



ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

“What will survive of us is love.”
- Philip Larkin, “An Arundel Tomb”

GATHERING

GREETING

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

VOLUNTARY

Steven B. Blackmon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

•*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Stephanie Haniford

The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying:

“I have loved you with an everlasting love.

This is what the Lord God says:

“I have drawn you to myself with loving kindness.”

Let God’s people praise God’s name, and worship him with grateful hearts.

•*PRAYER OF THE DAY

†•*HYMN 610

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

AZMON

•CALL TO CONFESSION

The God of love is faithful, reducing to dust and ash all that would bind us. The Love of God is a consuming fire burning away all the dross in us so that we may shine like the sun. The Lord God loves us with an everlasting love, and draws us in loving-kindness. Let us confess our sin.

•CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

God, it is so strange that, although we hold the keys to the prison of our guilt, we refuse to try the lock. Even though you have opened the door for us, we stand paralyzed, refusing to walk out. It does no good to ask why. But it may do us great good, to ask you to reach your hand into our lonely cell, to take our hand in yours, to lend us your courage, that we may enter the fullness of your mercy. You did not place us in this prison of guilt. We built it ourselves, stone upon stone. But we know you alone can show us the way out. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

KYRIE

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

Blackmon

•ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God knows our hearts, our darkness and our light, our broken places and our strengths. And knowing us better than we can ever know ourselves, God has forgiven us fully and for all time. Let us live in the assurance that God’s love is stronger than all our weaknesses.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (*response: Thanks be to God.*)

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

†MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

A LESSON FROM THE PROPHETS (*response: Thanks be to God.*)

Jeremiah 31:33-34

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

Matthew 5:38-48

•SERMON

“Walking on the Slippery Slope”

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.

*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

“The Road Home”

Paulus

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 1

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

NICAEA

•*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

“The Irish Blessing”

Blackmon

*VOLUNTARY

SCAPC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given with love by Leon, Ruth, and Matt Hinson to celebrate the life of their daughter and sister, Ellen Hinson, a lifelong member of the church she loved, St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian.

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, Polly Hardie, Brenda Stephens and Luke and Catherine Lemoine

ACOLYTES: Hunt Hill and Annie Hill

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Preacher: Next Sunday we will celebrate Theological Education & Seminaries Recognition Sunday by welcoming Dr. Jennifer Lord, Professor of Homiletics and Liturgical Studies at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, to our pulpit!

Presbyterian Women Circles begin tomorrow at Noon in the Land Building over lunch and 2:00 at Lambeth House. The Tuesday Evening Circle will meet at 5:45 PM in the Land Building over wine and refreshments. Lesson books and directories are available for purchase in Frampton Fellowship Hall this morning.

Children's Choirs will resume rehearsals next Sunday in the 3rd floor Choir Room. Ringers & Singers (3rd-6th Grades) will rehearse 8:30-9:15 AM and Cherub Choir (Pre-K-2nd Grade) will rehearse 11:45-12:15. To register your child(ren), go to www.scapc.org/childrens-choirs. Questions? Contact Director Peggy Crain at mezzomommy@aol.com.

Mid-Week Bible Study will resume this Wednesday at 5:00 PM in the Chapel. Michael Jinkins and Sarah Chancellor-Watson will lead a class on the origin of Christian beliefs entitled "Teaching an Old Dogma New Tricks." The resource will be Michael's own book, *Invitation to Theology: A Guide to Study, Conversation and Practice* which is available on amazon.com.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT RESUMES

SEPTEMBER 11

Collegiate Night

Wear your favorite school colors!

Mid-Week Bible Study | 5 PM | Chapel

Supper | 6 PM | Frampton Fellowship Hall

YAF PINTS 6:45 PM | Land Building

Childcare is available 6:00-8:30 PM

www.scapc.org/wno for reservations

Next Week: Cake Walk

Contact Allison Tiller at allisonbtiller@gmail.com if you would like to contribute a cake or other baked good for 12.

- 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
- 10/2 | WNO: Bingo Night
- 10/4-5 | Men's Retreat

CALENDAR

TODAY

8:30 AM | Worship with communion in the Chapel

8:30 AM | Nursery open until 12:00 p.m.

9:15 AM | Sunday School for all ages

10:30 AM | Worship in the Sanctuary

5:00 PM | Youth Group Kick-Off

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

ADULT CLASSES:

Galatians 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 | 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 | 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 | 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 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

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

Contact: John Morton, johnmorton@cox.net | resumes 9/11

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

Sarah Chancellor-Watson, sarah@scapc.org | resumes 9/11

Middle School Girls Small Group (MSGSG) Events and

locations TBA | 6 -7:30 PM | Contact: Leslie-Johns Ray, 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 | 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 PM (Lambeth House) | Second Tuesdays at 5:45 PM (LB)

Contact Ebie Strauss, ebiestrauss@yahoo.com | resume 9/9-10

Senior High Small Group Alternating Thursdays | 7-8 PM |

3rd Floor Youth Room | Contact: Chris Hazlaris, chris@scapc.org | resumes 9/12

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

LB, Lakeside | Contact: Beth Poe, bethpoe@tulane.edu

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

7 AM | LB, Riverside | Contact: Jane Rasi, janerasi@gmail.com | resumes 9/12

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

Bria Rault, bria@scapc.org

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