



THE SELWYN SPIRE

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church

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We may be weary. We may be isolated. We may be uncertain.
But most of all, we are an Easter People longing to gather for worship,
shout with joy and sing with gratitude.

I read in a small Lenten devotional,
“Between the Alpha and the Omega, between the beginning and the end...
we experience life’s journey. At the heart of that journey is our Christian faith.
Made in the image and likeness of God and destined to share in the promise of eternal life,
we are called to participate in the life of Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit.
Lent has its Alpha and Omega. As we begin with Ash Wednesday and end with the celebration
of the great Easter mystery... The quality of the ending will depend, to a large extent,
on how deeply we respond to Jesus’ imperatives that we pray, fast, and give alms.”

We are not alone on this journey, but called together ‘as a pilgrim people,’
as we deepen our participation in the life of Jesus, and prepare ourselves
to celebrate Easter and new life in the risen Lord.

Selwyn Avenue is preparing for a season of Easter joy,
even in the midst of a persistent pandemic.

This Lenten season your presence among us is cherished,
as we pray, study, worship, give and consider Christ’s call in Matthew 25;
to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, comfort the sick, and visit the prisoner.

With Hope,

February 17 Ash Wednesday
Please join us for worship and prayer.
12-12:20pm Intercessory Prayer and Lament by Zoom
4-6pm Self-Guided Outdoor Worship and Disposition of Ashes
6:30pm Livestreamed Traditional Worship on Facebook Live

SAPC STAFF

Lori Raible, *Pastor*
Lisa McLennan, *Parish Associate*
Margo Richardson, *Director for Youth/Young Adults*
Nancy Nutter, *Director of Children/Family Ministries*
Ashlee Anderson, *Seminary Intern/CEF*
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*
Jessica Masanotti, *Communications Specialist*
Steve Stevenson, *Facilities Coordinator*
Beth Sharpe, *Director of Child Development Center*

GROUP CHAIRS

Administration - Lou Waple
Child Development Center - Clark Walton
Christian Education & Formation - Erin Mills/Allison Tibe
Congregational Life - Emily Battle/Deni Pifer
Mission - Susan Flynn
Worship - Suzanne Newsom

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for pledging in 2021!

Please prayerfully consider your 2021 estimate of giving at any level. So far 108 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.

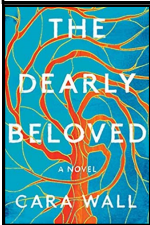
Instructions for using:

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.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

- ❖ We continue to lead virtual worship on Facebook Live at 10:30am each Sunday. A link for joining is sent at 10:15am each Sunday via email to members and is available on our website. Our SAPC COVID-19 Task Force has recommended postponing all small group gatherings until further notice. Please refer to the weekly email and [website](#) for updates.
- ❖ 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. Listen to the instructions carefully and 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.



SAPC BOOK CLUB will meet February 16, 7pm, via Zoom.

This month's selection is

The Dearly Beloved by Cara Wall.

Questions, contact [Nancy Bobbitt](#).

In Nursing or Retirement Homes

Carriage Club - Mildred Long, Herman Thomas
 Charlotte Square - La Melle Hagerty
 Merrywood- Jo Caldwell
 Plantation Estates - Anne McMackin, Cara Munday, Anne Rutherford
 Sharon Towers - Richard and Joan Foad
 Southminster - Kathy and John Hartley, Kay Hastings, Art Jones, Bobby Linn
 The Cypress - Bill and Nancy Budd, Bobby Davis, Olen and Nancy Smith
 Waltonwood Cotswold - Mary Faye Proctor

Deaths

Alice Griggs Cumbus, grandmother of Kevin Cumbus, on January 8, 2021
 Virginia Grace Rohlf, grandmother of Jodie Bolewitz, on January 11, 2021
 Elva Grey Potts Hendrix, grandmother of Sally Shoaf, on January 12, 2021
 Nellie Jane Mickey "Nell" Boles, grandmother of Beth Ramsey, on January 16, 2021
 Earl John Oberbauer Jr., father of Laura Stark on January 17, 2021.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|--|---|--|--|
| 1 Patrick Finein | 10 Jenny Black
Faith Cooper | 20 Meg Cauthen
Catherine Miller
Tina Weinberg | 25 Henry Hoskins
Hannah King
Alan Ward |
| 2 Charlie Trogdon | 11 Abbe Aaron | 21 Byl Cameron
Laura McDermott
Townley Moon | 26 Brady Ellis
Nate Huff
Andrew McLellan
Deni Pifer |
| 3 Stella Wolf | 12 Andy Bentley | 22 Jennifer Canter
David Darnell
Evie Harris
Ghazale Johnston | 27 Joe Anne Cole
Skye Johnson
Owen Sweet |
| 4 Maggie Peebles | 13 Lawson Caldwell | 23 Cliff Aaron
Brittany Guffey | 28 Isabel Cann
Jack Daily
Emily Otey
Beth Sharpe |
| 5 Grayson Craig
Emmy Yearwood | 14 Cindy Piacentino
Jon White | 24 Heather Simmons
Luke Skibinski | |
| 6 Andy Wertz
Lauren Widener | 15 Mary Flynn | | |
| 8 David Huff
Jim Risko | 16 Gillian Wootton | | |
| 9 Sebastian Marth
Caroline Thompson
Hunter Widener | 19 Parker Horton
Walt Howard
Chris Stuart
Ann Thomas | | |




WORSHIP



COMMUNION WILL BE OBSERVED on February 21 during the 10:30am online service. Every household is encouraged to prepare a sacred place in your home. A table, a candle, a Bible, a loaf, a cup.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

WALKING with JESUS *Through the Gospel of Mark*



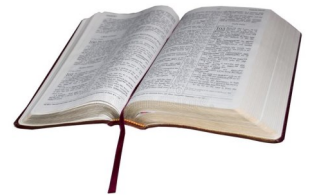
No matter where you are, Jesus will meet you there. We may be separated but together we will walk with Jesus through the Gospel of Mark.

- Worship with Selwyn every Sunday morning at 10:30am.
- Listen and reflect upon our weekly Faith Lab Podcast which corresponds with the text for the following Sunday in 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.

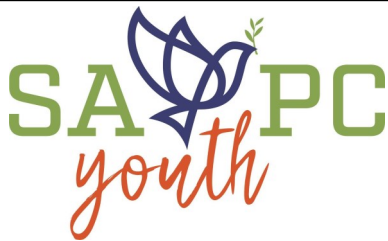
ADULT ONLINE BIBLE STUDIES AND CLASSES

All classes are virtual through Zoom. Links to participate can be found at www.selwynpres.org.

- * Daughters of Faith meets weekly on Wednesdays at 11am.
- * Pastor's Bible Study – 11am on Wednesdays.
- * Selwyn Life Sunday School, Study of Mark, every Sunday through Easter, 9:15am. Contact [John Lemmon](#).
- * Covenant Sunday School, every Sunday at 9:30am.
- * Grace Class, 9:30am, second and fourth Sundays. Study of Barbara Brown Taylor's book [Learning to Walk in the Dark](#). Contact [Erin Mills](#).
- * Men's Group, Fridays, 7am
- * Presbyterian Women Circles, September through May. Contact Moderator, [Peggy Hornberg](#).



YOUTH NEWS



- ❖ Sunday, January 31, All Youth Sunday Planning, 12pm
- ❖ Friday, February 5, Youth Game Night, 6pm on Zoom
- ❖ Sunday, February 7 and 14, All Youth Sunday Planning, 12pm
- ❖ Sunday, February 21, Youth Sunday Worship, 10:30am

For all summer trips please RSVP to [Margo](#) before February 12. Deposits due February 25.

APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT (ASP)

June 13-19

Total Cost: \$500; Deposit: \$200
(includes transportation, food and housing)
Rising 9th graders- graduated 12th grade
What is [ASP](#)
Adult chaperones needed: 10+

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE

WEEK 3 July 11-17

Total Cost: \$450; Deposit: \$150
(includes transportation, food and housing)
Rising 9th graders- graduated 12th grade
What is [Montreat](#)
Adult chaperones needed: 3

MIDDLE SCHOOL CROSS MISSIONS

July 25-30 (Local CLT Overnight Trip)
Total Cost: \$325; Deposit: \$100
(includes transportation, food and housing)
Rising 6th grade-rising 8th grade
What is [CROSS](#)
Adult chaperones needed: 4

MISSION

SELWYN, HOW CAN YOU LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR?

Food First Sunday is February 7. Help feed Montclair Elementary children and families and restock the food pantry. Please return items to the Welcome Center porch bin. No glass items please.

You may contribute funds via our online giving portals to buy grocery store gift cards for the families.

You can help Roof Above provide care for guests during winter months by providing food support, wishlist items, and more. Visit the [website](#).

