

THE SELWYN SPIRE

December 2021

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church

2929 Selwyn Avenue Charlotte, NC 28209, Tel: 704-372-6836, www.selwynpres.org

Advent: A Story of Love

December 5

Worship Service with Handbells 10:30am

December 8

Service of Comfort and Hope 11:30am
Followed by Fellowship Lunch

December 12

Children's Christmas Pageant Worship
10:30am
and Christmas Lunch

December 19

Worship Service with Special Music,
Magnificat, 10:30am

December 24

Family Friendly Worship Service 10am

Christmas Eve Traditional Candlelight
Service with Communion 5pm

Christmas Eve Traditional
Candlelight Service 7pm

*Christmas Eve Joy Gift Special Offering
during services*



SAPC STAFF

Lori Raible, *Pastor*

Margo Richardson, *Associate Pastor*

Lisa McLennan, *Parish Associate*

Nancy Nutter, *Director of Children/Family Ministries*

Ashlee Anderson, *Congregational Life Coordinator*

Fred Spano, *Director of Music*

Gay Pappin, *Organist*

Marsha Cooper, *Church Administrator*

Lawson Caldwell, *Administrative Assistant*

Tonya Moore, *Church Accountant*

Reba Hardaway, *Accounting Administrative Assistant*

Jennifer Dixon, *Communications*

Steve Stevenson, *Facilities Coordinator*

Beth Sharpe, *Director of Child Development Center*

GROUP CHAIRS

Administration - Lou Waple

Child Development Center - Clark Walton

Christian Education & Formation - Allison Tibe

Congregational Life - Deni Pifer/Ginny Burgin

Mission - Susan Flynn/Chris Bahr

Worship - Suzanne Newsom

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE



CHURCH-WIDE CHRISTMAS LUNCH, DECEMBER 12

Join us for a boxed lunch and fellowship following the Children's Christmas Pageant Service.

RSVP by December 6 or you may contact [Ashlee Anderson](#).

BRING A BREAD DECEMBER 26, 9:30AM

You are invited to bring a bread, fruit, or holiday treat to share. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday School classes will not meet.



SAPC BOOK CLUB will meet on December 13, 6pm at the home of Beth Ramsey, 2801 Burnt Mill Rd. Questions, contact [Nancy Bobbitt](#).

Margo Richardson was ordained as Associate Pastor on Sunday, November 7.



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Individuals and families are encouraged to sign up in honor or memory of people. We have a commitment with a florist for one standard arrangement for \$65. Additional charges may apply for specific flower varieties. Checks should be made to the church with "sanctuary flowers" in the memo line. To reserve a date contact [Marsha](#), or 704-372-6836.

In Nursing or Retirement Homes

- Aldersgate - Dick Metzler
- Asbury— Mary Faye Proctor
- Carmel Hills—Marie Pressley
- Carriage Club - Herman Thomas
- Charlotte Square - La Melle Hagerty
- Cypress - Bill and Nancy Budd, Robert Shore, Olen and Nancy Smith
- Matthews Glen - Anne McMackin, Cara Munday, Anne Rutherford
- Merrywood- Jo Caldwell, Pat Ferguson
- Sharon Towers - Richard and Joan Foard
- Southminster - Kathy and John Hartley, Kay Hastings, Art Jones, Bobbye Linn

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. We will continue to be guided by a task force of healthcare professionals regarding COVID-19 and the variants.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

THE PEACE CIRCLE invites all women to a special meeting on Tuesday, December 7, 7:15pm in the Chapel. PRN, and Certified Women's Counselor, Mollie Gee, will present Prepping for the Holidays: Finding connection, ease and joy amidst the stress and chaos of the holidays. A love offering of \$15 is requested to help cover the cost of the speaker. RSVP to [Catherine Miller](#) and you can venmo, Catherine Miller @catherinelowell. Following the discussion all are invited for a fellowship time at Reid's or The Jimmy.



- * Circle #1, Women of Wonder – Monday, December 6, 12:30pm - Ann Copeland
- * Circle #2, Peace Seekers - Tuesday, December 7, 7:15pm - Emily Battle and Jamie Yearwood
- * Circle #3, Our Spiritual Journey – Tuesday, December 7, 10:30am - Bobbie Hankins
- * Circle #4, Evening Grace – Tuesday, December 7, 7pm - Beth Ramsey's Home
- * Circle #5, Daughters of Faith – Wednesday, December 1, 11am - Tracie Northan

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|---|---|--|---|---|
| 1 Marie Thomas | 8 Dick Metzler
Sarah Pineno | 15 Brittain Ellison
Thomas Wakefield
Emma Hinson Waple | 17 Peggy Hornberg
Henry Hahn
Maggie Huff
Cara Munday
Rick Smith | 27 Ann Copeland
Betsy Hamburger
Mary Miller |
| 3 Frank Deal
Peyton Green
Lawson Roush
Cecilia White | 10 Townes Cauthen
Garrett Grist
Tim Linker | 16 James Battle
J.P. Flynn
James Hart
Will Trogdon | 20 Hunter Miller | 28 Hannah Long
Matt Madigan |
| 4 Meredith Gallagher
Emma Northan
Laura Warner | 11 Sadie Canter
Mike Goodman
Cassidy Wolf | | 21 Burgin Bentley
Roy Koppelman
William Phifer
Kyla Risko
Maggie Thrasher | 29 Logan Goodman
Josh Guffey
Margaret Harris
Malyn Pratt |
| 5 Martin Pressley
Hattie Yearwood | 12 Monica Roush
Jack Skibinski
Andi Smith
P. J. Stark
Brian Tallent | | 25 Matthew Cronmiller | 30 Robert Deal
Herb Jones
Jim Moore
Anna Stuart |
| 6 Shannon Brown
Kenneth McDermott
Ella Mills
Laura Stark | 14 Owen Porter
Annie Thompson | | 26 Kevin Cumbus
Samantha Phifer
Jessie Zande | 31 Eliza Young |



STEWARDSHIP

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.

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 97 pledges and \$672,912. 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 this link](#).

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION



CHILDREN'S CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, December 1 and 8, from 5:30-6pm in the Chapel. We invite children, age 4 through 5th grade, to participate. Contact [Nancy Nutter](#) with questions.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

will be held on December 12 during Worship. Children of all ages are invited to join pageant rehearsals on Saturday, December 4 and 11, 10 - 11:30am. We look forward to seeing you as we prepare for the Advent and Christmas season. Contact [Nancy Nutter](#) with questions.

ELEMENTARY CHILDREN K-5 SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30AM gather with Children's Director, Nancy Nutter and a dedicated team of teachers, for storytelling in the Bowman Building.

PRESCHOOL AND NURSERY—SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30AM AND WORSHIP AT 10:30AM

Infants and preschoolers are greeted by our long-standing, loving nursery keepers. As an expression of our baptismal vows, member volunteers can support the children by volunteering in the classrooms. Parents of children under the age of four are strongly encouraged to volunteer at least once a semester.

A note about the care and safety of our children: All volunteers and adults teaching and caring for our children will be required to wear masks at all times, as well as children over the age of three.

ELEMENTARY CHILDREN'S WORSHIP AT 10:30AM

All Elementary children are invited to worship in the sanctuary. After the Children's Message they are invited to join Nancy Nutter for Children's Chapel, to engage in a story and crafts, before returning to the Sanctuary during the Doxology.



THIRD GRADERS RECEIVED BIBLES SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

ADVENT ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Join us for a time of Advent learning and discussion.

The combined class for adults will be held at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

[Selwyn Life Class](#) (Library) will continue their study of Exodus.

Please refer to publications, the weekly email, or our [website](#) to find the Bible study that is right for you.

WORSHIP



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. Masks and social distancing are required. RSVP to [Lawson](#) or 704-372-6836.

COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED

on December 24, at the 5pm Christmas Eve Service. If you are unable to attend the service and would like to receive communion at your residence.

Please notify Suzanne Newsom, 704-999-1016 or the office, 704-372-6836.



MISSION



MISSION TREE [Sign up](#) to give meaningful Christmas gifts to our Mission partners by selecting an ornament through our virtual Mission Tree or you can select an ornament off the Welcome Center tree at the church. Unwrapped gifts are due back to the church by December 13.

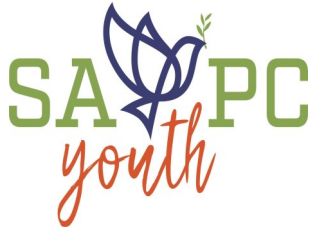


ROOM IN THE INN Selwyn will host homeless neighbors through Roof Above on Mondays, December 6 - March 28, providing three meals and a warm, safe place to sleep. Due to COVID safety precautions it is preferred a group of individuals come together and sign up to address all food (dinner, breakfast, and bag lunches), setup, and clean up needs for specific Monday evenings. [Sign up to help](#), or contact [Michelle Bentley](#). An experienced RITI volunteer will be onsite weekly to assist the group. [Sign up to be an overnight host](#).



HABITAT A group of 10 finished the framing punch list on Selwyn's Habitat work day. Jerton, the home owner, was not able to work but we got his house ready for installation of plumbing, insulation, electrical and HVAC. Then the wallboard can be put up and painted. All should be completed by December 1 for trim to be installed and the house finished before Christmas. In addition to the construction crew, Nancy Bobbitt and Mai-Lis Bahr provided lunch and Courtney and Beatrice McLellan worked at Habitat ReStore to help sort and display furniture and household goods. Thanks to everyone who "Made Habitat a Habit-at Selwyn."

YOUTH NEWS



- ❖ December 3 - Youth Game Night, 6pm.
- ❖ December 5, 12, 19 - Coffee Talks and Confirmation Classes, 9:30am.
- ❖ December 12 - Middle School Christmas Party, 6-7:30pm
- ❖ December 19 - High School Christmas Party, 6-7:30pm

See Margo's email for the full schedule of the programming year. [Contact her](#) with questions.
Special note: Masks must be worn when we gather inside.

NOMINATION FORM FOR CHURCH ELDERS:

We need your suggestions for Church Elders to begin serving June 5, 2022. If you like, you may give reasons why the people you are suggesting will make good officers (past service to this or other churches; spiritual leadership, etc.)

You may submit suggestions by returning the form to the church office or email your nomination to Marsha Cooper, marshac@selwynpres.org where it will be passed to the Nominating Committee. Please submit your suggestions by January 10, 2022.

Nominations for Elder (9 will be elected - 3 year term)

Nominations for Youth Elder (1 will be elected - 1 year term)

LIST OF OFFICERS CURRENTLY SERVING AND THEREFORE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR NOMINATION:

Class of 2022: Emily Cox, Janice Finein, Kipp Kiger, Emily Kincade, Bailey King, Tom Moore, Alyssa Sharpe, Allison Tibe, Clark Walton

Class of 2023: Chris Bahr, Shannon Brown, Bob Cole, Susan Flynn, Suzanne Newsom, Deni Pifer, Andy Sontag, Lou Waple, JD Yearwood

Class of 2024: Ginny Burgin, Charlie Harris, Morgan Liles, Dick Metzler, Kurt Parbst, Samantha Phifer, Heather Risko, Ed Thomas, Andy Wertz

Youth: Andy Bentley