



THE SELWYN SPIRE

April 2025

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

HOLY WEEK AT SELWYN

Palm Sunday, April 13

- 9:30am Discussion of *Our Trespases* with Rev. Greg Jarrell, Selwyn Avenue Campus Chapel
- 10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary with Rev. Greg Jarrell
Special Music, SAPC Children's Choir
- 12:00pm Second Sunday Service, Walking Tour of Uptown Charlotte
Gather on the Selwyn Campus prior to traveling Uptown to participate in a walking tour from 1—3:30pm, including time for lunch. Led by Rev. Greg Jarrell, participants will explore Charlotte's inner city searching for stories of 'exclusions and invisibilities' and looking for the untold stories built into our cityscape that continue to determine our future. 'Charlotte's Haunted Future' covers two miles with several stops to rest. Space is limited.

[CLICK HERE](#) TO REGISTER.

Maundy Thursday, April 17

- 5:30pm Dinner, Selwyn Avenue Campus
- 6:30pm Worship with Communion, Selwyn Avenue Campus Sanctuary
Special Music, *Colors of Grace: Lessons for Lent* and Chancel Choirs
Childcare will be available.

Easter Sunday, April 20

- 8:30am Easter Sunday Worship, Quail Hollow Campus
Please note: Sunday School classes will not meet.
- 10:30am Easter Sunday Worship, Selwyn Avenue Campus
Dean Ferguson Sacred Music Series, String Quartet and Chancel Choirs
Childcare will be available.

SAPC STAFF

Lori Archer Raible, *Pastor*
Margo Richardson Fraga, *Associate Pastor*
Brian Daoust, *Associate Pastor*
Lisa McLennan, *Parish Associate*
Nancy Nutter, *Director of Children/Family Ministries*
Fred Spano, *Director of Music*
Gay Pappin, *Organist*
Allyson Anderson, *Resident Pastor at QHPC*

Marsha Cooper, *Church Administrator*
Kris Seek, *Administrative Assistant*
Tonya Moore, *Church Accountant*
Reba Hardaway, *Accounting Administrative Assistant*
Jennifer Dixon Remsen, *Communications*
Dwight Jones, *Weekend Facilities*
Beth Sharpe, *Director of Child Development Center*

GROUP CHAIRS

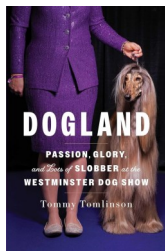
Administration - Grant Armistead
Child Development Center - Jeremy Caskey
Christian Education & Formation—
Jodie Bolewitz / Todd Muldrew
Congregational Life - Lori Burbank
Mission - Christy Horne/ Karey Tom
Worship - Catherine Miller

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

We Welcome



Martha "Molly" Jane Stein,
daughter of Max and Caroline Stein
born on March 8, 2025



SAPC BOOK CLUB will meet on April 15,
6:30pm at Sir Edmond Halley's Restaurant
to discuss *Dogland: Passion, Glory, and
Lots of Slobber at the Westminster Dog
Show* by Tommy Tomlinson.
Questions, contact [Nancy Bobbitt](#).

In Nursing or Retirement Homes

Aldersgate - Dick Metzler
Asbury - Mary Faye Proctor
Brighton Gardens of Charlotte -
Beth Carter
Carriage Club - Herman Thomas
Cypress—Bill and Nancy Budd,
Ellen Byrum, Bob and Joe
Anne Cole, Mike and Frankie
Hinshaw, Robert Shore,
Olen and Nancy Smith,
Bob Walker
Matthews Glen - Anne McMackin,
Cara Munday, Anne Rutherford
Merrywood - Pat Ferguson
Sharon Towers -
Richard and Joan Foard
Southminster - Kathy Dixon,
Kay Hastings, Bobbye Linn,
Sally Moore
Summit Place - Willa May Young
TerraBella Cramer Mountain -
John McCarter

MEMBER NAME TAGS

As we gather for worship, classes,
and events, it is helpful for church
members to wear their name tags.

Members can take their name tag
home if they prefer or find it on the
rack in the Welcome Center as
they arrive to the church.

If you have lost or damaged your
name tag, contact [Kris](#) or call the
SAPC Office at 704-372-6836.

The cost for a replacement
name tag is five dollars.

SALT SHAKERS will meet on Sunday, April 6,
6:30pm at the home of Dick Metzler. Remember
to bring a covered dish to share.

Questions, contact [Malyn Pratt](#).



GIVING INFORMATION

To make a confidential pledge, use this [link](#), email church
accountant, Tonya Moore or return your completed pledge
card to the church.

Text to Give: 704-734-9818 Enter an amount. The first time
you will be prompted to SHELBY to confirm set up.
Then, it is as easy as texting the amount to the number.
You do not need a keyword if giving to the annual fund.
You can also scan the Giving QR code.

Giving Stock: Our account is with Charles Schwab & Co, Inc.
When giving stock, 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.

EASTER MONDAY

The Selwyn Campus Office and
Child Development Center
will be closed on Monday, April 21.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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|---|---|---|--|--|
| 1 Chris Dietrich
Jack McCormick | 7 Craig Aulebach
John Lemmon
John Sutton | 15 Meredith McCormick
Vince Piacentino
Monroe Tan | 23 George Dewey
Ashley Ellis
Joyce Greene
Jen Johnson | 28 Jill Cann
Julie Harris
Chuck Martin
Charlie Pfeifer
Traver Stuart |
| 2 Marsha Cooper
Welch Liles
Henry Widmer | 8 Carly Arrington
Sally Moore | 16 Caroline Bourg
Will Harris
Sarah Skibinski | 24 Elizabeth Stearns | 29 Graham Cooper
Charles Harris |
| 3 Joe Bentley | 11 Alex Dewey
Bennett Hackman
Evie Tom | 17 Violet Baker | 25 Sally Lucas | 30 Tina Dietrich
Will Hoskins
Ben Phillips |
| 4 John Barkley
Froggie Gibson
Casey Koppelman
Loren Korch
Adam Lindsey
Rachel Walker | 13 Brandi Milewski | 19 Alex Flowers | 26 Bill Davidson
Thomson Riley | |
| 6 Jonathan Haruta
Philip Potter | 14 Rebekah Correll
Sam Howard
Roger Mills
Curtis Scott | 20 Greg LeBouton
Vivian Murray | 27 Norah Bolewitz
Brittany Brown
Vivian Randall | |
| | | 21 Ray Tom | | |
| | | 22 Whitney Cheek
Watson Phifer | | |



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

BAPTISM CLASSES

Selwyn will offer a two-week Baptism class on Sunday, March 30 and Sunday, April 6 at 9:30am in the library. This class is designed for parents interested in learning more about the sacrament and wanting to schedule their child's baptism. Contact [Margo Fraga](#).

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



This year we are offering two different Vacation Bible Schools, one for elementary children, the other for preschoolers, age 4 and 5. Volunteers are needed for both.

VBS for Elementary Children, completed Kindergarten through fifth grade, will meet June 23– 26, from 9am– 3pm. Cost is \$150 per child. We will be using Group's True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World curriculum which integrates Bible study, art, games, and more. We will spend time outside and enjoy God's world as much as possible. VBS team led by Nancy Nutter.

VBS for Preschool Children, ages 4 and five, will meet June 23-26 from 9:30– 11:30am. Cost is \$40 per child. Andrea DePhillips will be the leader.

The registration form can be [found here](#). Please fill out and return the registration form, along with your check made out to Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church, to [Nancy Nutter](#) by June 1.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children from the age of four through the fifth grade are invited to participate. Rehearsals are held on Thursdays at 5:30pm from March 20 - April 10. The children's choir will sing on Palm Sunday, April 13. Questions, contact [Nancy Nutter](#).

LENTEN SERIES

Lent, the 40-day liturgical season leading to Easter, is a time of repentance, self-examination, and spiritual renewal. Lent invites believers to reflect on their need for God's grace, acknowledging sin and seeking transformation. Whether attending worship, serving alongside our mission partners, committing to a Lenten Bible study on the themes of sin and grace, join us on a journey toward Easter resurrection.

Adult Bible Study and Education Opportunities for Lent through April 13

Guided Book Discussions on *Our Trespases* by Greg Jarrell: The book provides a compelling lens for understanding the communal and systemic nature of sin, emphasizing how broken relationships—personal and societal—call for reconciliation. His exploration of sin as something woven into the fabric of our shared lives aligns with Lent's call to repentance, not just as individual confession but as a reorientation toward justice and healing in the world. 'Greg's book uncovers how race, geography, policy and religion have created haunted landscapes in Charlotte, calling us to consider how we value our lands, livelihoods, and communities.' You are invited to [purchase the book online](#) or pick one up at the church for \$20.
Sunday Mornings at 9:30am- Both campuses, Selwyn Avenue Parlor and Quail Hollow Parlor

A Theological Journey from Sin to Grace: All questions, doubts, and curiosities welcomed as we approach the biblical themes of sin and grace in preparation of Easter.
Sunday Mornings at 9:30am- Selwyn Avenue Chapel
Wednesday Afternoons at 1pm- Quail Hollow Campus

Rev. Greg Jarrell, April 13 - *Our Trespases*. We will gather with Rev. Jarrell at 9:30am in the Selwyn Campus chapel. The 9:30am hour will be live streamed for those on the Quail Campus. He will preach at 10:30am. We will gather at 12pm on the Selwyn Campus prior to traveling uptown to participate in a walking tour, from 1-3:30pm, including time for lunch. Participants will explore uptown Charlotte searching for stories of 'exclusions and invisibilities' and looking for the untold stories built into our cityscape that continue to determine our future. 'Charlotte's Haunted Future' covers two miles with several stops for rest. Space is limited and registration is required. [Click here](#) to sign up or contact [Brian Daoust](#).

Morning Men's Group– Every Friday at 7am - Bates House
Evening Men's Group– Every Monday at 7:30p - Parlor

YOUTH NEWS



YOUTH GAME NIGHT April 4, from 6—9pm. See [Brian Daoust](#) for details.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH Please attend the 9:30am intergenerational Sunday School class in the Chapel.

THE YOUTH SUNDAY SERVICE from March 2 is available for viewing on [YouTube](#) and [FaceBookLive](#).

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PRESBYTERIAN WOMENS RETREAT

Registration closes
April 11

APRIL 26TH AND 27TH 2025

BETHELWOODS CAMP AND
CONFERENCE CENTER

REGISTRATION IS \$115

[CLICK HERE](#) TO REGISTER!



OUR SPEAKER THIS YEAR IS REV. GAIL HENDERSON- BELSITO

Ruth,
Naomi,
God,
and Us:
Together
on the
Journey



SELWYN PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Women are invited to nominate another woman to receive an Honorary Life Membership, honoring her faithful service to the women's organization and to the church. She will receive a silver membership pin and personalized certificate in worship on May 4. When making a nomination, please include a brief statement of why this person should receive the honor. All nominations are welcome and must be submitted by March 30 to Pam Brownlee. The Selwyn women previously awarded an Honorary Life Membership will select the 2025 recipient from the nominations. A reception will be held following the May 4 service.

WORSHIP

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

You are encouraged to sign up in honor or remembrance of people or occasions. Contact [Marsha Cooper](#) to reserve a date. Once the date is confirmed, online payments or checks for \$78 should be made to the church indicating "sanctuary flowers."



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](#).

SIGN UP TO USHER IN WORSHIP

If you can help in April, please contact [Lori Burbank](#).

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The SAPC Children's Choir will sing during worship on Palm Sunday, April 13.



MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION, APRIL 17

On April 17, there will be a dinner at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall, followed by Worship with Communion at 6:30pm.



If you are unable to attend the service and would like to receive communion at your residence, please notify Catherine Miller.

Easter 2025

This Easter 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. For each \$10.00 donation the name of your honoree will be printed in the bulletin on Sunday, April 20.

Please return this form and your check (payable to SAPC) to the church office and designate "Flower Memorial Fund" in the memo line of your check. **The deadline is Friday, April 11.**

Your phone # _____ and email address _____.

Name(s) of giver(s) to be printed in the bulletin _____.

In memory of _____.

In honor of _____.

MISSION

SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE, APRIL 13

All ages are invited to gather at 12pm on the Selwyn Campus prior to traveling to uptown Charlotte to participate in a walking tour from 1—3:30pm, including time for lunch.

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OPERATION SANDWICH, MAY 17

Assist by preparing bagged lunches for our Roof Above homeless neighbors.

Please sign up in increments of ten lunches through [this link](#).

Prepared lunches should be brought to the church on Saturday, May 17 between 9-10am for delivery to Roof Above.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE released emergency grants to meet the urgent needs of communities impacted by California wildfires, along with providing emotional and spiritual care. The event requires development of long-term assistance for physical and emotional long-lasting effects. Please keep workers and those impacted in your prayers. Financial support can be designated to DR000165, via www.pcusa.org (Give Now), by phone 800-728-7228 ext. 5885, or by check to Presbyterian Church (USA), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264 with "PDA-CF25-E" written on the memo line.



FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

We need 1-pound bags of rice or beans; 16 ounce or smaller cans of vegetables, fruits or canned meats; 16 ounce or smaller plastic jars of peanut butter.

Please DO NOT bring glass jars!

Bring items to the church the first Sunday of each month or during the week.

HELP PACK FOOD BAGS FOR FAMILIES AT MONTCLAIRE ELEMENTARY

Our upcoming food packing and delivery dates are:

April 3, May 1, and May 15 in the Fellowship Hall at 9am.

Sign up to help on one or more days through [this link](#).

MONTCLAIRE ELEMENTARY AND GEP



There are a variety of ways to assist the Montclair Elementary community during the school year. Sign up through [this link](#), visit the church website, or contact [Ellen Harris](#) or [Karey Tom](#).

You may also learn more by scanning the "Selwyn Serves Montclair Elementary" QR Code.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Last October, our volunteers completed work on a home on James Street.

The proud new homeowner, Tabitha, her son, and her parents were present at the house blessing and dedication on March 15.

She has since moved into the home and joins us in thanking the Selwyn folks who helped on this new home and others still in progress.



In January, Adam Piacentino led a successful workday on a 2-story house on Torrance Street. We have a growing collection of Habitat houses around town where we can say "Selwyn helped build that house!"

Our next work-days are April 26, July 18 and October 18. [Click here](#) to sign up.