



THE SELWYN SPIRE

December 2022

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church
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Advent 2022 Opportunities At Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church

December 4, 2nd Sunday in Advent

9:30 Sunday School for All
10:30 Worship with Special Music from the Handbell Choir

December 7, Service of Comfort and Hope

11:30 Chapel Worship,
followed by a light fellowship lunch

December 11, 3rd Sunday in Advent

9:30 Sunday School for All
10:30 Children's Christmas Pageant Worship Service
11:30 All Church Christmas Luncheon

December 18, 4th Sunday in Advent

9:30 Sunday School for All
10:30 Worship Service with Presentation of Special Music
Joy Gift Offering collected.

December 24, Christmas Eve

10:30 Worship Service
A time for families, especially for those with younger children,
to worship together.
5:00 Traditional Candlelight Service with Communion
Joy Gift Offering collected at both services.

December 25, Christmas Day

10:30 Worship Service

Advent Sunday School, 9:30am

We are offering three intergenerational Advent studies on Sunday mornings.

- ◇ *From Generation to Generation*, a study created by Sanctified Art, will provide a time to explore and reflect on Advent through art exploration—using poetry, and print and visual mediums. (Chapel)
- ◇ Conversations on Faith class will focus on Matt Rawle's book *The Heart That Grew Three Sizes*. (Library)
- ◇ Faith Forward Class will explore Advent through Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book *God in the Manger*. (Parlor)
 - ◇ Elementary children Advent learning and activities. (Bowman building)

Christmas Mission Tree

Help give a meaningful gift by selecting an ornament from the Welcome Center tree
or select a virtual ornament to fulfill a wish for one of our Mission partners.
The tree will be available on November 20.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE



We welcome

Jacqueline Elizabeth Black,
daughter of Will and Jenny Ward Black,
born on November 3, 2022.

Congratulations and Best Wishes



Rebecca Cann and Sven Wadensten
were married on November 5, 2022

In Nursing or Retirement Homes

Aldersgate - Dick Metzler
Asbury - Mary Faye Proctor
Carmel Hills - Marie Pressley
Carriage Club - Herman Thomas
Cypress - Bill and Nancy Budd,
Steve and Ellen Byrum, 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 Hartley,
Kay Hastings, Art Jones, Bobbye Linn,
Sally Moore

Non-Member Deaths

Haynes Wallwork, former member,
on November 21, 2022
Debbie Wyatt, sister-in-law of Gay Pappin,
on November 24, 2022



SALT SHAKERS

Sunday, December 4, 6pm

A mature age social group
who no longer have children
at home. The group meets once a
month at a member's home and bring
a covered dish to share.
Questions contact [Malyn Pratt](#).



SAPC BOOK CLUB

will meet for a covered dish
dinner on December 14, 6:30pm
at the Pratts. Questions, contact
[Nancy Bobbitt](#).



JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS LUNCH DECEMBER 11

in the Fellowship Hall following
the Children's Pageant Worship Service.

We will offer a full traditional meal
as done in years past.

Helpers are needed
(food prep, desserts, clean up).
[Sign up](#) to assist.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Marie Thomas
Chandler Haynie
3 Frank Deal
Peyton Green
Lawson Roush
Cecilia White
4 Emma Northan
Laura Warner
5 Martin Pressley
Kim Turner
Hattie Yearwood
6 Shannon Brown
Kenneth McDermott
Ella Mills
Laura Stark

8 Sarah Martin
Dick Metzler
Sarah Pineno
10 Garrett Grist
Tim Linker
Jordan Turner
11 Andrew Campion
Sadie Canter
Mike Goodman
Cassidy Wolf
12 Monica Roush
Jack Skibinski
P. J. Stark
Brian Tallent

14 Owen Porter
Annie Thompson
15 Briana Campion
Brittain Ellison
Thomas Wakefield
Emma Hinson Waple
16 James Battle
J.P. Flynn
James Hart
17 Henry Hahn
Peggy Hormberg
Maggie Huff
Cara Munday
Rick Smith
Max Stein

20 Hunter Miller
21 Burgin Bentley
Roy Koppelman
William Phifer
Kyla Risko
Maggie Thrasher
25 Matthew Cronmiller
26 Kevin Cumbs
Samantha Phifer
Jessie Zande
27 Ann Copeland
Betsy Hamburger
Mary Miller
28 Hannah Long
Matt Madigan

29 Logan Goodman
Margaret Harris
Malyn Pratt
30 Robert Deal
Herb Jones
Jim Moore
Anna Stuart
31 Chip Long
Eliza Young



CHRISTMAS 2022—FLOWER FUND

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 sanctuary flowers. For each donation of \$11.00 the name of your honoree will be printed in the bulletin on Sunday, December 18. 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 4.** Please print neatly.

Your phone # _____ Email address _____

Name(s) of giver(s) as you would like it printed in the bulletin. _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____



PLEASE PROVIDE A WARM SELWYN WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



Josh and Heather Smith Baker



Andrew and Briana Campion



Dan and Katie Gualtieri



Ted and Janette Zimmer

Judy Ewing Lonetti—not pictured

STEWARDSHIP

As we near the end of the year, thank you to all for satisfying your 2022 giving commitment. It is most appreciated.

Giving reminder: The IRS requires the church receive checks/stocks in 2022 to be counted as a 2022 contribution. If delivered in person, the check must be received in the office by 1pm, December 30, 2022. If mailed, your check must be dated 2022, and your envelope postmarked by December 31, 2022. Checks dated in 2022, but postmarked in 2023 must be credited, for IRS purposes in 2023.

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.

GRACE ABOUNDS

STEWARDSHIP 2023



The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Thank you for prayerfully considering your stewardship commitment, knowing every gift is impactful in many ways.

- ⇒ You can make a confidential pledge by returning your completed pledge card
- ⇒ use this [airtable link](#)
- ⇒ visit the [website](#) or
- ⇒ email church accountant, [Tonya Moore](#).

TEXT TO GIVE OR SCAN THE QR CODE

Text 704-734-9818. Enter an amount. The first time you will be prompted to SHELBY to confirm set up.

You may also give by scanning the QR code with an installed app on your phone.



WORSHIP

You are invited to a

Service of Comfort and Hope

Wednesday, December 7
11:30am

A Service designed to bring you peace as we enter into a season that can bring challenges and loneliness.

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church Chapel

Lunch immediately to follow in the fellowship hall.

Please RSVP for lunch to the church office, 704-372-6836 or office@selwynpres.org.



Communion will be served on December 24 during the 5pm Christmas Eve Worship Service.

If you are unable to attend the worship service and would like to receive communion at your residence, please notify Suzanne Newsom, 704-999-1016 or contact the church office, 704-372-6836.



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

You are encouraged to sign up in honor or memory of people or occasions. Contact [Marsha Cooper](#) to reserve a date. Online payments or checks for \$65 should be made to the church indicating "sanctuary flowers".



SIGN UP TO USHER IN WORSHIP SERVICES

Scan the QR Code with your mobile app or email [Andy Wertz](#).



Join us weekly for Worship in the Sanctuary at 10:30am.

If you cannot attend worship in the sanctuary an email is sent at 10:15am with the [Facebook link](#).

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION



- ❖ **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** will be held on December 11 during Worship. Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to join pageant rehearsals on Saturday, December 3 and 10, from 10am - 12pm. Questions, contact [Nancy Nutter](#).

- ❖ **CHILDREN'S CHOIR** We invite children ages 4 through 5th grade to join us on December 7, 5:30 – 6pm. There will be two Saturday rehearsals combined with the pageant rehearsals on December 3 and 10, from 10am-12 noon. Questions, contact [Nancy Nutter](#).



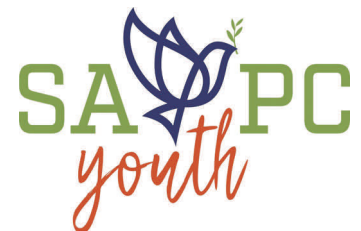
- ❖ **SUNDAY PRESCHOOL AND NURSERY— 9:30AM, 10:30AM** The children are cared for by our loving nursery keepers.
- ❖ **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL— 9:30AM** Elementary children will gather with Nancy Nutter in the Bowman building for Advent learning and activities.
- ❖ **YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:30AM** Middle and High School Coffee Talks and Confirmation Class meet.
- ❖ **ADULTS and THREE INTERGENERATIONAL ADVENT SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES—9:30AM**
 - ⇒ From *Generation to Generation*, a study created by Sanctified Art, will provide a time to explore and reflect on Advent through art exploration—using poetry, and print and visual mediums. (Chapel)
 - ⇒ Conversations on Faith class will explore the true meaning of Christmas with the help of the Grinch. Matt Rawle's book *The Heart That Grew Three Sizes*, along with featured video clips will be used. (Library)
 - ⇒ Faith Forward Class will explore Advent through Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book *God in the Manger*. (Parlor)



- ❖ **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY** will meet on Tuesdays, 1pm through December 20 in the Parlor. Lori Raible will lead the *Generation to Generation* Advent Study.
- ❖ **WEEKLY MEN'S GROUP** The group meets on Fridays, 7am at the Bates House.
- ❖ **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MONTHLY CIRCLES**
All women are invited to participate for Bible study, topics of interest, and service opportunities. Monthly meetings with daytime and/or evening meeting options are available. One weekly Circle is offered on Wednesdays, 11am and will resume in January. Contact Moderator Pam Brownlee or the church office at 704-372-6836 for more information.

YOUTH NEWS

- ◆ **Youth Game Night** - December 2, 6-9 pm (Fellowship Hall) [RSVP to Margo](#).
- ◆ **Coffee Talks and Confirmation Class**—Sundays at 9:30am, December 4, 11, and 18. Coffee Talks will join the intergenerational Advent study in the Chapel. Confirmation will meet in the Grace Room.
- ◆ **Second Sunday Service**—December 11, 6-7:30pm (Fellowship Hall) Dinner will be provided.
- ◆ **Youth Christmas Party**—December 18, 6-7:30pm



Contact [Margo Fraga](#) for more information or with any questions.

Please Note— December 5 Registration Deadline for Appalachia Service Project

Those completing 8th grade in 2023 through 12th grade are eligible for the June 18-24 week. Selwyn has committed to bringing a minimum of 20 people to serve, making homes warmer, safer, and drier in rural Appalachia. No construction experience is needed, just a heart for serving others and a desire to learn. Adults are also needed. [Click here to register.](#)

MISSION



FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

- Purchase requested groceries for the Montclair Elementary School Pantry.
- Needs are bag rice, bag beans, canned meat, peanut butter, crackers, canned fruits, vegetables, soup, breakfast items, individual wrapped snacks.
- No glass items please.
- Items can be returned to the church the first Sunday of each month or during the week.

Immediate needs include canned vegetables, bags of rice and bags of beans.

YOU CAN HELP ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS AND HUNGER

Assist with "Operation Sandwich" on December 10 by preparing bagged lunches for our Roof Above homeless neighbors.

Our goal each designated time is 200 lunches. We ask you to sign up in increments of 10 lunches. [Sign up now](#) to help with the December date, or visit the [church website](#).

Please bring prepared lunches to the church on Saturday, December 10, between 9-10am.



Roof Above also needs supplies. Please consider ordering directly from the [Roof Above wish list](#).

November 17
True Blessings Lunch
in support of Roof Above

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Please join us in praying for those in affected communities. To offer your financial support you may send a check to Selwyn, designating PDA and the specific area in the memo line, or send a check directly to Presbyterian Church USA, PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700, or contact PDA by phone 800-872-3283.

- For the financial and technical emergency humanitarian response through faith communities for those fleeing Ukraine, please designate your donation to PDA- Ukraine DR000156 in the memo line or text PDAUKR to 41444.

CHRISTMAS MISSION TREE

Help give a meaningful gift to one of our Mission partners by selecting an ornament off the Mission Tree at the church.

Unwrapped gifts are due back to the church by December 11.



ROOM IN THE INN

Selwyn will host homeless neighbors through Roof Above on Mondays, December 5 - March 27, providing three meals and a warm, safe place to sleep. [Sign up to help.](#)

Questions contact [Michelle Bentley](#).



ASSIST MONTCLAIRE ELEMENTARY CHILDREN



There are a variety of ways to assist at Montclair Elementary School and with the Greater Enrichment Program.

Scan the QR code or visit the [Sign Up Form](#).

November 7 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
for the new Montclair Elementary building



Habitat Workday, November 19

Despite a chilly start to the workday the Selwyn paint crew got two coats of paint on the interior of our Habitat house - 25 gallons of paint used!



Meanwhile, Lilly Hart and Blake Partridge spent the morning helping at the Habitat ReStore. Watch for new opportunities to help provide affordable housing in 2023.

SAVE THE DATE

We will be hosting a meal packing event with Rise Against Hunger on March 12, 2023 following worship.



SAPC STAFF

Lori Archer Raible, *Pastor*
Margo Richardson Fraga, *Associate Pastor*
Hillary Cheek, *Parish Associate for Mission*
Lisa McLennan, *Parish Associate*
Nancy Nutter, *Director of Children/Family Ministries*
Fred Spano, *Director of Music*
Gay Pappin, *Organist*

Marsha Cooper, *Church Administrator*
Debbie Pott, *Administrative Assistant*
Tonya Moore, *Church Accountant*
Reba Hardaway, *Accounting Administrative Assistant*
Jennifer Dixon Remsen, *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