



LENT 2020
IN SEVEN WORDS

MARCH 1, 2020 | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
8:30 AND 10:30 A.M. SERVICES

“The trouble with life is not that there are too many lawyers. The trouble is there are too many judges.” — Carlyle Marney

GATHERING

GREETING
VOLUNTARY
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah Chancellor-Watson
Steven B. Blackmon

•*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Donna Davis

“Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, for praise is comely for the upright.”

We shall be glad. We shall rejoice. We shall sing praises to the Lord.

Horses are guided by the bit in their mouths. They are forced to go this way or that.

But the people of God are free. The Lord enlarges their understanding and their trust in the Lord grows.

Be glad, therefore, in the Lord. Rejoice and praise God. For to do so is right and good.*

•*PRAYER OF THE DAY

•†*HYMN 436

“God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”

O QUANTA QUALIA

•CALL TO CONFESSION

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are remembered no more. Blessed is the one unto whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, whose guilt God erases altogether. Let us, therefore, approach the throne of mercy, in the confidence of God’s forgiveness.*

•CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

Gracious God, we try to hide, even from ourselves, motives of which we are ashamed, thoughts unworthy of us, words spoken hastily and long regretted, actions we wish we could take back, and acts of goodness we wish we had not failed to accomplish. But wherever we try to hide whatever disappoints us in ourselves, we are too shrewd in self-blame to leave hidden for long. Teach us not to fear the light you cast upon our hidden places. Teach us to open ourselves to you. Teach us to entrust ourselves, including our failures, to your mercy. For you are more ready to forgive, than we are to forget. Amen.*

SILENT REFLECTION

KYRIE

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

Blackmon

•DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

It has been written: “Many sorrows surround the wicked, but they who trust the Lord shall know mercy.” What a strange calculus God keeps, to wipe away the guilt of those who simply trust him to do so. And what a perversity we hang onto, clinging to the memory of our failures, rather than entrusting them to God’s divine forgetfulness. We are forgiven, fully and forever. Go, therefore, and live in peace.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

Isaiah 44:21-23

†MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Chris Hazlaris

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

Luke 23:32-37

•SERMON

“Forgive Them”

Michael Jenkins

Lenten Sermon Series: *The Meaning of Life in Seven Words*

•*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 Lord Is My Light”

Gramann

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 only)

SENDING

•*HYMN 221

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

PASSION CHORALE

•*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

“A Scottis Blyssing”

Blackmon/Willcox

*VOLUNTARY

*Drawn from Psalm 33

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

Large print bulletins and hearing devices are available. Please see an usher or the “Special Accommodations” booth in the narthex.

SCAPC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Hans B. Jonassen, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Landry by Hans and Pierce Jonassen, and Tom and Pierce Young.

THE WHITE ROSE has been placed in honor of the birth of James Landry Schaefer, son of Lauri Anne and Will Schaefer, grandson of Louise Schaefer, who was born on February 20.

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

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

ACOLYTES: Nina Edgecombe and Amy Mackenroth

TODAY

8:30 AM | Worship with communion in the Chapel
8:30 AM | Nursery open until 12:00 PM
9:30 AM | Sunday School for all ages
10:30 AM | Worship in the Sanctuary
4:00 PM | Confirmation Class
5:00 PM | Youth Group

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Classes for all ages meet at 9:30 AM. For details on classes for youth and children, visit www.scapc.org/sunday-school.

NEW ADULT CLASSES

Beginning Today: "Entering the Passion of Jesus"

This class is centered on the book *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week* by Amy-Jill Levine | March 1-April 5 | Learning Center (2nd floor) | led by Robert Edgecombe

Next Week: "Let's Talk About Sin...Ugh! Do We Have to?"

March 8-29 | Land Building Riverside Room | led by Richard Ashmore

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer Cross: The season of Lent is the time of year we focus on repentance, reflection, and deepening our relationship with God. As a way to live out this journey, we invite everyone to visit the second floor to write your prayers and place them on the cross outside the Learning Center. Throughout Lent we will come together in community with our prayers, decorating the cross until Palm Sunday.

Welcome, Miriam and Larry! This month we welcome SCAPC members Miriam Hollar and Larry Hamric to our program staff as Parish Associates for Pastoral Care. You can contact Miriam at miriam.hollar@gmail.com or 231-330-5754, and Larry at l.m.hamric@att.net or 504-491-2424 should you need a pastoral visit or other care for yourself or a loved one.

Senior Adults are welcome to a special **Italian Night** on Thursday, March 12! We'll enjoy wine and cheese in the Land Building at 5:00 PM followed by a fine Italian dinner at 6:00 in Frampton Fellowship Hall. Tenor Kameron Loppreore will delight us with Italian arias and songs. Dress is casual. To RSVP, please send \$30/person by check (payable to SCAPC) to Bonnie Shoemaker in the church office by March 9.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT THIS WEEK

Riddles & Giggles

Tell a (church-friendly) joke or riddle to earn dessert!

Bible Study: "Teaching an Old Dogma New Tricks"

5 PM | Phifer Library

Supper | 6 PM | Frampton Fellowship Hall

YAF PINTS | 6:45 PM | Land Building

Childcare is available 6:00-8:30 PM

**Supper reservations REQUIRED: www.scapc.org/wno
(RESERVATIONS NEEDED FOR SET-UP PURPOSES)**

YAF CAMPING RETREAT!

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, MARCH 20-21 | 5 PM-5 PM

Fontainebleau State Park in Mandeville

Details/RSVP: Bria Rault at bria@scapc.org

Deadline: March 18

3/3 | Senior High Small Group Dinner (off-site)

3/4 | WNO: Program TBA

3/7 | Youth Dungeons & Dragons Group

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

3/23 | Session meeting

3/25 | WNO: Program TBA

3/31 | Senior High Small Group

4/1 | WNO: New Member Night

4/4 | YAF Crawfish Boil

4/5 | Palm Sunday: Choir & Orchestra perform
Rossini's *Stabat Mater*

4/5 | PW Easter Egg Hunt

4/9 | Maundy Thursday Service

4/10 | Good Friday Service

4/12 | Easter Sunday

CALENDAR

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

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: Ebie 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

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

7 AM | LB, Riverside | Contact: Jane Rasi, janerasi@gmail.com

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

Bria Rault, bria@scapc.org

LB - Land Building | FFH - Frampton Fellowship Hall

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