



THE SELWYN SPIRE

August 2025

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church
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Dear Beloved Members and Friends of Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We want to share a prayerful update regarding worship life across our two campuses. From the beginning of our merger journey, the Session has been guided by a deep love for music, a shared commitment to children, and a dedication to meaningful worship on both campuses. These values continue to shape our life together. However, during our process of discernment, it also became clear that worship in its current form on the Quail campus would not be viable for the long term. While rich in spirit and excellence, the necessary investment of time, talent, and treasure has grown beyond our present capacity.

To that end, the Worship Alignment Task Force was formed to bring a recommendation to the Session. Our charge was to explore how worship might be better aligned across both campuses—creating synergy, spiritual vitality, and opportunities for deeper connection and growth.

The changes we recommend are significant, but we are filled with hope. Trusting in God's faithfulness and our North Star Vision, we are imagining new ways to worship, grow, and serve together. We need your voice, your prayers, and your heart as we discern how best to embody God's call to worship and witness in this new season.

Our task force has worked with three primary goals in mind:

1. Faithful Stewardship – To ensure we are employing time, talent, and resources well across both campuses, fostering collaborative leadership, and aligning our capacity with the current reality and vision.
2. Shared Worship Life – To deepen our commitment to reformed, intergenerational worship and excellent music by creating two distinct and complementary worship services, rather than parallel ones.
3. Unified Music Ministry – To imagine a fully integrated, cross-campus music ministry that allows more members to participate, encourages creativity, and strengthens our shared worship life.

During the July Session meeting, the elders voted unanimously to approve the recommendation to shift worship on the Quail Hollow campus to 9:00am. While a variety of elders expressed excitement for the possibilities this recommendation presents, the Session also shared honest concern for the impact this change will have on members of the Quail community. While this shift impacts every member of our congregation, for those on the Quail Hollow campus, this significant change reflects a deep desire and collective hope for worship to continue and thrive on Park Road.

Below is a draft of the proposed fall schedule beginning September 14th:

- Sundays
9:00–9:50am – Worship at Quail Hollow
Blended Music · Intimate · Reformed · Monthly Communion · Family-Friendly

9:50–10:30am – Faith Formation at Quail Hollow
One Community gathering for study, mission, or fellowship

9:30–10:20am – Faith Formation at Selwyn Avenue
Christian Education for all ages

10:30–11:30am – Worship at Selwyn Avenue
Traditional · Intergenerational · Corporate · Reformed
- Wednesdays
10:30–11:15am – Prayer & Communion Service at Quail Hollow (First Wednesday)

11:30–12:30pm – Pastor's Bible Study at Quail Hollow

5:30–7:00pm – Music, Art, and Bible Programming at Selwyn
Children's music, art, bible enrichment, adult devotion and prayer, casual community meal

6:30–8:15pm – Adult Choir Rehearsals at Quail Hollow
Handbell Choir (6:30–7:30pm) · Chancel Choir (7:00–8:15pm)

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CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

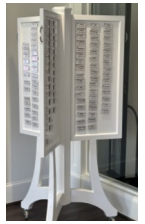
We Welcome



Leighton Smith Horton,
daughter of Brantley and Madison Horton
born on June 25, 2025

SELWYN CAMPUS NAME TAG BOARD

We have a six-panel magnetic board for members' name tags. We hope you will wear yours each time you are at church. Please notify the church office if you have a pacemaker and we will exchange the backing to a pin.
Lost or damaged nametag, contact [Kris Seek](#) or call the church office.
The cost for a replacement name tag is five dollars.



We Welcome



Elliot Douglas Robideaux Miller,
son of Chris and Erin Miller
born on July 5, 2025

SELWYN CAMPUS GIVING INFORMATION



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

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 phone number. You do not need a keyword if giving to the annual fund.

Giving Stock: Our account is with Charles Schwab & Co, Inc. When giving stock, please sign a letter of instruction for your broker:

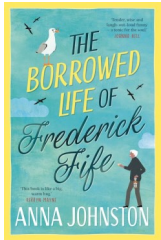
Please accept this letter of instruction to transfer _____ securities as a gift to Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian, account #6598-4201, DTC Clearing 0164, Code 40.

When calling your broker, also contact church accountant [Tonya Moore](#), or 704-996-5504, so she is aware and can credit the proper amount to the correct member.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



will meet after Worship on
August 17 in the Library.



SAPC BOOK CLUB

will meet August 19,
6:30pm at Sir Edmond
Halley's Restaurant to
discuss *The Borrowed
Life of Frederick Fife* by
Anna Johnston.

Questions, contact [Nancy Bobbitt](#).

SEPTEMBER 7,

ALL CHURCH WORSHIP, SPECIAL MUSIC, COMMUNION, AND PICNIC LUNCH



Join us for a potluck picnic following worship. The church will provide fried chicken. Please bring a side dish and/or a dessert to share. Don't forget to pack a picnic blanket and/ or folding chairs for the front lawn.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 Katie Koppelman	10 Ryan Cook	22 Bobby Yurkutat
Olivia Martin	Adam Tan	23 Peyton Green
John McCormick	11 Emmett Ackerly	24 Becky Barbee
Billy Wilson	Anna Ellison	Aidan Cameron
2 Marion Buchanan	Collins Potter	Maisie Macholz
Callan Pettiglio	13 Shelby Flowers	Raleigh Shoemaker
3 AG Yurkutat	Brandon Tallent	25 Fay Aaron
Zephyr Yurkutat	Stuart Windell	Sophia Hatlem
4 Emery Korch	14 Calli Klinker	Trey Jeffries
Nora Korch	Ann Miller	Cindi Moore
Goldie Short	15 Erin Miller	26 Amelia Sauda
5 Lee Bobbitt	Channing Pfeifer	Owen Sauda
Polly Durham	16 Cameron McClane	George Sutton
6 Karen DeAmicis	17 Jody Davison	27 Lisa Halstead
Olivia DeAmicis	Kim McGirt	Tim Palmer
7 John Amon	18 Michael Bolewitz	Nelson Waple
Andy Johnston	Everett Burgin	29 Emily Battle
Bobbie Linn	Eleanor Finein	Todd Burbank
Kim Tallent	19 Quinn Russell-Broadie	Michael Warner
8 Raines Craig	Caroline Stein	Anna Widmer
Mary Faye Proctor	20 Kim Darnell	30 Olivia Madigan
Joseph Vickers	Terry Glen	
9 Nora Piacentino	21 Tommy Dodsworth III	
Ledare Roush		

In Nursing or Retirement Homes

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

Non-Member Deaths

Elizabeth Ann Waple, mother of Lou Waple,
on June 30
Charles Roy Russell, Jr., father of Alex Russell,
on July 24

LABOR DAY

The Church Office and Selwyn CDC
will be closed on Monday, September 1.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

SAPC NURSERY REMINDERS

The nursery provides quality care for children from infancy to four years old each Sunday morning during Sunday School (9:30am to 10:20am) and during the Worship service (10:30am-11:30am).

Please help our nursery keep track of personal belongings by labeling your child's diaper bag, bottles, blanket, jacket, and sippy cup with their full name. Thank you!



ELEMENTARY VBS



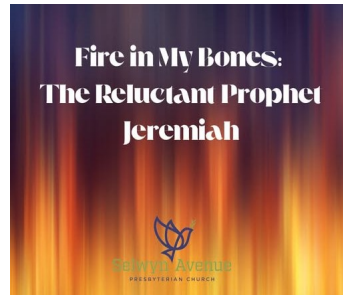
VBS for completed Kindergarten-5th grade will meet from August 5-7, 9am-1pm

on the Quail Hollow Campus.

The curriculum will be Group's True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World.

[Click here](#) to register online.

BIBLE STUDY SERIES: THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH THROUGH AUGUST 17



In a world unraveling with uncertainty, the voice of the prophet Jeremiah rises - not with polished answers, but with raw honesty, aching lament, and relentless hope.

We are journeying through the life and words of Jeremiah, the "weeping prophet" who dared to speak truth to power, grieve with his people, and wrestle with God. Though brokenhearted and reluctant, he was faithful and held fast to a vision of restoration.

MORNING MEN'S GROUP

Every Friday at 7am - Bates House

Explore his powerful witness - challenging us to deeper courage, compassion, and covenant living.



AUGUST 24, BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY

Please join us at 9:30am for our annual kick-off event during the Sunday School hour. All students and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks to be blessed during Worship at 10:30am.



YOUTH NEWS

MONTREAT 2025

Youth from Selwyn Avenue and Providence Presbyterian Churches attended the annual Montreat Conference in July. Drawing from Psalm 119:105, this year's theme was "Light My Path."

Youth groups had opportunities to explore themes of God calling us to share God's light and God's promise to walk with us in the darkness, in small groups, worship, and back home time.



SELWYN CAMPUS STAFF

Allyson Anderson, Resident Pastor at QHPC

Lori Archer Raible, *Pastor*

Margo Richardson Fraga, *Associate Pastor*

Brian Daoust, *Associate Pastor*

Lisa McLennan, *Parish Associate*

Karley Wilke-Nadler, *Director of Children and Families*

Fred Spano, *Director of Music*

Gay Pappin, *Organist*

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 - Mike DeAmicis

Child Development Center - Jeremy Caskey

Christian Education & Formation - Todd Muldrew

Congregational Life - Lori Burbank

Mission - Karey Tom

Worship - Catherine Miller

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PICNIC & PLAYGROUND TIME

AUGUST 17, 2025

Following Worship @ Selwyn

Bring your family, a blanket, and picnic for fellowship together.

Peace Circle I: Meets every other Tues @ 7:15p starting 9.2.25 @ Selwyn.

Peace Circle II: Meets the first Wed of the month @ 7:30p starting 9.3.25 @ Selwyn.

Study: Prayer Journal



We invite all women to come connect with us!

DAUGHTERS OF FAITH will host invite all women to their summer porch gatherings. Drop in with an appetizer to enjoy fellowship, conversation, and stay connected. Meetings are at 6pm on Wednesday, August 6 (Denise Pineno's, 1900 Maryland Avenue); August 20 (Karey Tom's, 2800 Chelsea Drive).

Questions, contact [Tracie Northan](#).

SAVE THE DATE - WOMEN'S RETREAT

All women are invited to join us at Bethelwoods Camp on November 15 – 16 for a weekend of spiritual enrichment, personal growth, and community connection. There will also be a day option.

Reverend Gail Henderson-Belsito will be our guest speaker and leader. Registration will be available at a later date.

Questions, contact [Margo Fraga](#).



All of our Presbyterian Women Circles will resume meeting in September.

Stay tuned for start dates.

Questions, contact Pam Brownlee.

MISSION

OPERATION SANDWICH, AUGUST 16



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 August 16 between 9-10am for delivery to Roof Above.

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE



- We need 1-pound bags of rice or beans, 16 ounce or smaller cans of vegetables, fruits, or canned meats/proteins, individually wrapped nut free snacks and other breakfast items.
- No glass jars please!
- Bring items to the church the first Sunday of each month or during weekly church office hours.

MONTCLAIRE ELEMENTARY

There are many ways to assist in the new school year. Sign up through [this link](#), this Montclair QR Code, or by contacting [Ellen Harris](#).



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, OCTOBER 4

Save the date and join us on October 4, 2025 for our next Habitat home building project.

This photo is from the dedication of the house we helped build last fall with Charlotte Church Partners.



We will be working with CPP again, this year on a one-story house in a new housing development off Peachtree Road in North Charlotte.

Our scheduled task is "framing punch," a day with numerous different odd-jobs getting the house ready for inspection and installation of drywall in the following weeks.

We will need at least twelve volunteers, plus someone to coordinate lunch for our crew and Habitat's supervisory staff.

Please put the date on your calendar and click [this link](#) to sign up.

Questions? Contact [Dick Metzler](#).



SEPTEMBER 14, RISE AGAINST HUNGER FOOD PACKING EVENT,

Please mark your calendar and to participate in this event following worship. Stay tuned for a sign-up link.

WORSHIP

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This new schedule invites us into rhythms of worship and fellowship that build upon the strengths of both campuses. Choirs will continue to lead worship with intention on each campus and now have opportunities to collaborate more fully. We anticipate new energy and engagement in our music ministry as we grow into this model together.

Although we are creating new pathways for members to worship on either campus at 9am or 10:30am, the existing integrity and spirit of worship on both campuses will remain. We do not take lightly the potential for change to stir grief, especially for those who hold dear the worship traditions at Quail. We honor your faithfulness, your presence, and your love for Christ's Church. While the Selwyn campus continues to grow and thrive, we move forward trusting God has great plans for worship on the Quail Hollow Campus. In fact, we hope these changes pave the way for new life and possibility on Park Road.

We know there are questions and feelings to tend along the way. That is why we are committed to listening deeply. In the days ahead, our choir members, the Quail Coordinating Team, and the Session will gather to review these plans. Also, we are inviting you and every member to community conversations, and to offer your thoughts and ideas by completing [this brief survey](#). Afterward, we'll share a full communication with the congregation on specific plans for worship and programming this fall. Join us for more conversation about worship. We hope to hear your voice and see your face! Your church needs you to be a part of what God is doing among us.

Sunday August 3rd

11:40am-12:20pm at Quail Hollow

Tuesday August 12th

6:30-7:15pm on Zoom

Sunday August 17th

11:40am-12:20pm at Quail Hollow

Please pray for our pastors, staff, and elders as they lead with faith and hope. Above all, remember that our unity is in Christ, who draws us together with grace, calls us forward with courage, and promises us life in abundance.

With Gratitude and Trust,
The Worship Alignment Task Force

Mike Bolewitz, Elder and Planning Committee Chair
Nancy Dearman, Quail Hollow Campus Representative
Jim Hudson, Quail Hollow Coordinating Team and Choir Member
Dick Metzler, Worship Group Member and Choir Member
Catherine Miller, Elder and Worship Group Chair
Erin Salzlein, Elder, Worship Group Member, Choir Member
Allyson Anderson, Resident Pastor, Quail Hollow Campus
Lori Raible, Pastor

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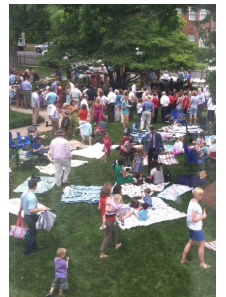


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The church will provide fried chicken.

Please bring a side dish and/or a dessert to share.

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JOIN US WEEKLY FOR WORSHIP

Worship with us in the Sanctuary every Sunday at 10:30am. If you cannot attend, an email is sent at 10:15am with the [Facebook link](#).



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

You are encouraged to sign up in honor or memory of people or occasions.

Contact [Marsha Cooper](#) to reserve a date.

Once the date is confirmed, online payments or checks should be made to the church indicating "sanctuary flowers."