



ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 24, 2019 | Third Sunday in Lent
8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Services

*In the Spanish of the Christian mystic Saint John of the Cross "his word for God is nada. God is no-thing. And since God is not a thing, God cannot be held on to. God can only be encountered as that which eclipses the reality of all other things."
- Barbara Brown Taylor "Learning to Walk in the Dark"*

GATHERING

GREETING

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

VOLUNTARY

Steven B. Blackmon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

•*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*) from Psalm 95

Louise Schaefer

"O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

"Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise.

"For the Lord is a great God,

"The Lord is a great king above all gods."

•*PRAYER OF THE DAY

†*HYMN 268

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

•CALL TO CONFESSION

"Come unto me," says the Lord, "all you that are weary and heavily burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you... for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls." In the assurance of God's merciful character, let us approach the throne of grace confessing our sin together.

•PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Gracious God, we labor under so many burdens and wear yokes to so many competing powers. We sacrifice much to gods who consume all that we offer. We are enthralled to forces that promise a lot but only at the cost of our lives. Forgive us for being so foolish. Forgive us for selling our birthright as "children of God" for such paltry returns. Restore us, we pray, to the life for which you created us. Set us free again to live as your children. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Blackmon

•ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

For freedom you have been set free from the burden of sin and guilt. Remember this and live. For Christ's yoke is easy and his burden is light. The way of the Lord is the way of love.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON (*response: Thanks be to God*)

Isaiah 55:1-9

†MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Michele Murphy

•SECOND LESSON (*response: Thanks be to God*)

1 Corinthians 10:1-7a

•SERMON

"Gods We Don't Believe In"

Michael Jinkins

•*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, "The Apostles' Creed"

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN 581

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

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

•THE OFFERING

Offertory Anthem

"Gloria" from Mass in G Major

Schubert

Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to men of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you.

We give you thanks for your great glory. Lord God, King of Heaven, God the Father Almighty, Lord only-begotten son, Jesus Christ.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you who take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, hear our prayer.

You who sit at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are holy, you alone are Lord, you alone are the Most High.

With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

The Chancel Choir

*Hymn 606

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDETH

*Prayer of Dedication

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

SENDING

•*HYMN 693

"Though I May Speak"

GIFT OF LOVE

•*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"A Scottis Blyssing"

Willcox/Blackmon

*VOLUNTARY

•8:30 service | *Please stand as you are able | †Latecomers seated

Large print bulletins and hymnals as well as hearing devices are available. Please see an usher.

SCAPC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Grace Granzin and Elmer May, by a bequest from the Mays.

THE FLOWERS IN FRAMPTON FELLOWSHIP HALL are given in honor of yesterday's marriage of Lawton Fabacher and Michael Mann.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Sandra Hartman, who died on Friday, March 15; as well as to the family and friends of Virginia Ernst who died on Sunday, March 17. A service for Virginia will be held this Tuesday, March 26 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, with visitation at 1:30 p.m. in the Bloomfield Parlor.

8:30 USHERS: Mayson Buffington, Charlie King, Wesley Simon, and Thomas Schulingkamp

10:30 USHERS: Pete & Stephanie November (co-captains), John Morton, Jr., Dave Grissett, Jeanie Clinton, William Lunn, Polly Hardie, Brenda Stephens, and Luke & Catherine Lemoine.

ACOLYTES: Jack Egan and Liam Egan

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Ancient Wisdom for the 21st Century: A Look at the Book of Ecclesiastes | Chapel | led by Pat Widhalm

Boundaries with Kids | 2nd floor Conference Room | led by Courtney Bell, Stephanie Carter, Jamie Defraites and April Weiser

Class descriptions can be found in the shadow boxes in the hallway.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Introducing SCAPC's First Blog "Accidental Pilgrims" by Michael Jinkins! To view the first two posts, go to www.scapc.org/blog. There is an option on the right to sign up to receive email notifications of weekly posts. Feel free to forward to friends!

The Congregational Care Pantry Drive kicks off today! To participate, visit the table in Frampton Fellowship Hall where recipes and freezer containers will be distributed. Volunteers are asked to prepare their dish, freeze, and return to Frampton Fellowship Hall next Sunday.

Weekly Lenten Classes led by Michael Jinkins are currently underway on Wednesdays both at 12:30 p.m. in the Land Building and 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel. The Mid-Day class is focused on contemplative prayer, using *Manifesting God* by Thomas Keating as its resource. The evening study is focused on the parables. All are welcome!

RHINO is in need of a **dinner host** on Thursday, April 25 for a group of 12 youth and their chaperones from Starmount Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, NC. The group will be participating in service activities in the city throughout the week. Please let Tim Shipkin know if you will be able to host or co-host this group by emailing him at rhino@scapc.org!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT THIS WEEK

March 27

Author Visit: Jerry Schumm

Introduction & Signing of *Pass the Paddle: Mississippi Dreamin' Come Hell or High Water*

Details: www.scapc.org/paddle

Lenten Bible Study 5 p.m. | Chapel

Supper 6 p.m. | Frampton Fellowship Hall

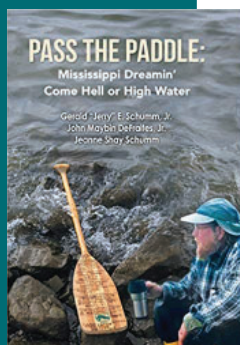
Book Introduction 6:30 p.m. | Chapel

YAF PINTS 6:45 p.m. | Land Building

Senior High Small Group 7:00 p.m. | Youth Room

Childcare is available 6:00-8:00 p.m.

www.scapc.org/wno for reservations



CALENDAR

3/25 | Session Meeting

3/27 - 3/31 | Rebuilding Hope Mission Trip to Panama City

3/27 | WNO: Author Visit (see box below, left)

3/31 | Confirmation Brunch

4/3 | WNO: Program TBA

4/6 | YAF Crawfish Boil

4/8 | PW Noon and Lambeth House Bible Studies

4/9 | PW Evening Circle

4/10 | WNO: Egg-stuffing for Easter Egg Hunt

4/11 | PW Book Club

4/14 | Palm Sunday: Chancel Choir & Orchestra to perform during 10:30 worship service

4/14 | PW Easter Egg Hunt

4/17-4/24 | Cuba Mission Trip

4/17 | WNO: Program TBA

4/18 | Maundy Thursday Service

4/19 | Good Friday Service

4/21 | Easter Sunday: identical services at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

SMALL GROUPS

For further details on the groups below, please refer to www.scapc.org or to the "Getting Involved" brochures in your Friendship Register, and feel free to take one home!

Aden Elder Care Tuesdays & Thursdays | 10 a.m.-2 p.m. |

Contact: Adelle Bergman, aden@scapc.org

CBD Study Group Wednesdays | 7 a.m. | 625 St. Charles Ave. |

Contact: John Morton, johnmorton@cox.net

Men's & Women's Lenten Bible Study Wednesdays | 5 p.m. |

Chapel | Contact Michael Jinkins, michael@scapc.org

Middle School Girls Small Group Evening events TBA |

Contact: Emma Pegues, emmap@scapc.org

Presbyterian Women's Circles (monthly Bible Studies)

· Monday Lunch | 2nd Monday | 11:45 a.m. | LB, Riverside

· Monday Lambeth House | 2nd Monday | 2:30 p.m.

· Tuesday Evening | 2nd Tuesday | 5:45 p.m. | LB, Lakeside

Contact for all: Ebie Strauss, ebiestrauss@yahoo.com

Presbyterian Women's Needleworks Group Thursdays |

10 a.m.-Noon | LB, Lakeside | Contact: Mary Ann Mott, 504-581-4424

Presbyterian Women's Book Club Third Thursdays | 5 p.m.

LB Lakeside | Contact: Elizabeth Artigues, artigues4@gmail.com

Senior High Small Group Alternating Wednesday evenings |

7:00 p.m. | 3rd Floor Youth Room | Contact: Jessie Bruggers, j.bruggs@gmail.com

Spiritually Hungry Women Wednesdays | 12:30-1:45 p.m.

| LB, Lakeside | Contact: Miriam Hollar, schuling@aol.com

TMBS&PG (Thursday Morning Prayer & Bible Study

Group) | 7 a.m. | LB, Riverside | Contact: Jane Rasi, janerasi@gmail.com

YAF-PINTS (Young Adults & Families-Presbyterians

Imbibing in Necessary Theological Study) Wednesdays |

6:45 p.m. | LB, Lakeside | Contact: Bria Rault, bria@scapc.org

LB - Land Building

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