



THE SELWYN SPIRE

December 2024

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church
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December 1, 1st Sunday of Advent
9:30 Sunday School for All
10:30 Worship Service with Communion
11:30 Advent Wreath Workshop

December 4, Service of Comfort and Hope
11:30 Chapel Worship
Designed for those seeking quiet in the chaos, seeking a moment to focus, and for those experiencing loss or challenges. Followed by a light fellowsip lunch.

December 8, 2nd Sunday of Advent
9:30 Sunday School for All
10:30 Worship with Music from the Handbell Choir

December 15, 3rd Sunday of Advent
9:30 Sunday School for All
10:30 Children's Christmas Pageant Worship Service
11:30 All Church Christmas Luncheon

December 22, 4th Sunday of Advent
9:30 Sunday School for All
10:30 Worship with Special Music by the
SAPC and QHPC Choirs. Joy Gift Offering collected.

December 24, Christmas Eve

10:30 Worship Service at Quail Hollow Presbyterian, 8801 Park Road
A time for families, especially for those with younger children, to worship together.
5:30 Traditional Candlelight Service with Communion at Selwyn Avenue
Joy Gift Offering collected.

Christmas Mission Giving Tree

Help give a meaningful gift by selecting an ornament from the Welcome Center tree to fulfill a wish for one of our Mission Partners.
Please return all unwrapped gifts, along with the ornament, by Sunday, December 15.

'Stay Awhile' - An Intergenerational Advent Sunday School, December 1 – 22, 9:30am
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Think of the anticipation that comes with hosting loved ones for Christmas.

We extend invitations, and make plans and preparations.

Ultimately, we open the door to welcome guests, and finally celebrate.

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CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

We welcome



Reynolds Kacie Cook,
daughter of Ben and
Hannah Cook,
born on
November 2, 2024

We welcome



James Riley Harner,
son of Zach and
Mary Peyton Harner,
born on
November 18, 2024

SALT SHAKERS

will meet on Sunday,
December 1, 6:30pm
at the home of
John Amon and Susan Lohr.
Remember to bring a covered
dish to share. Questions,
contact [Malyn Pratt](#).



A warm welcome to
our newest members,
Curtis and Rebekah Correll.
They joined on November 10.

In Nursing or Retirement Homes

- Aldersgate - Dick Metzler
- Asbury - Mary Faye Proctor
- Carmel Hills - Marie Pressley
- 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



SAPC BOOK CLUB will meet on December 10, 6pm
at the home of Beth Ramsey. Questions, contact [Nancy Bobbitt](#).

**ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS LUNCH
DECEMBER 15**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall following the Children's Pageant
Worship Service. We will offer a full traditional meal as done in
years past. Helpers are needed for food prep, set up, and clean up.



- Matthews Glen - Anne McMackin,
Cara Munday, Anne Rutherford

- Merrywood - Pat Ferguson
- Sharon Towers - Richard and Joan Foard
- Southminster - Kathy Dixon, Kay Hastings,
Bobbie Linn, Sally Moore

GIVING INFORMATION

We appreciate every effort being made in keeping your current pledge commitment up-to-date as we
near the end of 2024. 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 key word if giving to the annual fund. Or you can 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.
When calling your broker, also contact church accountant Tonya Moore, or 704-996- 5504, so can credit
the proper amount to the correct member.

End-of-Year Giving reminder: The IRS requires the church receive checks/stocks in 2024 to be counted
as a 2024 contribution. If delivered in person, it must be received in the office by 1pm, December 31, 2024,
or in 10:30am worship on December 29. If mailed, your check must be dated 2024, and your envelope
postmarked by December 31, 2024. Checks dated in 2024, but postmarked in 2025 must be credited, for
IRS purposes in 2025.

- Summit Place - Willa May Young
- TerraBella Cramer Mountain -
John McCarter
- The Pines on Carmel - Beth Carter

Non-Member Deaths

- Craig Alfred Nelson, father of Sally Haines
on November 10, 2024
- Daniel L. Cook, father of Ben Cook on
November 19, 2024

Non-Member Birth

- Vivian, granddaughter of Reba Hardaway
on November 12, 2024

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
(payable to SAPC) to the church office. Please designate "Flower Memorial Fund" in the memo line of your check.

The deadline is Sunday, December 8. Please print neatly.

Your phone # _____ Email address _____

Name(s) of giver(s) as you would like it printed in the bulletin. _____

In memory _____

In honor of _____

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Chandler Haynie Elyse Kemp Marie Thomas	8 Hudson Herron Sarah Martin Dick Metzler Sarah Pineno Mila Russell-Brodie	14 Owen Porter Annie Thompson Taylor Turner	17 Hunter Fitzgerald Henry Hahn Peggy Hornberg Maggie Huff Cara Munday Max Stein	28 Hannah Finn Matt Madigan
3 Frank Deal Peyton Green Lawson Roush Cecilia White	10 Gay Curtin Garrett Grist Tim Linker Justin Murray Jordan Turner	15 Briana Campion Ben Klinker Brittain Ellison Thomas Wakefield Emma Hinson Waple	20 Hunter Miller	29 Logan Goodman Margaret Harris Malyn Pratt
4 Stephen Lohr Emma Northan Laura Warner	11 Andrew Campion Sadie Canter Mike Goodman Cassidy Wolf	16 James Battle Vincent Deckard J.P. Flynn James Hart Thomas McClane	21 Burgin Bentley William Phifer Maggie Thrasher	30 Robert Deal Jack Gualtieri Herb Jones Jim Moore Anna Stuart
5 Martin Pressley Kim Turner Hattie Yearwood	12 Monica Roush Jack Skibinski Brian Tallent		23 Cody Lynn	31 Jill Eilenberger Chip Long Eliza Young
6 Shannon Brown Jay Curtin Coley Houston Kenneth McDermott Ella Mills	13 Gabriel Daoust		25 Matthew Cronmiller Laura Dodsworth	
			26 Kevin Cumbus Sam Phifer	
			27 Grey Barbee Ann Copeland Mary Miller	



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP— DECEMBER 1, 11:30am

All ages, children through adults, are invited to meet on the lawn to make Advent wreaths and crafts, and enjoy light refreshments of cookies and hot cocoa. Wreath kits are \$10 per kit. Please reserve one or more kits through the weekly email, or contact [Brian Daoust](#) or [Nancy Nutter](#). Payment for kits can be made via text to give, online, by check, or in person at the event.



'Stay Awhile' - An Advent Sunday School Series, 9:30am, December 1 – 22

Join us for our intergenerational Advent Sunday School. Advent, a season of preparation — like our holiday gatherings — takes time and care. Think of the anticipation that comes with hosting loved ones for Christmas. 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 our 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.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR and CHILDREN'S PAGEANT REHEARSALS Ages 4 through 5th grade will meet on Wednesday, December 4 and 11, 5:30 – 6pm. The children will sing in worship on December 15 with a 9:30am rehearsal that morning. They will also rehearse with the Children's Pageant participants on Saturday, December 7 and 14, at 10am. Questions, contact [Nancy Nutter](#).



Sunday Mornings 9:30am

- ❖ Our skilled nursery workers are downstairs for children ages 0 through 3 years old.
- ❖ Children four-year-olds through fifth grade, are invited to the Bowman building to discover Advent through Bible stories and Montessori style learning stations.
- ❖ Middle and High School Youth are invited to join our Intergenerational Advent Sunday School Class.
- ❖ Monday Men's Group, at 7:30pm in the parlor. Friday Men's Group, at 7am in the Bates House.

YOUTH NEWS

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

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH Please attend the new 9:30am intergenerational Advent Sunday School series.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



**WOMEN OF QUAIL HOLLOW
YOU'RE INVITED!**
THE 4TH ANNUAL
Christmas
GATHERING
Saturday, December 7th @ 2:00pm
QHPC Johnston Hall
Refreshments will be served.

Special Speaker
Katerina Katsarka Whitley
Teacher, Author and popular Retreat Speaker

Raffle
Bring item(s) such as holiday and home decorations, handmade items, or baked goods for the Raffle.
All proceeds will go to The Charlotte Bi-Lingual Preschool and Parent Programs

No RSVP Required! Visitors are Welcome!
Contact Jan Federal at 704.502.2392 for info.

SAVE THE DATE—APRIL 26 -27, 2025 WOMEN'S RETREAT
All women are invited to participate in the overnight retreat. The retreat will be held at Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center in York, SC. More details and registration information available soon.



Women are invited to participate in a Presbyterian Women's Circle, September through May, for Bible study, topics of interest, and service.

Contact a Circle leader, Moderator Pam Brownlee, or the church office for more information.

Women of Wonder - First Monday of the month, 12:30pm - Ann Copeland, Cacky Newitt

Peace Seekers I - Every other Tuesday evening, 7:15pm, December 10 - Catherine Miller, Ann Caskey

Peace Seekers II - First Wednesday of the month, 7:30pm - Caroline Thompson

Our Spiritual Journey - First Tuesday of the month, 10:30am - Bobbie Hankins

Evening Grace - First Tuesday of the month, 7pm - Nancy Bobbitt

Daughters of Faith I - Weekly on Wednesdays, 11am - Tracie Northan

Daughters of Faith Evening II- Third Monday of the month, 7pm - Deni Pifer

WORSHIP

Communion will be served on December 1 during the 10:30am service and on December 24 during the 5:30pm Traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Service at Selwyn.

If you are unable to attend the worship service and would like to receive communion at your residence, please notify Susan Lemmon or contact the church office, 704-372-6836.



Service of Comfort and Hope

Wednesday, December 4
11:30am

Join us for a service designed for those seeking quiet in the chaos, seeking a moment to focus, and for those experiencing loss or challenges.

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church Chapel
Lunch immediately to follow in the fellowship hall.

Please RSVP for lunch to the church office,
704-372-6836 or office@selwynpres.org by December 2.



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](#).

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 for \$78 should be made to the church indicating "sanctuary flowers".



SIGN UP TO USHER IN WORSHIP

Scan the QR Code with your mobile app or contact [Jill Cann](#).

Help is still needed for December services.



MISSION

MISSION GIVING TREE

Help give a meaningful gift by selecting an ornament from the Welcome Center tree to fulfill a wish for one of our Mission Partners such as Roof Above, Housing First, Room In The Inn, and Montclair Elementary School.

Please return all unwrapped gifts, along with the ornament, by Sunday December 15.

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.

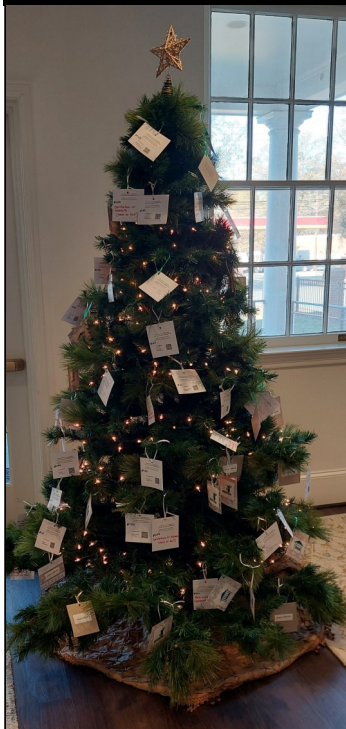
Please sign up to help through [this link](#)



MONTCLAIRE ELEMENTARY AND GEP

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

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



HELP PACK FOOD BAGS FOR FAMILIES AT MONTCLAIRE ELEMENTARY

Our upcoming food packing and delivery dates are December 5 and 19. We meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9am.

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



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.

SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE—DECEMBER 8 Contact [Brian Daoust](#) for details.

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*
Debbie Pott, *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
Worship - Susan Lemmon