

CHURCH NOTES – November 14, 2021

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BEING PRESENTED FOR BAPTISM are William James Calhoun Pruitt IV and Whitley Harris Pruitt, children of Jay and Margaret Pruitt. Attending are grandparents Dr. and Mrs. A.D. Kornegay and Mr. and Mrs. Calhoun Pruitt. Other family members are also present.

MISSION FILM SCREENING, NOVEMBER 14, 5-7PM Join us today for an important screening of the film “Call Me By My Name”, a documentary about a group of people experiencing homelessness and living on the street in Charlotte. The screening will be held outside on the lawn as weather permits. A light dinner will be available with a love offering taken.

THE METZLER FAMILY, after a year delay, is hosting a party to celebrate Dottie’s life. The congregation is invited to The Terrace at Cedar Hill, 800 West Hill Street, top floor on November 26, 2:30-4:30pm. The venue has a heated outdoor deck. Guests are requested to be vaccinated or wear masks. RSVP by November 15 to Dick, dndmetz@mac.com or 704-488-8362.

PASTOR’S BIBLE STUDY meets on Wednesdays, 11am, in the Parlor. The study will conclude on November 17.

SUNDAYS AT SELWYN

- Join us for Sunday School each week at 9:30am. There is a place for everyone – adults, youth, children, and nursery.
- Worship at 10:30am. The service will also be available on SAPC’s Facebook.
- Kick off the Advent season with an Intergenerational Hymn Sing on November 28, 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday School classes will not meet.
- Communion will be observed on the first Sunday of Advent, November 28 during the 10:30am service.

ADVENT WREATH EVENT Join us on November 28 following Worship. Make an Advent wreath, enjoy crafts, snacks, and fellowship. Order your kit and RSVP by November 21: www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoE4FAAAB22A1FC1-sapc4. Kits are \$10 each and can be paid via cash or check. We will be on the front lawn, weather permitting. If you cannot attend and would like to order a kit you can. Kits can be picked up December 1- 2 before 1pm.

46TH ANNUAL INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE “The Art of Gratitude and the Art of Healing” will be held virtually on Tuesday, November 23, 7pm. People of all faiths and backgrounds will come together in gratitude, to celebrate diversity, and pray for unity. The service includes a Loaves & Fishes food drive and an offering supporting MeckMIN and Crisis Assistance. Register to attend through www.meckmin.org/meckmin-interfaith-thanksgiving.

SERVICE OF COMFORT AND HOPE Join us on Wednesday, December 8, 11:30am for a service designed for those seeking quiet in the chaos, seeking a moment to focus, and for those experiencing loss or challenges. The service will be followed by a fellowship lunch. RSVP to office@selwynpres.org or 704-372-6836 by November 30. Masks and social distancing required.

COVID TASK FORCE UPDATE We are required by the County to wear masks in the building even if fully vaccinated. Ages 4 and above, thank you for being vigilant in your expression of care to all by wearing your mask inside. Please wear a mask outside as necessitates. Our togetherness is a gift. A task force of healthcare professionals will continue to guide us regarding COVID-19 and the variants.

MEET THE CHOIR Mollie McGirt is a senior at Providence High School. She is planning on attending college, and is unsure of where she will attend. She is looking at many places and has loved all of them. Although undecided about a major, she is thinking about the performing arts field or occupational therapy. Mollie enjoys ballet, singing, and playing the violin. She takes ballet three nights a week. She enjoys singing in the school’s Women’s Chamber Choir and playing in the orchestra. Mollie loves anything music and singing in the church choir, and hopes to continue to pursue music in college.

Bobby Yurkutat has been singing on and off for his entire life, and has been a member of several previous church choirs. Bobby also enjoys playing the trumpet. He says, “music at Selwyn is always a wonderful part of worship and I very much appreciate all of the talented and dedicated individuals that help deepen our connection to God. My family and I are so blessed to be part of the Selwyn community.” Bobby’s daughters, Caroline and Anna Grace, are also members of the Chancel Choir this year. In his free time Bobby enjoys sports and all kinds of events, and being outside: hiking, walking or grilling.

2022 PLEDGE UPDATE Selwyn is close to meeting our budgetary goals for the coming year. A pledge is an estimate of giving for the year. Every pledge is vitally important to support Selwyn's vision and mission. A successful year of stewardship will ensure Selwyn's ability to fund our mission partners at Montclair Elementary school, stabilize our staff, and maintain Selwyn's dynamic worship and intergenerational programming.

Our goal is for at least 130 households to pledge a total of \$780,000. So far, Selwyn has received 85 pledges and \$625,980. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity! Pledge cards are located in the narthex. Confidential pledges can be made during worship, by visiting www.selwynpres.org/giving, by emailing Selwyn's church accountant, Tonya Moore or using <https://airtable.com/shr9Nce19yItfPySd>.

2021 BUDGET UPDATE For 2021 Selwyn member Pledges total \$690,000. Goal for pledge receipts through November Year to Date (YTD) are \$632,500. Actual Pledge receipts YTD are \$522,054 Total deficit is \$110,446. As we near the end of the year, thank you to all for satisfying your 2021 giving commitment. It is most appreciated.

- **Giving reminder:** The IRS requires the church receive checks/stocks in 2021 to be counted as a 2021 contribution. If delivered in person, the check must be received in the office by 1pm, December 30, 2021. If mailed, your check must be dated 2021, and your envelope postmarked by December 31, 2021. Checks dated in 2021, but postmarked in 2022 must be credited, for IRS purposes in 2022.
- **Giving stock:** When giving stock, please contact church accountant Tonya Moore, tonya@tmooreaccounting.com or 704-996-5504, so she is aware of the transaction and can credit the proper amount to the correct member. Our stock account is with Charles Schwab & Co, Inc. Please sign a letter of instruction for your broker as follows: Please accept this letter of instruction to transfer __ shares of _____ securities as a gift to Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian, account #6598-4201, DTC Clearing 0164, Code 40.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
and in honor of our children's baptisms from Jay and Margaret Pruitt.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
<p>Sunday, November 14 9:00 Chancel Choir 9:30 Sunday School for All 9:30 Visitors Orientation Class (Chapel) 9:30 Confirmation Class 10:10 Called Session Meeting (Chapel) 10:30 Worship with Baptisms 5:00 Mission Film Screening</p> <p>Monday, November 15 7:30 BSA Troop (SH)</p>	<p>Tuesday, November 16 7:00 Book Club (P)</p> <p>Wednesday, November 17 11:00 Pastor's Bible Study (P) 11:00 PW Daughters of Faith 5:30 Children's Choir, age 4 - 5th grade 6:15 Handbell Choir (FH)</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am Spire deadline is Monday, November 29, 9am</p>	<p>Friday, November 19 7:00 Men's Group (BH)</p> <p>Sunday, November 21 9:00 Chancel Choir 9:30 Sunday School for All 9:30 Confirmation Class 10:30 Worship 11:30 Prayer Shawl Meeting (P) 6:00 Youth Group</p>



This Advent/Christmas season you are invited to make a contribution to the Agnes and Matt Lyle Flower Memorial Fund in memory or honor of a friend or loved one. Your donation will go towards the Flower Memorial Fund and Christmas poinsettias. For each donation of \$11.00 the name of your honoree will be printed in the bulletin on Sunday, December 19. Please return this form and your check (payable to SAPC) to the church office. Please designate "Flower Memorial Fund" in the memo line of your check. The deadline is Sunday, December 12. Please print neatly.

Name(s) of giver(s) _____

Your phone # _____ Email address _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____