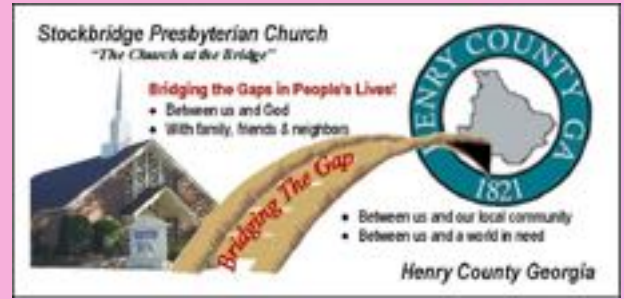


# SPC SPOTLIGHT

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## From Pastor Kristy We Are Not For Sale!

It has been a wonderful 7 months with you all and one of the things I have tackled as the new pastor is dispelling rumors that have cropped up about the church being for sale and the city taking over the property. Here is the long and short of the conversations I have had with the City Manager, Council Members, and the Development Team. The City of Stockbridge is in no way taking the church property for imminent domain or sale. They have assured me they want a good relationship with the church and there may be ways in which we can work together to be part of the community.

For your information the rumors may have started when plans for the Downtown and Main Street projects were released. Stockbridge Presbyterian Church was not drawn on the plans. Here is why: They have no ability to influence this property without our consent, therefore they didn't draw the church on the plans, even though we are in proximity to Downtown plans for future buildings and plans.

Another thing that is important to note: The sale of the church property has to go through an arduous process. That first goes to session, then to the congregation as a whole, and finally the Presbytery has to vote on the sale of a property in the PC(USA). Therefore, nothing can happen without the expressed consent of these three parties.

So friends, here is what it means for us. We need to let the community know we are here, we have something special to offer the community, and as we grow, we have no intention of going anywhere. This means we tell people about the good things happening here. We invite others to church and events. We welcome those who enter the doors of this church, and we welcome what comes when they arrive. The church is changing but NOT GOING AWAY.

Thanks be to God for our great session and other teams that do the work of making sure that we are the church even in the midst of a pandemic.

Joyfully,

Kristy



## THIS I BELIEVE... SERMON SERIES IN FEBRUARY

- Feb 6** "...the holy catholic church"  
 Acts 2:42, 46-47 Ephesians 1:3-5
- Feb 13** "...the communion of saints"  
 1 John 1:1-5; Hebrews 12:1-3
- Feb 20** Service of Healing & Racial Reconciliation  
 "...the forgiveness of sins"  
 Psalm 103:1-6, 10-13; Romans 8:1-3;  
 Luke 23:34; Matthew 6:14-15
- Feb 27** "...the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen."  
 1 Corinthians 15:51-58



# WORD FROM WARD

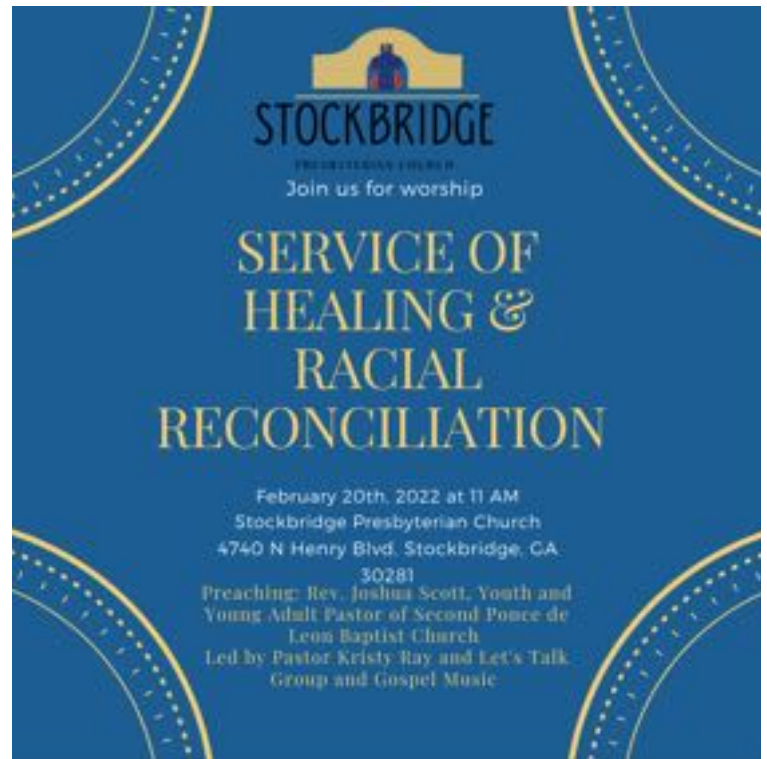


These suggestions were sent to me by a fellow high school pal. It works for choir and everything else:

1. Compliment three people every day
2. Watch a sunrise at least once a year.
3. Be the first to say, "Hello"
4. Live beneath your means.
5. Treat everyone like you want to be treated.
6. Never give up on anybody. Miracles happen.
7. Forget the Joneses.
8. Never deprive someone of hope. It may be all he has.
9. Pray not for things, but for wisdom & courage.
10. Be tough-minded but tenderhearted.
11. Be kinder than necessary.
12. Don't forget, a person's greatest emotional need is to feel appreciated.
13. Keep your promises.
14. Learn to show cheerfulness, even when you don't feel like it.
15. Remember that overnight success usually takes about 15 years.
16. Leave everything better than you found it.
17. Remember that winners do what losers don't want to do.
18. When you arrive at your job in the morning, let the first thing you say brighten everyone's day.
19. Don't rain on other people's parades.
20. Never waste an opportunity to tell someone you love them.



The Let's Talk group meeting dates are Thursdays, February 3 & 17 at 7:30 pm via [zoom](#). To join the discussion, please contact Pastor Kristy.



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## Discipleship

**Through the Bible** with Jeffrey Cochran at 9:15 am. This class meets upstairs in the room at the end of the hall.



**The Wired World** with Aaron Roberts 9:15 - 10:15 am - upstairs in the Education Wing or on [Zoom Link](#), for those who can't attend in person.



Youth Confirmation classes will be on Sundays, March 6 - April 10 in the Fellowship Hall, following the Worship Service.

Sign-up sheet to help feed our youth is in the Narthex.



Thursday Mornings at 10am in the Conference Room. We are beginning a new study - Widows to Warriors: Women of the Old Testament  
The perfect time to join the group. We would love to see you there.

## Witness



*Love*  
for Nursing Homes Ministry

As we are getting through each day and facilities are open. Prayerfully consider how we as a church can support those who are in Nursing Homes. We are hopeful that God is guiding us to care for the lonely, the lost, and the last of these.



**JOSEPH'S  
PANTRY**

Needs:  
Pop-top soup  
Crackers  
Soft Granola Bars



## Coat Closet Needs

- Winter hats/toboggans,
- Gloves
- Sweatshirt/hoodies



## Goodness & Groceries

We meet every Wednesday (when Henry Co. schools are in session) at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall to pack food and write notes of encouragement for our 3 partner schools. Come and join us!



## Session Minutes

### Stated Meeting - December 12, 2021

#### Clerk's Report:

#### Communications:

No communications were received in November 2021.  
The Consent Agenda was reviewed.

#### Committee Reports:

##### Resources Committee:

November 2021 financial statements was reviewed.

**Witness Committee:** No issues or recommendations.

**Discipleship Committee:** No issues or recommendations.

#### Pastor's Report:

Kristy updated the Session on the health of Rev. Susan Bennet, Sara Mosley and Carol Abbott.

#### Old Business:

Stephanie briefed the Session on the state of covid in District 4, which cases are on the rise.  
Arlene Lathrop volunteered to join the task force.

(Session Minutes con't)

### **New Business:**

Kristy led a discussion concerning serving communion at the Christmas Eve worship service recommending to not do communion. The Session decided to have communion.

A discussion was conducted on what type of elements will be used at the January 2022 communion. The Session decided to continue using communion packets January-March 2022. The Session will revisit this subject in February.

The Session approved Jim Beisner, as Clerk of Session and Gene Ingram as Assistant Clerk of Session for 2022.

The Session approved Kim Seal as Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for 2022.

The Session appointed Paul Szeto and Aaron Roberts to conduct an audit of the church financial records.

The Session appointed Terry Holmes and Arlene Lathrop to review the membership rolls.

Aaron volunteered to be Head Elder for January 2022.

There being no further business to conduct, Rev. Ray closed the meeting with prayer.

### **Congregation Meeting - December 5, 2021**

Rev. Kristy Ray called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. She opened the meeting with prayer and declared a quorum of 10% of members present.

The first order of business was to elect Elders to the Class of 2022 and 2024. Rev. Ray, introduced the committee members as follows: Arlene Lathrop, Jacob Ingram, Peggy Chase, Sydney Holloway and John Dunn. Rev. Ray related to the congregation that the committee not only prayerfully considered the suggestions presented by the congregation but also closely reviewed the church rolls seeking individuals who felt called to service as an Elder utilizing their time and talents. The following slate for 2022 and 2024 was presented: Aaron Roberts for 2022 and Kim Seal and Terry Holmes for 2024. Kristy asked if there were any nominations from the congregation. A motion was made and seconded to close the nominations. The above slate of candidates was elected unanimously.

The second order of business was to approve the 2022 call for Rev. Ray. There was no change to her call that was approved on May 23, 2021. The members present unanimously approved the terms of call

### **TERMS OF CALL**

Salary \$30,640

Housing/SECA Tax Allowance \$22,000/\$ 4,360

Effective Salary \$57,000

Benefits Plan: Pension, Medical, Dental \$21,090

Continuing Education \$ 1,000

Annual Professional Expenses \$ 4,100

Moving Expenses \$ 4,000

Total Expense \$87,190

The third order of business was to present the 2022 Church Budget which was approved by the Session at a stated meeting on October 10, 2021. Jim Beisner, Clerk of Session, stated the Resource Committee decided to not prepare a missional budget for 2022. Jim presented an overview of the changes to the operation budget for 2022.

The purposes for which this meeting was called having been accomplished, Rev. Ray closed the meeting with prayer.

# FEBRUARY 2022



February Head Elder - Terry Holmes

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 7:00 Boy Scouts	2 5:00 G&G 7:00 TCC Prayer Stdy 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	3 10:00 WBS 7:00 AA Mtg. 7:30 Let's Talk	4	5 2-4:00 Allie Dunn's Baby Shower
6 9:15 SS 11:00 Worship 1:00 TCC	7 7:00 AA Meeting	8 7:00 Boy Scouts	9 5:00 G&G 7:00 TCC Prayer Stdy. 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	10 10:00 WBS 7:00 AA Mtg.	11	12
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Feb 4 Jean Bunker  
Feb 4 Sydney Clipper  
Feb 6 Arlene Lathrop  
Feb 6 Maegan Wages  
Feb 13 Jason Howard  
Feb 15 Lexie Buchan  
Feb 17 Doug Scott  
Feb 18 Allie Dunn  
Feb 19 Jim Beisner  
Feb 21 Chantal Daniels  
Feb 23 Elora Newsome  
Feb 24 Carol Davidson

## THE SPC SESSION

Jim Beisner, Clerk of Session

### Discipleship

Aaron Roberts (22)  
Terry Holmes (24)

### Witness

Arlene Lathrop (22)  
Lee Hart (22)

### Resources & Treasurer

Kim Seal (24)