



# THE SELWYN SPIRE

January 2026

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church

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*Worship*



*Youth Group*



*Congregational Life*



*Children and Family*



*Mission*

## SELWYN CAMPUS STAFF

Lori Archer Raible, *Pastor*  
Margo Richardson Fraga, *Associate Pastor*  
Brian Daoust, *Associate Pastor*  
Allyson Anderson, *Resident Pastor at QHPC*  
Lisa McLennan, *Parish Associate*  
Fred Spano, *Director of Music*  
Gay Pappin, *Organist*

Karley Wilke-Nadler, *Director of Children and Families*  
Marsha Cooper, *Church Administrator*  
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

# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

## IN MEMORIAM

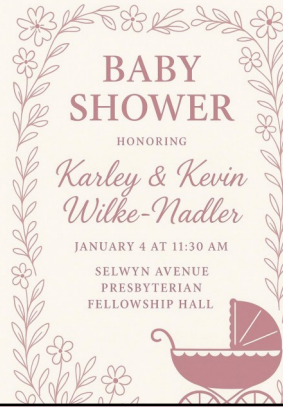
James Henry Glen, Jr.

Nov. 24, 1941 – Dec. 23, 2025

Congratulations and Best Wishes



Connor Brown Armistead and  
Summer Grace Hughes  
were married on November 22, 2025



Registries are available  
at [babylove](#) and [Amazon](#).

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST



All are invited to join  
us on January 11,  
9:30am in the Selwyn  
Fellowship Hall. This event is  
sponsored by the Men's Group.

## In Nursing or Retirement Homes

Aldersgate - Dick Metzler  
Asbury - Mary Faye Proctor  
Brighton Gardens - Beth Carter  
Carriage Club - Peggy Hornberg,  
Herman Thomas  
Cypress - Bill and Nancy Budd,  
Ellen Byrum, 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, Bobbie Linn, Sally  
Moore  
Summit Place - Willa May Young  
TerraBella Cramerton - John McCarter

## IN MEMORIAM

J. Robert Cole

Nov. 16, 1937 – Jan. 1, 2026

Congratulations and Best Wishes



Ryan Cook and Megan Lavery  
were married on December 31, 2025

## We Welcome



Kensington Brooks Campion,  
daughter of Andrew and Briana Campion,  
born on December 9, 2025

## SAPC BOOK CLUB

Members of both campuses are welcome to  
participate. Join us on January 20, 6:30pm at  
Sir Edmond Halley's Restaurant for a discussion of  
*Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi. Questions, [Nancy Bobbitt](#).

## NEW MEMBERS

On December 7, 2025, we welcomed Liz and Alex Reynolds  
and their two children to the Selwyn family. Please provide a  
warm welcome.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Susan Lohr  
2 Elizabeth Rossi  
3 Hugh Brown  
Sue Ward  
4 Meg Brownlee  
Allison Tibe  
5 Scott Daily  
Jess Daoust  
Richard Foard  
6 Theo Zimmer  
7 Kay Barbera  
Joy Berry  
Frankie Hinshaw

8 Suzanne Newsom  
9 Marion Arant  
Reed Claxton  
Vinson Kemp  
10 Genevieve Herron  
Krista Porter  
11 James Bolewitz  
Chris Miller  
Debbie Otey  
Evan Sauda  
12 Annie Clay Chandler  
Isabella Sanders  
13 James Elliott

14 Rebecca Cooper  
Loy Harrison  
Cason Kiger  
Liz Weingart  
15 Gay Pappin  
Susan Scott  
16 Courtney Arnheim  
Jennifer Coble  
Grace DeAmicis  
Kay Hastings  
Sallye Richards  
17 Zach Houston  
18 Mac Arant  
Crew Campion  
Rebecca Herron

19 Jonathan Korch  
Hudson Mills  
21 Collins Haynie  
22 Reid McCorduck  
Jim Tolbert  
23 Katherine Hoskins  
Richard Schmalz  
25 Zach Harner  
26 Hampton Horne  
Lauren Lynn  
Campbell Milewski  
Eleanor Moore  
27 Jones Houston



28 Aaron Arant  
Craig Williams  
29 Alex Burgin  
Walker Burgin  
Carter Long  
30 Jean Buchanan  
Pat Ferguson  
Michael Prowse  
31 Greg Astroth  
James DePhillips  
Emily Harrison



**SELWYN CAMPUS GIVING** To make a confidential pledge, you can 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

**2026 Stewardship Commitments:** With more than 280 households on the Selwyn campus, 88 households have pledged so far. SAPC has  
reached 60% of our 2026 budgetary goal. If you have returned your commitment card, thank you. If you have not, you can return it to the  
church office, email [Tonya Moore](#), or enter your commitment via the [church website](#).



## ALL CHURCH SPRING RETREAT, APRIL 24-26

**ALL MEMBERS, BOTH CAMPUSES** are invited to the 2026 Retreat in beautiful Montreat, NC. This special weekend is a chance for the whole church family to step away from the routine, grow in faith, and enjoy community life. [Click here](#) for more details.



**THE RETREAT THEME** is "By Still Waters: God's Presence for our Problems." What do we do when the world and our lives feel out of control? Where do we turn when it all seems upside down? At the center of the Bible is the Psalms, and at the very heart of this poetry collection is Psalm 23.



When it comes to the complexities of human life, Psalm 23 has it all: darkness, death, loneliness, evil, and enemies. Yet when it comes to God's response, Psalm 23 promises it all: mercy, stillness, restoration, gratitude, reconciliation, and home.

Come be led by the Good Shepherd through life's complexities and into the Psalm's promises.

Programming and activities available for all ages. Questions, [Margo Fraga](#).

**MONTREAT CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER** is nestled in the mountains of North Carolina and is a conference center, a place of worship, a wilderness preserve, and much more. People gather to experience God's transforming power and inspire love for the world. [Click here](#) for more details.

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

#### Large Family Package (1 or 2 adults + 1- 4 kids over age 5)

Early Bird: \$395\* After February 1: \$440

#### Family Package (1 or 2 adults + kids under age 5)

Early Bird: \$310\* After February 1: \$360

#### Individual Packages: Shared Room

Early Bird: \$185\* After February 1: \$235

#### Individual Packages: Private Room

Early Bird: \$260\* After February 1: \$310

Early Bird: January 1 - February 1\*

Registration: February 2 - March 22

Registration Closes: March 22 at 5pm \* Links Coming Soon

### RETREAT GUEST SPEAKERS

Josh and Lara Musser Gritter are the Co-Senior Pastors of [First Presbyterian Church](#) in Salisbury, NC where they've served since 2018.



Pastors Josh and Lara feel called to proclaim the Good News of our Good Shepherd while helping their lovely people fit the Gospel into daily life.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:30AM IN THE PARLOR

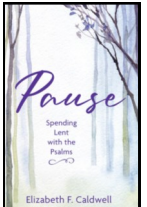
#### JANUARY 4 - FEBRUARY 15: YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD



This class is designed for adults. Using the *Feasting on the Word* curriculum, we will study how people recognize and declare Jesus as King. By exploring the visit of the Magi, the baptism of Jesus, and His public ministry, we will better understand a timeless truth: Jesus is the Light of the World.

#### FEBRUARY 22 - MARCH 29: PAUSE: SPENDING LENT WITH THE PSALMS

The season of Lent encourages us to consider a different pace - one of slowing down, noticing, pausing - instead of what our dominant culture values. The invitation to pause with the Psalms begins on Ash Wednesday, starting with a mark of ashes on our foreheads reminding us that in spite of our failures - things we have done or failed to do - we belong to God. Each week we will work through Scripture, music, and poetry exploring the Psalms. [Click here](#) for book details.



### ADULT MILESTONES, 9:30AM IN THE LIBRARY

January 18 and 25: Prayer - Why and How We Do It!

February 22 and March 1: Baptism Class

February 1, 8, and 15: Visitor Orientation Class

March 8 and 15: Worship Readiness for Adults 2.0



#### FIRST AND THIRD MONDAY EVENINGS, 7:30pm

Led offsite by Ted Zimmer and Curtis Correll.

It is open to men of all ages. Click [this link](#) from your phone.

#### FRIDAY MORNINGS, 7am

Led by Roger Mills and Joe Bentley at the Bates House. Men of all ages walk through life and faith with honesty, trust, and accountability.

#### MEN'S SPAGHETTI SUPPER AND GUEST SPEAKER, JANUARY 15, 2026

All men are invited to a spaghetti supper, fellowship, and an inspiring message from [Rev. Matt Conner](#).



RSVP to [Ted Zimmer](#).

# YOUTH NEWS

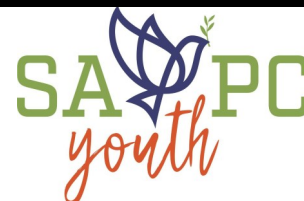
**GAME NIGHT, JANUARY 9, 6PM** Join us for fun and fellowship. See Brian for details.

**YOUTH GROUP, JANUARY 18, 5:30PM** Please note: no Youth Group on January 25 due to the ski retreat.

**YOUTH GROUP DINNERS** We need a family or two to team up and provide dinner for Youth Group at 5:30pm. You'll receive a reminder before your assigned Sunday evening. Click [this link](#) to sign up.

[Click here](#) to follow SAPC Youth on Instagram.

[Click here](#) for the Youth Ministry calendar. Questions, contact [Brian Daoust](#).



## WORSHIP



Join us weekly for Worship in the Sanctuary at 10:30am. If you cannot attend in person, an email is each Sunday at 10:15am with a [Facebook link](#). You do not need a Facebook account to view it.

### 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 \$65 should be made to the church indicating "sanctuary flowers".



Communion will be served on January 11 during the 10:30am Worship service. If you are unable to attend and would like to receive communion at your residence, please notify [Catherine Miller](#) or contact the church office, 704-372-6836.



A big thank you to all Advent and Christmas worship service participants. The Selwyn campus choirs, the Quail campus choirs, musicians, Children's Pageant participants (and parents), decorating team, and Advent readers are all appreciated. Thank you for giving your time and talent in helping to make the season bright.

## MISSIONS

### 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.

### ROOM IN THE INN SEASON IS HERE

Selwyn will try to host each Monday evening through Tuesday morning, until March. This requires we schedule two overnight hosts for each week. Other opportunities include set up, meals, and providing transportation. Click [here](#) to volunteer.



### MONTCLAIRE ELEMENTARY

There are a variety of ways to assist the Montclair Elementary community. Sign up to volunteer through the [church website](#), weekly email, or by contacting Ellen Harris or Karey Tom.



**THANK YOU** to everyone that participated by taking one or more ornaments from a tree and returning the gifts. You helped give a meaningful gift to one of our Mission partners. It is appreciated.

## NOMINATION FORM FOR CHURCH ELDERS:

We need your suggestions for Church Elders to begin serving in the spring of 2026. If you like, you may give reasons why the people you are suggesting will make good officers (past service to this or other churches; spiritual leadership, etc.) You may submit suggestions by returning the form to the church office or email your nomination to Marsha Cooper, [marshac@selwynpres.org](mailto:marshac@selwynpres.org) where it will be passed to the Nominating Committee. Please submit your suggestions by the end of January 2026.

Nominations for Elder (3 year term)

Nominations for Youth Elder (1 year term)

### LIST OF OFFICERS CURRENTLY SERVING AND THEREFORE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR NOMINATION:

Class of 2026: Rich Bonnell, Lori Burbank, Tate Hackman, Marybet Hudson, Todd Muldrew, Walker Owens, Adam Piacentino, Denise Pineno, Evan Sauda, Elizabeth Stearns, Caroline Thompson, Tina Weinberg; Youth Elder - Sarah Pineno

Class of 2027: Mike Bellamy, Michelle Bentley, Lee Bobbitt, Jeremy Caskey, Mike DeAmicis, Zach Houston, Catherine Miller, Sally Moore, Becky Muth, Cathy Sheely, Janet Stephens, Karey Tom

Class of 2028: Mike Bolewicz, Katie Cumbus, Lindsay Haynie, Sebastian Marth, Roger Mills, Martha Rand, Erin Salzlein, Rebecca Thompson, Ted Zimmer