

CHURCH NOTES - March 28, 2021

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OUTDOOR WORSHIP Join us today at 5pm on the front lawn. Please bring a blanket or lawn chairs. Masks and social distancing will be required for all outdoor worship. Rain cancels the services.

Holy Week and Easter ...

WORSHIP Join us Sundays at 10:30am for Worship on Facebook Live. Other livestreamed services are listed below.

- March 28 - Palm Sunday Worship with Communion, 10:30am. Every household is encouraged to prepare a sacred place at home for communion – a table, candle, a Bible, a loaf, and a cup. Outdoor Palm Sunday Worship, 5pm.
- April 1 - Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion Livestreamed, 5:30pm. Every household is encouraged to prepare a sacred place at home for communion – a table, candle, a Bible, a loaf, and a cup. Outdoor Tenebrae Service with Communion, 6:30pm.
- April 3, Saturday – You are invited to share flowers and foliage from your yard to fill the empty cross in the church yard as a sign of The Resurrection.
- April 4 - Easter Sunday Outdoor Worship, 8:30am. Easter Sunday Worship Livestreamed, 10:30am. With joy, we will welcome up to 60 worshippers in the Sanctuary and 20 in the Chapel on Easter, to be seated by 10:20am. Those physically unable to attend outdoor worship at 8:30am and those without easy access to technology will be given priority. Vaccines are strongly recommended, and masks required. [Click here to complete a registration form.](#)

LENTEN MISSION OPPORTUNITIES We offer three ways to participate in loving and serving our neighbors.

- **Homelessness** - Help celebrate and equip our Charlotte neighbors transitioning from homelessness into a home. Please select and purchase [an item from this link](#) for the Welcome Home Kits. Bring to the church this week.
- **Hunger** – We plan to deliver a week of groceries to as many Montclair Elementary School families as we can. We invite you to purchase one of each of the ten items listed and drop them by the church sometime this week (bag rice, bag beans, canned meat, peanut butter, saltine crackers, canned veggies, canned fruit, soup, breakfast items, and individually wrapped snacks). No glass items please.
- **Children in Need** - We invite you to make a special Lenten Offering to support hosting Greater Enrichment Program (GEP) at Montclair for the 2021-2022 school year. You can give by check, text to 704-734-9818, or online. Please indicate this is the Lenten Offering for Mission. We continue to partner with and support GEP at the school to provide afterschool and summer enrichment programming at no cost to parents.

CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTION Join us online for worship services. Share prayer concerns or celebrations with your church family in the chat feature.

- [Link here](#) to request to join our Selwyn Spirit Facebook group, a collective place to share daily life events.
- Join us this Wednesday, 12pm, for an intercessory prayer gathering to lift up our community. [Link to participate.](#)
- Join us for “Passing of the Peace” immediately after worship this Sunday via Zoom. [Link to participate.](#)

CONTACT INFORMATION AND DATABASE We are updating our database to successfully maintain our virtual connections. Our hope is everyone appreciates and embraces this effort to communicate effectively. If you have a question or your contact information changes (including your preferred email, phone, or address), please contact [Marsha Cooper](#).

***Important Note-** Unsubscribing in the database **or** from any congregational email unsubscribes you from receiving all SAPC emails. Please contact the Church Office before taking this step.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH AND PARENTS [Contact Margo](#) with questions. Masks and social distancing required for all outside events. Rain cancels. Please [RSVP to Margo](#) for any summer trips as soon as possible.

- March 28 – 6th Grade Boys and Girls Small Group, 4-5pm, lawn.
- Appalachia Service Project (ASP), June 13-19, total cost: \$500 (includes transportation, food, housing), deposit: \$200, rising 9th graders- graduated 12th grade, ten adult chaperones needed.
- Montreat Youth Conference, July 11-17, total cost: \$450 (includes transportation, food, housing), deposit: \$150, rising 9th graders- graduated 12th grade, three adult chaperones needed.
- Middle School Cross Missions (local Charlotte overnight Mission trip), July 25-30, total cost: \$325 (includes food, housing, transportation), deposit: \$100, rising 6th - rising 8th grade, four adult chaperones needed.

WALK WITH JESUS: THE GOSPEL OF MARK No matter where you are, Jesus will meet you there. We may be separated but together we will walk with Jesus through the Gospel of Mark. Worship with Selwyn every Sunday at 10:30am.

- Listen and reflect on our weekly Faith Lab Podcast, corresponding with the text for the following Sunday worship.
- Follow the weekly text by engaging in a self-guided Bible study: [Interpretation Bible Study on Mark: Diebert](#)
- Join a weekly Bible study on Zoom for small group discussions on the Gospel of Mark.

ADULT ONLINE BIBLE STUDIES AND CLASSES Links to participate can be found at www.selwynpres.org.

- Pastor’s Bible Study will resume at 10am on Wednesday, April 14.
- Daughters of Faith weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 11am.
- Selwyn Life Sunday School, Study of Mark, 9:15am. Contact [John Lemmon](#).
- Covenant Sunday School, every Sunday at 9:30am.
- Grace Class, 9:30am, second and fourth Sundays. Contact [Erin Mills](#).
- Men's Group, Fridays, 7am.
- Presbyterian Women Circles meet September through May. Contact Moderator, [Peggy Hornberg](#) for information.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SPRING EVENT Join us Sunday, April 18 on the lawn. Please bring your own lunch to eat from 11:30-12. Service projects will be from 12-2pm. We will be spring cleaning down at Little Sugar Creek Greenway. We will walk down as a group from the church. If you have young children or prefer to partake in another way we will have a project at the church as well. Details to follow. Click [here to sign up](#).

REKINDLING THE GIFT OF GOD Please prayerfully consider your 2021 estimate of giving at any level. So far 116 households have pledged. Our goal is 130. Thank you for your participation. It is vitally important. Pledges can be submitted through the [website](#), emailed to [Tonya Moore](#), or mailed to the church.

TEXT TO GIVE Thank you to all who have embraced the online giving platform. Instructions for using:

- Text 704-734-9818. Enter an amount. The first time you will be prompted to SHELBY to confirm set up.
- From then, it is as easy as texting the amount to the number. You DO NOT need a key word if you are giving to the 2021 annual fund. Key word COVID is a special offering for Montclair Elementary and Roof Above needs.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING UPDATE Thank you to all who attended the virtual meeting on March 14.

- A recap of 2020 was shared.
- The slate of Elders, Class of 2024 was presented and approved.
- An Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for Youth and Families was approved.
- You can find the Annual Report on the [website church news page](#).

RETHINKING CHURCH AND COVID UPDATE

- We continue to livestream Sunday Morning Worship on Facebook Live at 10:30am. A link for joining is sent at 10:15am each Sunday via email to members and is available on our website.
- Please look for updates at www.selwynpres.org and via email.
- Podcasts - Listen to sermons, community discussions and more. [Click to hear on Spotify](#) and [on Apple Podcast](#).
- The best way to contact staff is via email. To reach out by phone call the church, 704-372-6836. Follow the prompts for leaving a message on the appropriate staff person’s extension.
- For pastoral care emergencies, please leave a message on Reverend Raible’s extension.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
<p>Sunday, March 28</p> <p>9:15 Selwyn Life Class</p> <p>9:20 Confirmation Class</p> <p>9:30 Covenant Class</p> <p>9:30 Grace Class</p> <p>10:30 Palm Sunday Worship with Communion</p> <p>Passing of the Peace (Zoom)</p> <p>4:00 6th Grade Youth (Lawn)</p> <p>5:00 Outdoor Worship (Lawn)</p>	<p>Monday, March 29</p> <p>7:00 BSA Troop</p> <p>Wednesday, March 31</p> <p>11:00 Daughters of Faith Circle</p> <p>12:00 Intercessory Prayer</p> <p>6:15 Handbell Ensemble</p> <p>Thursday, April 1</p> <p>5:30 Maundy Thursday Virtual Worship</p> <p>6:30 Outdoor Tenebrae Worship</p>	<p>Friday, April 2</p> <p>Child Development Center Closed</p> <p>7:00 Men’s Group</p> <p>6:00 Youth Game Night</p> <p>Sunday, April 4</p> <p>8:30 Easter Outdoor Worship</p> <p>10:30 Easter Sunday Virtual Worship</p> <p>Passing of the Peace (Zoom)</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am</p> <p>Spire deadline is Monday, April 26, 9am</p>