

CHURCH NOTES - November 17, 2024

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PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY are extended for Sally and Haines Lucas and son H, in the death of her father, Craig Alfred Nelson on November 10, 2024. A family service will be held in Richmond, Virginia later this month. Please remember the family in your prayers and caring.

BEING PRESENTED FOR BAPTISM is Reese Collins Klinker, daughter of Ben and Calli Klinker. Present today are grandparents Jill Klinker, Gerry Klinker, and Dennis and Andrea Trice. Other family members and friends are also present. Please provide a warm welcome to all.

CONGREGATIONAL DISCERNMENT AND A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING In October, the Sessions of SAPC and QHPC voted to merge into one church. There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 24 at 11:30am to vote on the merger. Many members of our church have been a part of the discernment process over the summer, identifying benefits, risks, and envisioning our future. Supporting documentation can be found on our website, www.selwynpres.org/vision. Please contact a member of the Planning Committee (Co-chairs Ed Thomas and Hannah King) or Rev. Raible if you have any questions or would like to connect with someone on the committee.

- **Congregational Listening Sessions** There will be a meeting in the Chapel following worship today to hear updates on the possibility of a merger with Quail Hollow Presbyterian Church. A meeting will also be held on Zoom on Monday, November 18 at 7pm. Please see the weekly email for the link. Please make plans to attend

INTERFAITH FRIENDSGIVING Join MeckMin on Thursday, November 21, 6pm at Covenant Presbyterian Church to celebrate the spirit of Thanksgiving and faith diversity through prayer, music, and food. This is a free family friendly event. Register for the event through the link in the weekly email.

SPEAKER SERIES Patrick Balsley, founder of SANA Counseling & SANA recovery was our 9:30am speaker. Our November 24, 9:30am speaker will be Ana Rey, CEO of Charlotte Bilingual Preschool.

There's a place for everyone on Sundays at 9:30am.

- Confirmation class is offered for 7th and 8th graders (Bowman building).
- Sunday School (four-year-olds to fifth grade, Bowman building) - Children are invited to discover a Bible story through Montessori style learning stations.
- Nursery Care (infants to three-years old) - While children are always welcomed in worship, experienced nursery caregivers welcome our Crib/Toddlers and Three/Fours between 9:15am and 11:45am each Sunday.

STAY AWHILE AN ADVENT STUDY Join us in the parlor on Sundays at 9:30am beginning December 1 for our intergenerational Advent Sunday School. Advent, a season of preparation — like our holiday gatherings themselves — takes time and care. Think of the anticipation that comes with hosting loved ones for Christmas dinner. We begin by extending an invitation. We make plans, and as the event draws closer, we begin our preparations. Ultimately, we open the door and welcome guests, and then finally we celebrate. Advent should feel the same way, a time to make ready for the long-awaited event of Christ's birth. We will be using the book *Stay Awhile: Advent Lessons in Divine Hospitality* by Kara Edison.

STEWARDSHIP Our community of faith affords us the opportunity to engage with the spirit and unite with Christ. If you have returned your commitment card, thank you. If you have not, we hope you will turn to Acts 4:31-35 in the spirit of faithfulness and generosity as you consider filling out your 2025 estimate of giving. You can return your commitment card to the church office, email church accountant Tonya Moore, or enter your commitment via the church website.

BUDGET UPDATE We ask members to please consider keeping your pledge commitments up to date as we near the end of 2024. Selwyn member Pledges total \$766,600. Actual Pledge receipts YTD are \$622,774. Total deficit is \$79,943.

- Text to Give: 704-734-9818 Enter an amount. The first time you will be prompted to SHELBY to confirm set up. 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 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 __ 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, or 704-996-5504, so she is aware and can credit the proper amount to the correct member.

COMMUNION will be celebrated on December 1, the first Sunday of Advent, during the 10:30am worship service.




ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP, DECEMBER 1, 11:30am All ages, children through adults, are invited to 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 weekly email link, or contact Brian Daoust or Nancy Nutter 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.

ROOM IN THE INN Selwyn will host Roof Above homeless neighbors on Mondays from December 2 through March 31, providing three meals and a warm, safe place to sleep. There are opportunities to help with set up, food, overnight hosting, and driving the church van. Please sign up through the weekly email link.

SERVICE OF COMFORT AND HOPE Join us Wednesday, December 4, 11:30am for a service designed for those seeking quiet in the chaos, seeking a moment to focus, and for those experiencing loss or challenges. RSVP to 704-372-6836 or office@selwynpres.org by 9am Monday, December 2 for the fellowship lunch which will follow.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR Ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to participate. Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, December 4 and 11, from 5:30 – 6pm in the Chapel. The children will sing in worship on December 15 as part of the Christmas pageant. Questions contact Nancy Nutter.

SAPC WOMEN ARE INVITED to join the Quail Hollow Presbyterian Women for their 4th Annual Christmas Gathering on Saturday, December 7, at 2pm. Join the fun, fellowship, and music in Johnston Hall. The speaker will be Katerina Katsarka Whitley, a teacher, author, and popular retreat speaker. Refreshments will be served. Proceeds from the silent auction and \$1 raffle will go to Charlotte Bilingual Preschool and Family Programs. No RSVP needed. Questions, contact Jan Federal, 704-502-2392 or janfederal@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
<p>Sunday, November 17 9:00 Chancel Choir 9:30 Sunday School for All 10:10 Called Session (Chapel) 10:30 Worship with Baptism 11:30 Prayer Shawl (P) 11:30 Christian Education Group (L) 11:30 Worship Group (FH) 11:45 Listening Session (Chapel) 5:30 Tweens and Youth Group</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am Spire deadline is Monday, November 25, 9am</p>	<p>Monday, November 18 7:00 Daughters of Faith II (Pifer) 7:30 BSA Troop (SH) 7:30 Men's Group II (P)</p> <p>Tuesday, November 19 6:15 Session Meeting (FH) 6:30 Book Club (Sir Edmond's)</p> <p>Wednesday, November 20 11:00 PW Daughters of Faith I (P) 6:15 Handbell Choir (QHPC) 7:30 PW Peace II (L)</p> <p>Thursday, November 21 9:00 Montclair Food Packing (FH) 7:00 Choir Singing Series (S)</p>	<p>Friday, November 22 7:00 Men's Group (BH)</p> <p>Saturday, November 23 10:00 Chancel Choir (QHPC)</p> <p>Sunday, November 24 9:00 Chancel Choir 9:30 Sunday School for All 10:10 Called Session (Chapel) 10:30 Worship with Baptism 11:30 Called Congregational Meeting (S) 5:30 Youth Group (FH)</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>

 Hearing assistance directions are available in the narthex. Download the app for use with earbuds or to connect a hearing aid to your cell phone.

CHRISTMAS 2024—FLOWER FUND

This Advent/Christmas season 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. Your donation will go towards the Flower Memorial Fund and sanctuary flowers. For each donation of \$12.00 the name of your honoree will be printed in the bulletin on Sunday, December 22. Please return this form and your check to the church office, (payable to SAPC, designating "Flower Memorial Fund" in the memo line). **The deadline is Sunday, December 8.**

Please print neatly. Name(s) of giver(s) for printing in the bulletin _____

Your phone # _____ Email address _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____