



November 2020

THE SELWYN SPIRE

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Dear Selwyn Friends,

For the Israelites, a sanctuary (mikdash) was set apart as a holy place of beauty for refuge and rest. Familiar mountain tops, caves, and sacred riverbeds hosted many an altar. Having crossed the Red Sea, there was no turning back for the Israelites! Facing a long journey into the wilderness, they would no longer have access to their familiar sacred spaces. By God's command, Moses continued to adapt and adjust along the way. A tabernacle or temporary, portable tent (mishkan) was created to house the ark of the Covenant as they traveled through the wilderness. For the Lord to dwell in their midst could also be translated in their hearts.

"Let them make for me a sanctuary that I may dwell in their midst" – Exodus 25:8.

Our beloved sanctuary informs who we are and what is important, but our togetherness is what makes it sacred and holy. For all that has been turned on its head, for all that has been lost and grieved, for all that is unknown and unstable in this world, the last seven months have created space for us to consider what it means to be a people of faith.

Why is it important for us to center our lives by worship and prayer in community? Who are we called to be as Christians in the world, right now? What are our household priorities and how do we order our lives accordingly? Last week, Rob and I (along with you) received an invitation from our stewardship team to prayerfully consider some of these important questions in order that we might sustain and support the mission and vision of Selwyn Avenue financially.

In many ways, we are traveling through wilderness. But rest assured, we travel with good hope! The Lord dwells among us; in our sanctuary, on our porches, in our hearts. This is a year we walk together in faith celebrating God's unexpected abundance, like manna from above.

Soon enough, we will celebrate the incarnation, God with us, Emmanuel.

We do not walk alone. God's promise of steadfast love and grace in Jesus Christ has sustained the Church from generation to generation.

If you would like to talk more about Selwyn's plans for stewardship, we invite you to attend one of the virtual Listening Sessions with committee members on November 5, 7:30pm or November 11, 10am. Please prayerfully consider making an estimate of your giving for 2021 by pledging during this stewardship season.

Dedication Sunday is November 15th, 2020.

With Gratitude,



**SAPC LISTENING
SESSIONS**

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

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

IN MEMORIAM

Angie Williams Madigan

June 14, 1967 – October 3, 2020

IN MEMORIAM

Donna Marie Todd

March 13, 1929 – October 18, 2020



We welcome

Serena Laura Spencer,
daughter of Clark and Jenifer Gobie Spencer,
born on October 20, 2020

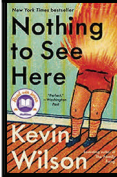
In Nursing or Retirement Homes

Aldersgate - Dick Metzler
Asbury Health Center - Dottie Metzler
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 Foard
Southminster - Kathy and John Hartley,
Kay Hastings, Art Jones, Bobbye Linn
The Cypress - Bill and Nancy Budd,
Bobby Davis, Olen and Nancy Smith
Waltonwood Cotswold -
Mary Faye Proctor

Fall Back!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS!

Remember to turn your clock back at 2am on Sunday, November 1.



SAPC BOOK CLUB will meet Tuesday, November 17, from 7-9pm on Zoom.

This month's selection is Nothing to See Here by Kevin Wilson.

Questions, contact [Nancy Bobbitt](#).



Stewardship information packets were mailed last week. Please prayerfully consider your estimate of giving for 2021 by pledging this stewardship season. To learn more, join in a virtual Listening Session with members of the committee on [November 5, 7:30pm](#) or [November 11, 10am](#). Dedication Sunday is November 15.

YOUR CONTINUED STEWARDSHIP AND PLEDGES are much needed and celebrated.

Thank you to all who have embraced the new online **Text to Give** 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 on, it is as easy as texting the amount to the number with or without a key word.
- You DO NOT need a key word if giving to the 2020 annual fund.
- Key words are:
GIVE (an offering to SAPC's general fund)
COVID (special offering in response to the needs of Montclair Elementary and Roof Above)

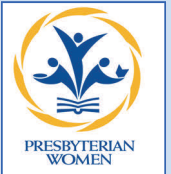


Listen to sermons, children's Chapels, community discussion, and more. We have an exciting line-up of Podcasts this season and hope you will join us virtually.

[Click to hear on Spotify](#) and [click to hear on Apple Podcast](#).

Troop 99 is holding socially distant meetings on Mondays and camping every month! If interested in joining contact [Joe Bentley](#).

PW CIRCLES meet September through May. All women are encouraged to join a Presbyterian Women Circle. Bible studies and topics of interest are shared, and service projects are done throughout the year. Please contact PW Moderator, [Peggy Hormberg](#), if you would like to join a Circle or for additional information.



- * **DAUGHTERS OF FAITH** meet weekly on Wednesdays, 3:30pm. Contact [Tracie Northan](#).
- * **WOMEN OF WONDER** will meet Monday, November 2, 12:30pm. Contact [Ann Copeland](#).
- * **OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY** will meet Tuesday, November 3, 10:30am. Contact Bobbie Hankins.
- * **EVENING GRACE** will meet Tuesday, November 3, 7pm on Zoom. Contact [Nancy Bobbitt](#).
- * **PEACE SEEKERS** will meet Tuesday, November 10, 7:30pm. Contact [Jamie Yearwood](#).

Thank you
for having
me here for
remote learning

Thank you card from a GEP student.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

ADVENT WORKSHOP

Please join us on Sunday, November 29 from 12-2pm on the lawn. There will be wreath making, crafts and more! Advent wreath kits are \$10; [reserve your kit now](#) for supplies to be ordered.

If you are traveling for Thanksgiving, you are invited to reserve a kit to pick up November 30 through December 3.



CHILDREN'S CHAPEL is hosted Sundays, 4:30pm on the lawn.

Contact [Nancy Nutter](#) with questions. We also invite you to check out our [children's resources](#).



BAPTISM CLASSES FOR PARENTS

Ashlee Anderson will lead our baptism classes. The two week class will be offered from 7:30-8:30pm via Zoom on November 10 and 17.

Interested parents should RSVP to [Ashlee Anderson](#).



ADULT ONLINE BIBLE STUDIES AND CLASSES

Links to participate can be found at www.selwynpres.org.

- * Pastor's Bible Study – Gospel of Matthew, 11am on Wednesdays.
- * Selwyn Life Sunday School, first and third Sundays, 3pm. Contact [John Lemmon](#) for details.
- * Covenant Sunday School, every Sunday at 9:30am by Zoom.
- * Grace Class, 9:30am, the second and fourth Sundays. Contact [Erin Mills](#).
- * Men's Group, Fridays, 7am



MICAH 6:8 SOCIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE

The Session has approved the establishment of the Micah 6:8 Social Justice Task Force. In partnership with other Groups, the Task Force will be responsible for organizing and developing social justice education and initiatives on behalf of Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church. These include theological education, dialogue around issues of social justice, and initiatives/activism in the local community. If you are interested in joining or in learning more, please email [Erin Mills](#).

YOUTH NEWS

APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT (ASP)

June 13-19
Total Cost: \$500
(includes transportation, food and housing)
Deposit: \$200
Rising 9th graders- graduated 12th grade
What is [ASP](#)
Adult chaperones needed: 10+

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE WEEK 3

July 11-17
Total Cost: \$450
(includes transportation, food and housing)
Deposit: \$150
Rising 9th graders- graduated 12th grade
What is [Montreat](#)
Adult chaperones needed: 3

MIDDLE SCHOOL CROSS MISSIONS

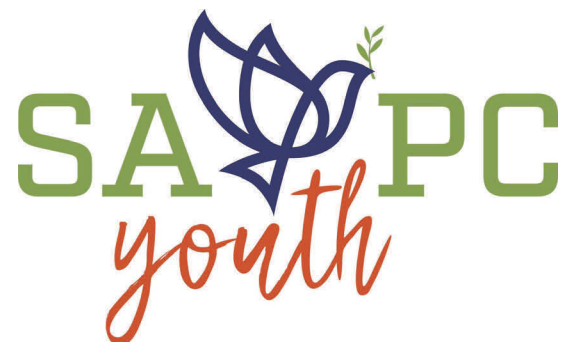
July 25-30
(Local CTL Overnight Mission Trip)
Total Cost: \$325
(includes transportation, food and housing)
Deposit: \$100
Rising 6th grade-rising 8th grade
What is [CROSS](#)
Adult chaperones needed: 4

Confirmation Classes are held via Zoom on Sundays, 9:20-10:20am for 8th Graders.

Youth small group events will be held on the front lawn, with masks and social distancing. Rain cancels the event.

Margo will send Zoom links via email where applicable. Contact [Margo](#) with any questions.

- Full Youth Group will be held the 2nd and 4th Sundays: November 8 and 22. The 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays will be smaller specific age group gatherings.
- Sunday, November 1, 7th and 8th Grade Girls Dinner, 6:20pm, front lawn
- Friday, November 6, All Youth Game Night, 6-9pm, online
- Sunday, November 15, 11th and 12th Grade Dinner, 6:20pm, front lawn
- Sunday, November 29, 9th and 10th Grade Dinner, 6:20pm, front lawn

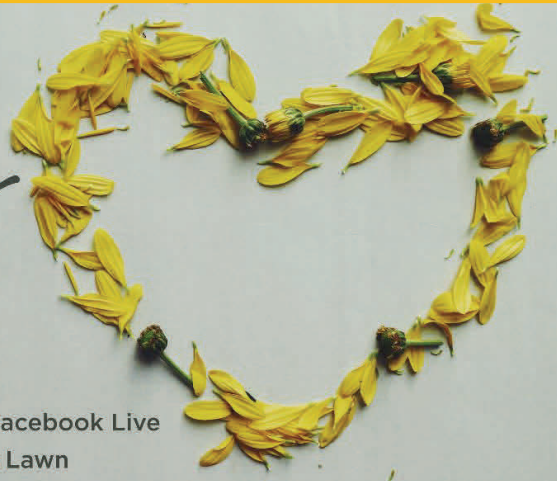


WORSHIP

JESUS
says

SUNDAYS

10:30am • Morning Worship • Facebook Live
5pm • Evening Worship • Front Lawn



In this disorienting season of social distance and disconnect, many voices we hear are confusing and divisive. Jesus was a man of few words, but when he spoke lives were changed. Sometimes challenging, sometimes comforting, and always transformative; the words of Jesus Christ are words to live by.

Join us in person for evening worship at 5pm through November 22. Please bring a blanket/picnic chairs. Masks and social distancing will be required. Rain cancels children's chapel and the service.

COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED November 1 and 29 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. Communion will be observed at the 5pm outdoor service on November 1 with the elements provided.



MISSION



Roof Above has replaced its annual True Blessings luncheon with a virtual fundraising event this year. You are invited to join online Wednesday, November 18 to hear inspiring stories of how Roof Above is working to end homelessness in Charlotte. The event is scheduled 12–12:45pm with a virtual breakout “room” for Selwyn at 11:45am. To register, contact [Nan Howard](#), or 704-560-7503, and watch for details in Church publications.

SELWYN, HOW CAN YOU LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR?

- * Food First Sunday is November 1. Help feed Montclair Elementary children and families. Requests are for canned fruits, vegetables, and soup to restock the pantry. No glass items please. Please return food to the Welcome Center porch bin.
- * We will participate in framing a Habitat Build on Saturday, November 14. Workers must be 16 years of age or older. A maximum of eight can work shifts split in the morning and afternoon, for a total of 16 volunteers. Work will be outdoors, with masks and hand sanitizing. Contact [Dick Metzler](#) or 704-488-8362 if interested.
- * We are making 300 lunches once a month for Roof Above. Please sign up to help with the November 21 lunches. Also, please check out Roof Above's wish list on their [website](#).
- * Help Montclair students in danger of falling behind by being a virtual tutor with Augustine Literacy Project, HELPS from Read Charlotte, or Heart Math. For details, choose “Tutoring” on Selwyn's website [volunteer](#) page.
- * You may contribute funds via Selwyn's online giving portals to buy grocery store gift cards for Montclair families.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Katie Barton
Mildred Long
Addison Roper | 7 Julie Adams
Annelise Guffey
Reese Horton
Fletcher Moore
Banks Ollek
Olen Smith | 11 Grant Armistead
Mitchell Cooper
Tate Hackman
Allison Lindsey | 16 Bob Cole
Katie Cumbus
Sadie Smith
Rebecca Thompson | 24 Jim Glen
Reba Hardaway
Madeline Lindsey |
| 2 Don Hamburger
Lily Kincade
Leigh Smith | 8 Bobby Davis | 13 Camille Cumbus
Meredith Northan | 17 Harrison Liles
Andrew Sontag
Libby Stuart | 25 Robert Salton
Grant Sharpe |
| 3 Jay Pfeifer | 9 Fred Cooke
Millie Johnston
Patricia McLellan
Hattie Walton
Janet Williams | 14 Riley Battle
Sharon Raines
Karah Ramsey
Margie Schmidt
Karey Vera
Eric Winkenwerder | 18 Tracie Northan
Barbara Ross | 27 John Hartley |
| 4 Claire Adams
Kate Claxton
Will Nauman
Ed Thomas | 10 Amanda Barkley
David Harris
Susan Lemmon | 15 Barbara Hall
Katelyn Price | 19 Maddie Parbst
Bruce Walker | 30 Kaden Parsons
Steve Randall |
| 5 Mike Hinshaw
Robert Reynolds | | | 20 Charlene McDermott
Joe Raible | |
| 6 Avery Ellis
Susan Flynn
Naomi Randall | | | 23 Jake Canter
Georgine Jeffries
Megan Tibe | |

