



ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 23, 2020 | Transfiguration of the Lord
8:30 Service

GATHERING

VOLUNTARY

Sam Garnett, guest organist
Michael Jinkins

GREETING *(responsive)*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose mercy endures forever.

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Let Israel now proclaim, "The mercy of the Lord endures forever."

Let those who fear the Lord now proclaim, "The mercy of the Lord endures forever."

The Lord is our strength and our song, and has become our salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose mercy endures forever.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

†*HYMN 20

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

ROYAL OAK

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us now approach the God of all Mercy in the assurance that his mercy endures forever.

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(responsive)*

May Almighty God have mercy on us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins and give us time to amend our lives.

Amen.

THE WORD

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

Exodus 24:12-18

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

Matthew 17:1-9

MEDITATION

"Where God Is Found"

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

*Doxology: Hymn 606

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*HYMN 8

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

MELITA

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*VOLUNTARY

SCAPC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHAPEL are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Kiersten Victoria Vega by the Vega Family.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held for Dr. Bob Weaver this Wednesday, February 26 at 5:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

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

UPCOMING NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Entering the Passion of Jesus

This Lenten season, Robert Edgecombe will lead a Sunday School class based on the book *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week* by Amy-Jill Levine. Jesus' final days in Jerusalem during the Passover festival--during which he preached in the temple, was betrayed, put on trial, convicted, and crucified--comprise the most pivotal week in the Christian tradition. This course will examine the events of Holy Week in their historical context and will reflect on their devotional relevance for us today. Class will meet March 1 - April 5 in the Learning Center.

Let's Talk About Sin...Ugh! Do We Have to?

Beginning March 8, Richard Ashmore will lead this course, answering the following questions: Is "Original Sin" fake news? Did Cain violate the 5th Commandment? Do we really need the concept of "sin" given that we have a highly developed legal system, robust medical sciences, and internet shaming? What the heck has all this "sin talk" got to do with me? If such questions appear depressing, boring, or out of date, do not despair. There are only "Seven Deadly Sins," which raises another set of questions...Ugh? Class will meet March 8-29 in the Land Building Riverside Room.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

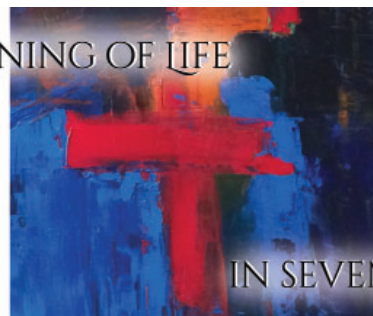
Dinner hosts are needed for RHINO volunteer groups on Thursday, March 5 for North Central College (13 college students), as well as March 18. On this date, three different hosts are needed for three different groups. These are: Indian Nations Presbytery (22 older youth), Simpson College (12 college students) and Purdue University (14 college students). You can cook a meal or cater! Our RHINO groups thoroughly enjoy the community and hospitality provided by SCAPC members when they visit. Please contact Savannah Fraser at rhino@scapc.org or 803-968-5937 if you are able to host. If you cannot host on these Thursday evenings, Savannah can arrange another evening.

Save the date for the **YAF (Young Adults & Families) Camping Retreat** on Friday-Saturday, March 20-21 from 5 PM-5 PM at Fontainebleau State Park in Mandeville! For details and to RSVP, please contact Bria Rault at bria@scapc.org by March 18.

- 2/25 | Mardi Gras, SCAPC office closed
- 2/26 | Ash Wednesday Service
- 2/26 | (No WNO)
- 2/26 | PINTS (6:00 PM)
- 3/3 | Senior High Small Group
- 3/4 | WNO: Program TBA
- 3/9 | PW Noon and Lambeth House Circles
- 3/10 | PW Evening Circle
- 3/11 | WNO: Program TBA
- 3/12 | Senior Adults Italian Night
- 3/17 | Senior High Small Group
- 3/18 | WNO: Program TBA
- 3/19 | PW Book Club
- 3/20-21 | YAF Camping Trip

CALENDAR

THE MEANING OF LIFE



SCAPC
LENT 2020

IN SEVEN WORDS

The 2020 Lenten season will begin with an
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
at Noon in the Sanctuary on February 26.

The Season of Lent is the time of year when we focus on repentance, reflection, and the deepening of our relationship with God. As a way to live out this journey, we invite everyone to visit the Learning Center on the second floor where the Easter cross will be standing through Palm Sunday. You are welcome to write down your prayers on the papers provided and place them on the cross. Throughout Lent we will come together in community, decorating the cross with our prayers. Prayers can be posted through Sunday, April 5.

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

Mid-Week Bible Study Wednesdays | 5 PM | Phifer Library |

Contact: Sarah Chancellor-Watson, sarah@scapc.org
(resumes March 4)

Presbyterian Women's Book Club Third Thursdays | 12:30 PM |

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

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: Ebbe Strauss, ebiestrauss@yahoo.com

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

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

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

Lakeside | Contact: Miriam Hollar | schuling@aol.com |
(resumes March 4)

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

7 AM | LB, Riverside | Contact: Jane Rasi, janerasi@gmail.com
(resumes March 5)

YAF PINTS | Wednesday evenings, 6:45 PM | LB | Contact:

Bria Rault, bria@scapc.org | (resumes March 4)

LB - Land Building | FFH - Frampton Fellowship Hall

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