

CHURCH NOTES - October 29, 2023

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GUEST PREACHER Jacqueline E. Lapsley is President of Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA and Charlotte, NC. She was called to the position in 2023 after serving at Princeton Theological Seminary for 25 years. A noted Old Testament scholar, Dr. Lapsley earned her Ph.D. from Emory University, an M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary, an M.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and an A.B. from Smith College. Her bold vision for theological education is intentionally focused. "The diversity of the world God creates, redeems, and sustains must be reflected on our campuses in order to shape leaders for the world God so loves. The gospel calls us to speak into the difficult challenges facing society, including issues of justice, equity, and belonging. Theological education helps people thrive wherever they are called." A ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church USA, she is married to Rev. Greg Bezilla, an Episcopal priest. They have two adult children.

WORSHIP BAGS FOR 4 YRS. - 5TH GRADE Age-appropriate activities for readers and non-readers to encourage their participation in following along in worship are available in the narthex. Please return the bag to the basket after worship.

LISTENING EVERYWHERE TECHNOLOGY FOR WORSHIP The church has a hearing assistance system for use with earbuds or by connecting a hearing aid to your cell phone. To connect your hearing aids and phone, please download the Listen Everywhere app. Then set your phone to the church's Wifi signal and password. Additional instructions are printed and available in the narthex.



WITH JOY! We celebrate Selwyn's faithfulness and commitment to **serve, worship, grow, and give with joy!** This stewardship season we hope to inspire every Selwyn member to share in blessings of stewardship as we support the 2024 annual budget. While 100% of our \$915,000 budget supports the robust ministries and mission of SAPC, our goal is not financial. With more than 260 households, we hope everyone (100%) will communicate an estimate of your annual giving to Selwyn. A pledge of any amount is not transactional, but a personal and significant act of faith.

WITH JOY! Rejoice in the Lord, always, again I say rejoice! ~ Philippians 4:4

- To make a confidential pledge visit the church website, email church accountant, Tonya Moore or return your completed pledge card to the church.

2023 BUDGET UPDATE Actual Pledge receipts YTD are \$534,869. Total deficit is \$194,298. We appreciate every effort being made in keeping your current pledge commitment up-to-date as we near the end of 2023.

- 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 key word if giving to the annual fund.
- You may also give by scanning the Giving QR code.
- Giving Stock: Our stock 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. When calling your broker, also 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.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY Join us Wednesday's at 11:30am on Zoom. See the weekly email for the Zoom link.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Classes are open to members of any age/stage of life and meet on Sundays at 9:30am.
Faith Forward – The class is intentionally taught to be inclusive of 6th grade through adult learners as we engage in the series "*Faith Tending- Rooted and Reaching*", focusing on Worship and centered around the Bible.
Conversations on Faith – The class is studying "Living Buddha, Living Christ: by Thich Nhat Hanh". As an outsider to Christianity the author brings new meaning to walking in the footsteps of Jesus.

MONTCLAIRE FOOD PANTRY AND FOOD FIRST SUNDAY Volunteers will pack and deliver items to the school on Thursday, November 2, 9am. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to help. November 5 is Food First Sunday. Your help is needed to stock the pantry shelves for Montclaire Elementary children and families. Purchase requested items (canned fruits and vegetables and 1 lb. bags of rice and beans) and bring them to the church.

SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE NOVEMBER 12 All ages are invited to participate following worship. A light lunch will be served before participants make and decorate treats for delivery to designees. Attendees will also add the ornaments to the Mission Giving Tree.

SAPC BOOK CLUB will meet at 6:30pm on November 14 at Sir Edmond Halley's. This month's selection is Anxious People by Fredrik Backman. Please contact Nancy Bobbitt, 704-553-9356, with any questions.

OPERATION SANDWICH, NOVEMBER 18 Help prepare bagged lunches for our Roof Above homeless neighbors. Please sign up in increments of 10 lunches via the link found in the weekly email.

HABITAT WORKDAY, NOVEMBER 18 We need volunteers for interior painting. Volunteers are also needed to provide and deliver lunch to the site. Sign up through the weekly email link or through the church website.




HIGH SCHOOL FALL DAY TRIP, NOVEMBER 19, 9:30AM -3PM RSVP to Margo (text or email) if you can participate in the day trip. The group will gather at the church before embarking on a day with brunch, hiking, apple picking, and more.

ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP, NOVEMBER 26, 11:30am All ages, children through adults, are invited. We will meet on the lawn from 11:30am-1pm to make Advent wreaths, crafts, and enjoy light refreshments of cookies and hot cocoa. Wreath kits are \$10 per kit. Please sign up through the Spire link or the weekly email to reserve one or more kits. Payment for kits can be made via text to give, online, by check, or in person at the event. The annual Mission Giving Tree will also be available with opportunities to give to some of our Mission Partners.

MONTCLAIRE ELEMENTARY AND GEP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Check out what has been happening with GEP at Montclair. Their October Newsletter link is available in the weekly email. There are a variety of ways to assist the children, families, and teachers. The sign up link to help is in the weekly email and on the church website. You may also contact Ellen Harris or Denise Pineno. Learn more about serving by scanning the "Selwyn Serves Montclair Elementary" QR Code.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS You are encouraged to sign up in honor or memory of people or occasions. To reserve a date contact Marsha, marshac@selwynpres.org. Checks for \$78 should be made to the church indicating "sanctuary flowers".

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS Remember to turn your clock back at 2am on Sunday, November 5.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
<p>Sunday, October 29 9:00 Handbell Choir (S) 9:30 Sunday School for All 9:30 3rd -5th Grade Bible Class (B) 9:30 Baptism Class (L) 10:30 All Saints Worship with Communion</p> <p>Monday, October 30 6:00 BSA Troop Court of Honor (FH)</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am Spire deadline is Monday, November 27, 9am</p>	<p>Wednesday, November 1 11:00 PW Daughters of Faith (L) 11:30 Pastor's Bible Study (Zoom) 6:15 Handbell Choir (B)</p> <p>Thursday, November 2 9:00 Montclair Food Packing/Delivery (FH) 12:00 Roof Above True Blessings Luncheon</p> <p>Friday, November 3 7:00 Men's Group (BH) 6:00 Youth 1st Friday Game Night (FH)</p>	<p>Sunday, November 5 9:00 Chancel Choir (S) 9:30 Sunday School for All 9:30 3rd -5th Grade Bible Class (B) 9:30 Baptism Class (L) 10:10 Called Session Meeting 10:30 Worship with Baptism 6:00 Salt Shakers (Bobbitt's)</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  Usher </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  Montclair Elementary </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  Give </div> </div>