



# ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 1, 2019 | Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Services

## GATHERING

GREETING

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

VOLUNTARY

Steven B. Blackmon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

•\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive, from John 1*)

Janet Bean (8:30 service), Julie Nice (10:30 service)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**And the Word became flesh and lived among us.**

And we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

**Let us worship God!**

•\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

†•\*HYMN 451

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

OPEN MY EYES

•CALL TO CONFESSION (*from 1 John 8-9*)

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But when we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

•PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. We confess that we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.**

SILENT REFLECTION

KYRIE

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

Blackmon

•DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive, from 2 Corinthians 5:17*)

Hear the Good News! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Thanks be to God.**

## THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

Ephesians 4:25-32

†MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Hans Jonassen

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

Matthew 5:33-37

•SERMON

"The Power of Truth"

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

\*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.**

\*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

"Awake! Awake to Love and Work"

Oglesby

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 543

"God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"

GREEN TYLER

•\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

"A Scottis Blyssing"

Willcox/Blackmon

\*VOLUNTARY

# SCAPC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. William Alexander Porteous, by the Porteous Family.

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the family and friends of Betty Graves Brown who died on August 26. A service will be held Saturday, September 21 at 2:00 PM in the Chapel.

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

**10:30 USHERS:** Stephanie and Pete November (Co-Captains), John Morton Jr., David Grissett, Jeanie Clinton, William Lunn, Polly Hardie, Brenda Stephens and Luke and Catherine Lemoine

**ACOLYTES:** Claude Roth and Richard Roth

## FALL SERMON SERIES

How Will They Know We Are Christians?

Today's sermon is the second in a five-week series focusing on ethical and moral questions about what it means to act like a Christian. For more information and a preaching schedule, visit [www.scapc.org](http://www.scapc.org).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**New RHINO Director:** This week we welcome Savannah Fraser to our staff as RHINO Director! Originally from Sumter, SC, Savannah has participated in a host of local and national mission agencies. To learn more, visit [www.scapc.org](http://www.scapc.org).



**YAF P.I.N.T.S** (Presbyterians Imbibing in Necessary Theological Study) is a time of fellowship and theological discussion over local brews for those in their 20s and 30s. Our fall reading is *Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving and Finding the Church* by Rachel Held Evans. Our first meeting will be this Wednesday, September 4 at 6 PM in the Land Building. Subsequent meetings will take place at 6:45 PM following Wednesday Night Out. Childcare is provided.

## FALL DAY OF SERVICE SATURDAY!

**Sign up today for the Fall Day of Service** in Frampton Fellowship Hall! We will have projects for all ages to support several of our Community Ministry partners, including New Orleans Mission, Eden House, N.O. Women's and Children's Shelter, the Kinship Center and Carrollton Camp. We will meet at 8:30 a.m. in Frampton Fellowship Hall for breakfast before we disburse to our various projects, ending by 12:00 PM. Questions? Contact Pastor Sarah, [sarah@scapc.org](mailto:sarah@scapc.org).

- 9/2 | Labor Day (church office closed)
- 9/4 | PINTS resumes (6 p.m. this week)
- 9/7 | Fall Day of Service
- 9/8 | Sunday School resumes
- 9/8 | Youth Group Kick-Off
- 9/9 | PW Noon & Lambeth House Circle
- 9/10 | PW Evening Circle
- 9/10 | Middle School Girls Small Group
- 9/11 | CBD Breakfast Group resumes
- 9/11 | Mid-Week Bible Study resumes
- 9/11 | WNO resumes: College Night
- 9/12 | TMBS&PG resumes
- 9/12 | Senior High Small Group
- 9/15 | Theological Education Sunday: Dr. Jennifer Lord, guest preacher
- 9/15 | YAF Saints Party at Carlisle home
- 9/18 | WNO Cake Walk
- 9/19 | PW Book Club
- 9/23 | Session Meeting
- 9/25 | WNO: RHINO Build, New Member Night
- 10/2 | WNO: Bingo Night
- 10/4-5 | Men's Retreat

CALENDAR

## SUNDAY SCHOOL begins next Sunday!

Classes for all ages will meet at 9:15 AM. For details on classes for youth and children, visit [www.scapc.org/sunday-school](http://www.scapc.org/sunday-school).

### ADULT CLASSES:

#### Galations and James

Faith or Works? Gospel or Law? Join us for an engaging study as we explore these key questions in the life of every Christian. Two small but mighty studies tackle one of the most contentious issues in theology: What is the role of faith and works when it comes to salvation? | Sept. 8 - Dec. 15 | Library | led by Pat Widhalm and Richard Ashmore

#### What in the World Is the Holy Spirit Up to?

Wisdom and Spirituality in the Big Picture: Briefly exploring non-Christian sources of wisdom, including Ecclesiastes; the Greek Stoic teacher Epictetus; ancient Taoism from China; and core teachings of Zen Buddhism from Japan. | Sept. 8 - 29 | Chapel | led by Michael Jinkins

#### Home Grown: A Handbook for Christian Parenting

Practical, real-world advice about how to help your kids know and love God - and how to build a home where you can grow in faith together. | Sept. 8 - Oct. 20 | 2nd Floor Conference Room | Led by Megan Mazzanti, Courtney Bell, Catherine Karas

## SMALL GROUPS

For further details on the groups below, please refer to [www.scapc.org](http://www.scapc.org) or to the "Getting Involved" brochures in your Friendship Register, and feel free to take one home! Please note, LB = Land Building.

Aden Elder Care Tuesdays & Thursdays | 10 AM-2 PM |

Contact: Adelle Bergman, [aden@scapc.org](mailto:aden@scapc.org)

CBD Study Group Wednesdays | 7 AM | 625 St. Charles Ave. |

Contact: John Morton, [johnmorton@cox.net](mailto:johnmorton@cox.net) | resumes 9/11

Mid-Week Bible Study Wednesdays | 5 PM | Chapel | Contact

Sarah Chancellor-Watson, [sarah@scapc.org](mailto:sarah@scapc.org) | resumes 9/11

Middle School Girls Small Group (MSGSG) Events and

locations TBA | Contact: Leslie Johns Ray, [ljoy228@gmail.com](mailto:ljoy228@gmail.com) | next event 9/10

Presbyterian Women's Book Club Third Thursdays |

12:30 PM | LB Lakeside | Contact: Elizabeth Artigues, [artigues4@gmail.com](mailto:artigues4@gmail.com) | resumes 9/19

Presbyterian Women's Needleworks Group Thursdays |

10 AM-Noon | LB, Lakeside | Contact: Mary Ann Mott, 504-581-4424

Presbyterian Women's Circles (monthly Bible Studies)

Second Mondays at Noon (LB) and 2:00 (Lambeth House) |

Second Tuesdays at 5:45 PM (LB)

Contact Ebie Strauss, [ebiestrauss@yahoo.com](mailto:ebiestrauss@yahoo.com) | resume 9/9-10

Senior High Small Group Alternating Thursdays | 7:00 PM |

3rd Floor Youth Room | Contact: Chris Hazlaris,

[chris@scapc.org](mailto:chris@scapc.org) | resumes 9/12

Spiritually Hungry Women Wednesdays | 12:30-1:45 PM |

LB, Lakeside | Contact: Beth Poe, [bethpoe@tulane.edu](mailto:bethpoe@tulane.edu)

TMBS&PG (Thursday Morning Bible Study & Prayer Group) |

7 AM | LB, Riverside | Contact: Jane Rasi, [janerasi@gmail.com](mailto:janerasi@gmail.com) | resumes 9/12

YAF PINTS | Wednesday evenings, 6:45 p.m. | LB | Contact:

Bria Rault, [bria@scapc.org](mailto:bria@scapc.org) | resumes 9/4 (6:00 PM)

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