

# CHURCH NOTES - March 23, 2025

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**BEING PRESENTED FOR BAPTISM** is Grey David Barbee, son of Brad and Becky Barbee. Present today are grandparents Tom and Shirley Barbee. Other family members and friends are also present. Please provide a warm welcome to all.

**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, you are invited to 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: guided book discussions of *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*. Rev. Greg Jarrell will teach at 9:30am, preach at 10:30am, then lead us in our Second Sunday Service. We will gather at 9:30am in the Selwyn Campus chapel. The 9:30am hour will be live streamed for those on the Quail Campus. 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. See the weekly email for the registration link.

**BAPTISM CLASSES** Selwyn will offer a two week class on March 30 and April 6 at 9:30am in the library. The class is designed for parents interested in learning more about the sacrament and wanting to schedule their child's baptism.

**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 need to be submitted by March 30 to Pam Brownlee. The Selwyn women previously awarded an Honorary Life Membership will choose the 2025 recipient from the nominations. A reception will be held following the May 4 service.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT, APRIL 26 -27** All women are invited for a transformative weekend of spiritual enrichment, personal growth, and community connection at Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center. Reverend Gail Henderson-Belsito will be the speaker. The theme is *Ruth, Naomi, God, and Us: Together on the Journey*. Come ponder the ways God met their needs and wonder about the ways God is meeting our needs. Come expecting God will meet us as we move forward together. Find additional details and the registration link in the weekly email. Registration ends April 11.

**TWO VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS** are being offered the week of June 23-26. Volunteers are needed for both. The registration form can be found in the weekly email link, the Spire newsletter, on the website, and in emails from Nancy Nutter. Please fill out and return the form, along with your check made out to SAPC, and return to Nancy Nutter by June 1.

- VBS for Elementary Children, completed Kindergarten- 5<sup>th</sup> grade, will meet from 9am– 3pm. Cost is \$150 per child. We will be using Group's True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World curriculum, integrating 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 -5 years old, will meet from 9:30– 11:30am. Cost is \$40 per child. Andrea DePhillips will be the leader.

**SAPC BOOK CLUB** will meet at April 15. 6:30 pm 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, 704-553-9356.

**CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL** We encourage anyone who has wanted to sing to join Fred Spano and members of the Chancel Choir for Thursday night rehearsals from 7-8:15pm in the Chapel.

**CHILDREN’S CHOIR** Children from the age of four though the fifth grade are invited to participate. Rehearsals will be held on Thursdays at 5:30pm from March 20 through April 10. The children’s choir will sing in worship on Palm Sunday, April 13. Questions, contact Nancy Nutter.

**OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH AFFORDS US THE OPPORTUNITY** to engage with the spirit and unite with Christ. If you have not returned your stewardship commitment card, 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. Please return your commitment card to the church office, email church accountant Tonya Moore, or enter your commitment via the church website.



**BUDGET UPDATE** For 2025 Selwyn member Pledges total \$825,000. Goal for pledge receipts through March Year to Date (YTD) are \$202,818. Actual Pledge receipts YTD are \$175,965. Total deficit is \$26,853.

- 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.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** Our next workday will be April 26. Look for details and the signup link in the weekly email.

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA)** has released emergency grants to meet the urgent needs of communities impacted by the California wildfires, along with providing emotional and spiritual care. The magnitude of the event will require the development of long-term projects and assistance, both for the physical and emotional long-lasting effects. Please keep the workers and those impacted in your prayers. Financial support to U.S. wildfires can be designated to DR000165. Gifts can be made via [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org) (Give Now), by phone at 800-728-7228 ext. 5885, or by check payable to Presbyterian Church (USA), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700 with “PDA-CF25-E” written on the memo line.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God  
and in honor of Libby Guinan’s birthday from her family.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
<b>Sunday, March 23</b> 9:00 Chancel Choir 9:30 Sunday School for All 10:10 Called Session Meeting (Chapel) 10:30 Worship with Baptism 5:30 Youth Group 5:30 Tween Bible Study (FH)  <b>Monday, March 24</b> 5:00 Room in the Inn 7:30 BSA Troop (SH) 7:30 Evening Men’s Group (P)  Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am Spire Deadline is Monday, April 28 by 9am	<b>Tuesday, March 25</b> 6:00 Session Meeting and Dinner (FH) 7:15 PW Peace I (L)  <b>Wednesday, March 26</b> 11:00 PW Daughters of Faith I (P) 1:00 Pastor’s Bible Study (QHPC) 6:30 Handbell Choir (QHPC)  <b>Thursday, March 27</b> 5:30 Children’s Choir (Chapel) 7:00 Chancel Choir (Chapel)  <b>Friday, March 28</b> 7:00 Morning Men’s Group (BH)	<b>Saturday, March 29</b> 10:00 Chancel Choir (S)  <b>Sunday, March 30</b> 9:00 Chancel Choir 9:30 Baptism Class (L) 9:30 Sunday School for All 10:30 Worship with Tween Sunday 12:00 Incoming Elder Training (QH) 5:30 ASP Participants Meeting (FH)   Montclair Elementary  Give