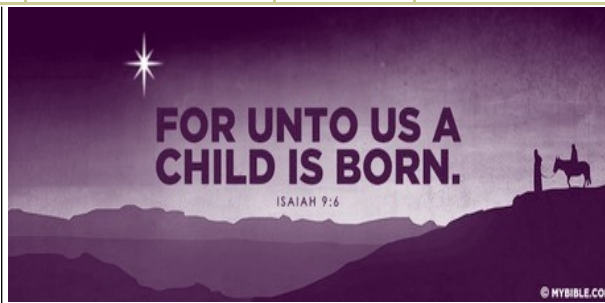




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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Communion (Jeffrey Cochran)	3 7:00 AA Mtg.	4 9:00 Early Risers 6:30 Discipleship Mtg. 7:00 Boy Scouts	5 7:30 AM AA Mtg. 5:00 G&G 5:30 PW#2 Circle Meeting 6:00 Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	6 10:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 AA Mtg.	7	8
9 (Arlene Lathrop)	10 7:00 AA Mtg.	11 9:00 Early Risers 7:00 Boy Scouts	12 7:30 AM AA Mtg. 5:00 G&G 6:00 Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	13 5:30 Resources Mtg. 7:00 AA Mtg.	14	15
16 (Jim Beisner)	17 7:00 AA Mtg.	18 7:00 Stated Session Mtg.	19 7:30 AM AA Mtg. 5:00 G&G 6:00 Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	20 7:00 AA Mtg.	21	22
23 11:00 A Service of Scripture & Song (Jason Howard)	24 Office Closed 6:00 Christmas Eve Service 7:00 AA Mtg.	25 Merry Christmas! Office Closed	26 7:30 AM AA Mtg. Office Closed	27 7:00 AA Mtg.	28	29
30 (Linda Roberts)	31 7:00 AA Mtg. New Year's Eve					

	Dec 1	Shannon Huggins	Dec 21	Maxwell Coutin-Baxter
	Dec 4	Stephanie Dunn	Dec 22	John Abbott
	Dec 7	Thomas Baxter	Dec 22	Lynn Pack
	Dec 7	Bert Turner	Dec 22	Leslie Desimone
	Dec 8	Pearl Williams	Dec 22	Claudia Szeto
	Dec 9	Chantal Daniels	Dec 23	Collin Roberts
	Dec 12	Ralph Pack	Dec 27	Joan Scott
	Dec 19	Channah Daniels	Dec 31	Joyce Andrews



SPC SPOTLIGHT

The Church At The Bridge

I'm still getting to know this place... and you. Today I found the supply closet where extra toilet paper is kept, and snooped around to catch a glimpse of the Advent wreath. On Sunday, I enjoyed coffee with you in the fellowship hall, and poked my head into each of the Sunday school classes. I'm getting the hang of the worship service – I've even figured out what a Beadle does! I'm studying the directory, trying to learn your names and family connections.

But there's lots left for me to learn. That includes names (please keep introducing yourselves!), and much more about the life and ministry of this church. After the first of the year, we will begin to dig a little more deeply into the work of the interim period, but for now I just want to watch and listen and learn and get to know you by walking with you for a little while. If you stop by my office (and I hope you will!), I'll probably ask you what brought you to this church and what keeps you here. I'm interested in who you are, how you do church together, and what makes this congregation so special. (If you're interested in knowing more about me, check out the "What's your story?" feature on page 2.)

And you are very special – I hope you know that. When my friends, family, and colleagues ask me about my new call, the first thing I say is how fantastic this church is. Y'all don't give yourself credit for the incredible ministry you do together, because it's simply baked in to who you are. You forget how extraordinary your mission is. In addition, your staff are excellent – Ward and Dorothy are wonderful colleagues and gifted musicians, and I'd be lost without Linda, whose knowledge and commitment keep this place going. From my initial interview with your Session, I was struck by how fabulous they are too. It turns out, they're not an exception – in fact, they're a good representation of a congregation full of thoughtful, prayerful, dynamic, and committed followers of Christ.

So, please keep doing what you're doing to make this church as special as it is. Keep coming,

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

Rev. Betsy Turner, Interim Pastor

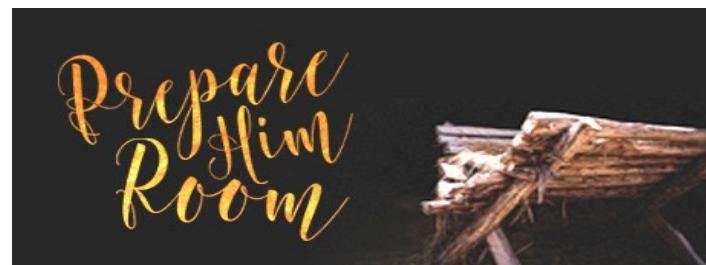
keep serving, and keep giving. Make sure SPC is part of your holiday calendar, to-do list, prayers, and budget.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for your hospitality these first two weeks. Thank you for the flowers in church on November 25 – I was truly honored. Thank you for all your efforts to make me feel comfortable and welcome here. And thanks be to God for inviting me to a season of ministry here among you. I'm excited to see what God will do among us in the year ahead.

With gratitude,
 Betsy

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

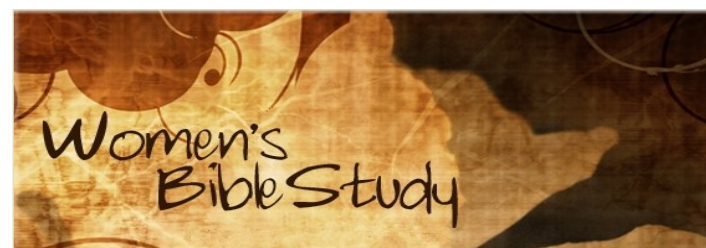
- Dec 2** First Sunday of Advent
 Jeremiah 33:14-16
 Luke 21:25-28
 "Watching and Waiting"
- Dec 9** Second Sunday of Advent
 Luke 1:67-80
 Luke 3:1-16
 "Like Father, Like Son"
- Dec 16** Third Sunday of Advent
 Zephaniah 3:14-20
 Luke 1:46-55
 "Songs of Joy"
- Dec 23** Fourth Sunday of Advent
 A Service of Scripture and Songs
- Dec 24** Christmas Eve
 Micah 5:2-5a
 Luke 2:1-20
 "Sore Afraid"
- Dec 30** Psalm 148
 Luke 2:22-40
 "A Long-Awaited Meeting"



The Fuzzy Tree
 In the Narthex, the Fuzzy Tree is here.
 And it stands bare.
 So for the next two weeks
 wrap it with fuzzies and love.
 Let the children of Thornwell know we care.
 Fuzzy items, toiletries, and money will be gladly accepted.

Christmas Basket Ministry
 We've done well...so far. Many generous members have adopted kids and offered to shop. Thanks to all of you! If you've offered to help and haven't heard back, please let Aaron Roberts know via 678-859-2767 or arob12001@gmail.com. This year will be more challenging because we're receiving the kids' information slower than usual. Please pray that this all goes smoothly, and pray now, because in a couple of weeks it'll be over. Talk to you soon.

Goodness & Groceries Ministry
 Goodness and Groceries meets on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come and be part of this mission to pack weekend food bags for school children at Cotton Indian Elementary, Smith Barnes, Stockbridge Middle, and Dutchtown Middle. If you have any questions, please call Linda Roberts at (770) 474-0220 or email her at lsr1273@gmail.com.



The Women's Bible Study group meets on the 1st, 3rd, 4th, and sometimes 5th Thursday of the month at 10:00 A.M. in the conference room.



Hometown: born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; raised in Dunwoody, GA.
Home church: St. Luke's Presbyterian Church
Family of origin: mom and dad, one younger brother, John (who now is married and living in Birmingham and expecting my new niece or nephew in February!)
Current household: spouse, Ian, who does information security for Turner (the media company - no relation!), and three children, Lucia (almost 7, a voracious reader who calls herself Ladybug Girl), William (4, loves garbage trucks and anything else with wheels), and Bert (turning 1 next week! He mostly likes to watch the other two run around). No pets.
Education: Presbyterian College (yes, that's the whole name of the school - Go Blue Hose!) and Columbia Theological Seminary)
Ministry: Ordained in 2012. Served Tallapoosa Presbyterian Church 2012-2013, and Luther Hays Presbyterian Church 2013-2018. Fun fact: those are, respectively, the westernmost and eastern-most churches in our Presbytery.
Hobbies: knitting, reading
Sweet or savory breakfast? Bring on the pastries!
Cat or dog? Grew up with one of each. None right now, but maybe someday a basset hound.
Toilet paper, over or under: over
Candy or popcorn at the movies: popcorn
Music or podcasts? usually podcasts (too many to list!)
Pen or pencil? pen
Beach or mountains? Beach all the way
Georgia or Georgia Tech?: Go Jackets!
Favorite books: (besides the Bible) too many to list, but the ones that come to mind are *Boy's Life* by Robert McCammon, *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield, *The Cider House Rules* by John Irving, and *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith
Favorite TV show: I could basically watch Parks and Recreation and Great British Bakeoff all the time.
Favorite part of the Bible: too hard to choose just one, so let's break it down: □ Favorite Old Testament story: it's hard to beat the creation stories in Genesis 1 and 2 □ Favorite psalm: 46 □ Favorite offbeat story in the Bible: probably the last chapter of Jonah □ Favorite gospel: Luke, although I adore John 1 □ Favorite from the rest of the New Testament: Romans 8, Philippians (the whole book!), Revelation 21:1-4.



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 JOSEPH'S PANTRY**

SESSION MINUTES

Stated Meeting - October 16, 2018

Clerk's Report:
 Communications:

The Session received a letter from Ameris Bank providing information on the transition from Hamilton State Bank.

The Consent Agenda was approved.

A reminder to the committees was made by Jim to start reviewing and preparing items for the 2018 annual report and activities for 2019.

Aaron provided an update on the elder nominating process.

Arlene and Kim provided an update on the Interim Pastor search. Rev. Betsy Turner has accepted the call as the interim pastor. The next step is meeting with our congregational consultant and Betsy to finalize arrangements and Betsy's call.

Resources Committee:
 No issues or recommendations.

The Session reviewed the September 2018 financial statement.

Witness Committee:
 No issues or recommendations.

Discipleship Committee:
 No issues or recommendations.

Pastor's Report:
 Susan has worked with several sessions in the PGA and complimented the SPC Session for their faithfulness to God and our church.

New Business:
 Gene and Jeffrey will review 2018 Session Minutes.
 Kim and Laura will review membership rolls.

The Session approved the baptism of Sydney Holloway on Sunday October 21, 2018.

The Session approved the use of the Fellowship Hall on October 10, 2018 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. by Christy Moore for a reception following a funeral.

Special Meeting:
 October 7, 2018

Kim Seal read a devotional from Our Daily Bread titled "Twinkle" Philippians 2:15-16. Further discussion by the members of Session followed.

Susan led a discussion on Chapter 7 of "Leading a Life with God" and opened discussion from all members as to the importance of this chapter to each.

New Business
 A change in the "Trunk or Treat" date to October 30, 2018, 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM was presented by the witness chairs.

SESSION MINUTES

Motion was made, and all members approved of the change.

The reason for the meeting having been accomplished, Kim closed the meeting with prayer.

Special Meeting:
 October 30, 2018

A motion was made, seconded and approved to elect Rev. John Callahan of Morrow Presbyterian Church as Moderator of this called meeting.

After a period of questions and answers from the session as to the Suitability of Call of Betsy Turner, as Interim Pastor for Stockbridge Presbyterian Church, a motion was made, seconded and approved by all to hire Betsy Turner, as a supply minister for Sunday, November 18, 2018. Then to take the position of Interim Pastor, November 19, 2018 upon the signing of our contract with the following amendments:

- 1) The receipt and addition of a Board of Pension number.
- 2) The addition of an Intellectual Property Clause.

The reason for the meeting having been accomplished, Rev. Callahan lead the session in a closing prayer.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

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- Dec 2 Jeffrey Cochran
- Dec 9 Arlene Lathrop
- Dec 16 Jim Beisner
- Dec 23 Jason Howard
- Dec 30 Linda Roberts

LITURGISTS

- Dec 2 Jeffrey Cochran
- Dec 9 Arlene Lathrop
- Dec 16 Jim Beisner
- Dec 23 Jason Howard
- Dec 30 Linda Roberts

CHILDREN'S SERMON

- Dec 2 Stephanie Dunn
- Dec 9 John Dunn
- Dec 16 Aaron Roberts
- Dec 23 Monica Coutin-Baxter
- Dec 30 Tami Pass

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS

- Dec 2 The Howard Family
- Dec 9 The Roberts Family
- Dec 16 The Coutin-Baxter Family
- Dec 23 Stephanie Dunn/Diana Taylor
- Dec 30 The Szeto Family