taught Sunday School. She is the Executive Director of a local non-profit. Kristi and her husband Blake Heymann have two children, Maddie (16, who will be serving as a Youth Elder this year) and Owen (12).

ANN VAN HORN has served as an Elder, Moderator of PW, and Chair of the Congregational Care and Membership Committees since joining SCAPC in 1980. She is retired from work as a paralegal, medical receptionist and nursery school teacher. Ann and her husband Woodie III have two grown sons, Woodie IV and Drake.

TYLER WHEELER transferred to SCAPC from Trinity Episcopal Church in Bloomington, IN three years ago. Her church service includes teaching Sunday School and volunteering with Vacation Bible School and the church nursery. She is married to Barrett and they have three children, Caroline (6), Ann-Kempter (4), and Lilly (2).

MATTHEW WILSON has been a SCAPC member since 2010. He is the Director of Marketing, Communications and Governmental Affairs for Barriere Construction Company, and he and his wife Annie have children Gaines (8), Jack (5) and Reid (2).

IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. A.O.H Duval and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Steele, by Russell and Jennie Steele.

THE FRONT DOOR WREATHS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Richmond's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Berckes, and Mr. Randolph Richmond, Jr. given by Mrs. Randolph Richmond, Jr.

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, Miriam Hollar, Thomas Schulingkamp and Wesley Simon. The ushers for the 10:30 service are Roger Fleshman (captain), Leon Hinson, Maureen Herring, Sallee Benjamin, Jay Young, Caty Johnson, Jane Rasi, and Kandice and Mike Snow.

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

ADULT CLASSES:

"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.

YOUTH & CHILDREN: 6th-12th graders meet in the Youth Room on the 3rd floor as well as virtually on Instagram (@SCAPC_Youth). Children ages 2 - 5th grade are divided into age groups in different locations which are posted at the State Street entrance. The nursery is open from 8:15-11:45 a.m. for children ages 0-3.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS: Full Event Schedule at www.scapc.org/advent

Please note that for all SCAPC events, unvaccinated guests are asked to wear masks in consideration of others.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS: Each week during Advent, we are featuring a devotional and original artwork by SCAPC members online at [scapc.org/advent-devotionals](https://www.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. Printed copies of these devotionals, as well as Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary's "Glimpses of God Incarnate" booklets are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary.

The PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will begin with worship and music at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel, followed by a reception at the home of Betsy Nalty, 5509 Hurst Street. Please email events@scapc.org to make a reservation by December 7. We ask that guests be either vaccinated or verified Covid-free within 48 hours of the event.

THE SCAPC CHRISTMAS VILLAGE is back on track and on display in Fellowship Hall! Many thanks go to Geoff Snodgrass for creating this wonderful scene each year for all to enjoy.

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 main entryway doors during the week or Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall. For next week's "Joy" theme, we will collect PEANUT BUTTER which is another important source of protein that can last quite a while, bringing joy to full bellies.

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. For ordering details, please see the luminary order envelopes in your pew.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Casey Morriss and family on the death of his father, Robert Todd Morriss, who died on Saturday, November 27.

RECITAL TODAY: At 3:00 p.m. today in the Sanctuary, Peter Collins and JT Harrell will perform a four-hand piano recital including *Six Christmas Pieces* by Mendelssohn, selections from *The Christmas Tree* by Liszt, and Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Suite*.