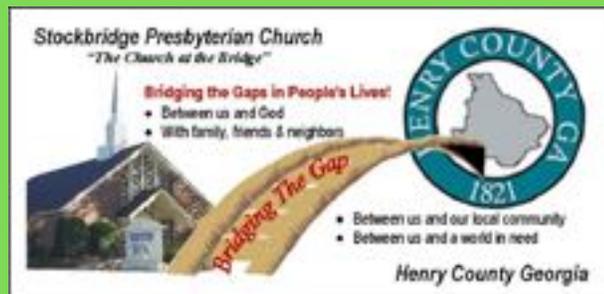


SPC SPOTLIGHT

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From Pastor Kristy

For the longest time I have been hooked on candles. When I was a teenager I even made candles with my best friend. There is something fascinating and almost magical about candles. How this small flame is fed by wax to sustain a wick for hours. How the wax can be manipulated into various shapes and colors and leave a scent that fills a room. How a tiny flame can light up a little space and give warmth off it's light unlike any bulb out there.

Advent and Christmas have always been special in my life and it is increased by my love of candles, as we light the advent candles weekly and fill a room with tiny lights, as Silent Night is sung by the congregation. It is even more special to think about how this tradition has gone on for years and is part of churches all over the world.

This year's theme is Let There Be Light. We will think about the celebration of light as Jesus is the light of the world. Some of our lights might be like a tiny candle that is shining a small light to make it through each step in front of you. Some of us may be like a flashlight that is a bit bigger of a range but still a day at a time. Some of us may be like a lamp that is in a time of needing rest. Some of us might be like car headlights that are on a journey somewhere, navigating the possibilities and making it through the twists and turns along the way. Some of us may be like a floodlight that attracts others to what we are doing. No matter what kind of light you are right now it is all shining because of our Great Light that is leading us to shine for not only ourselves but others.

Stockbridge Presbyterian is called to build bridges to connect and to shine a light in a community that has such a variety of people that need a place to connect. Connect to something greater than

themselves. We are shining a light as we care for families at the Mill, we are shining a light as we worship, we are shining a light in all the places we live, work, and play.

I encourage you to shine your light. Come be a part of one of our groups in study, conversation, fellowship, mission, or choir. There is a way for all to serve no matter the age or ability.

Joyfully,
 Pastor Kristy



SERIES FOR DECEMBER

- December 5** Light of PEACE
~Luke 1: 68-79
- December 12** Light of JOY
~Isaiah 12:2-6
- December 19** Light of LOVE
~John 1:1-18
- December 24** Christmas Eve Service
LIGHT of the World
Lessons and Carols
- December 26** Many Lights to Shine
Colossians 3:12-17



WORD FROM WARD

Great news: Andrea Emmel is our new church musician. We are old friends and colleagues dating back to 2000 when I hired her to teach at Atlanta Metropolitan State College. I always knew I could depend on her and she has come through every time. She will do the same for us. Below is her bio. Welcome, dear friend.

Andrea Emmel, Brazilian born pianist, came to the USA in 1987 to study at Wesleyan College, Macon, Georgia. There, she studied piano performance with Edward Eikner. Afterwards, Andrea earned a Master Degree in Piano Pedagogy from GSU, where she studied with Cary Lewis. In 2000, she joined the faculty at Atlanta Metropolitan State College, working with Ward Gailey. In 2016, Andrea completed her certification in Music Education and began serving the children of Gwinnett County as their music teacher. In 2020, in the midst of the COVID pandemic, Andrea presented her final paper on Multiculturalism in the elementary music classroom, earning her Master Degree in Music Education. She is the proud mother of Adam, Natalia, and Jenny, who is now married to Eugene Jiang.



Following the Worship service on December 19th. This is a time to grieve, lament, pray. Christmas is a season that brings lots of emotions and many of us are in a time of struggling to get through the joy because of the reality of pain, suffering, and loss. This is a time to honor that feeling during the season. We hope you stay or invite others to join. The service will last about 15-25 minutes to give space for you to process grief in a service of worship.



December 26th we will have a relaxed service of Carol Singing and Worship. No Sunday School that day. At 10 am we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall for Hot Beverage and bring your leftover Christmas Goodies to share and swap.



The Let's Talk group meeting dates are Thursdays, December 2nd and 16th at 7:30 pm via [zoom](#). To join the discussion, please contact Pastor Kristy.

Discipleship



Children's Sunday School

with Ward & Lin Gailey at 9:15 am in the choir room.



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

Through the Bible with Jeffrey Cochran at 9:15 am. This class will be meeting in the parlor.



Witness

Coat Closet Needs



Love

for Nursing Homes Ministry

Bless those who live in silence
Guide their hearts and minds

Bless the hands that feed and bathe
Give them compassion and grace

Bless the families who live far away
Who try their best but feel the worst

God wherever we are in life
May we remember, may we be thankful, may we love
Love who lives, those who work, those who care,
those who don't know what else to do.



- Men's sweat shirts and T-shirts (Sizes-Med to XXL)
- Men's Socks



December 15th at 5pm. Packing Goodness & Groceries and Christmas Baskets. We need extra hands and hearts to help put together the items gathered. We will end in fellowship time before the choir gathers at 7pm.

Monetary Donations are still appreciated for the Christmas Baskets to fulfill our commitment along with the grant. We received \$2700 and we are called to match that for this project.

December 18th - we are delivering the baskets to the Mill, if you would like to help reach out to Aaron Roberts.



Needs:

- Canned Potatoes
- Peas
- Beans, not green
- Soup
- Canned Corn

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 - October 12, 2021

Communications:

No communications were received.

The Consent Agenda was approved including adopting the 2022 operating budget.

Committee Reports:

Resources Committee:

August 2021 financial statements were reviewed.

Witness Committee: No issues or recommendations.

Discipleship Committee: No issues or recommendations.

Pastor's Report:

Kristy introduced the Vital Congregation Initiative to the Session. This is a 2-year program involving work within SPC and out in community to change how we do our mission. The Session approved entering this program with the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta support.- working with Ward and team to hire an organist, get choir back to rehearsing regularly, getting a children's Sunday school started up again.

Old Business:

Reimagining Task Force made the following recommendations for Session approval:

Recommend sanctuary return to full capacity on Sunday 11/21/21. Wearing masks and recording temperatures will continue.

Recommend no limit to the number of participants in the choir. Singing will be done in masks.

Recommend allowing groups larger than 15 be allowed to meet in church facilities.

The Session approved the above recommendations.

Arlene reports potential Elders have been identified and will be contacted to find out their interest in serving SPC.

The Session approved conducting a congregation meeting on 12/5/21 to vote on the Elder slate, present the 2021 budget and the pastor's call for 2021.

New Business:

The Session approved conducting a Christmas Eve offering. The funds received from the offering will be split with half going to the SPC general fund and half to a local Henry County charity. Witness Committee will make a recommendation to Session of which charity should receive the funds.

Kristy discussed conducting a staff and leadership gathering in December 2021 to recognize the hard work put in to keep the church operational during the past 21 months. The event will take place on 12/12/21.

(Session Minutes Continued)

Congregation Meeting - October 3, 2021

Jim Beisner, Secretary, declared a quorum of 10% of active members present.

The moderator stated the purpose of the meeting was to elect the 2021 Nominating Committee whose job will be to nominate individuals for the Elder Class of 2024.

Jim read the names of the following members who have volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee Arlene Lathrop, Jacob Ingram, Peggy Chase, Sydney Holloway and John Dunn. A motion was made and seconded to close the nominations. The slate was unanimously elected.

The purpose for which the meeting was called having been accomplished, the meeting was closed with a prayer and the benediction by Rev. Ray.

Financial Update YTD - November 2021

Total Income	194,721.50
Includes Payroll Protection	16,114.00
Includes Guide One Claim	24,698.40
Total Expenses	218,648.77
	(-23,927.27)

Repair of Water Damage/Renovation	\$36,359.40
Replacement of AC/Furnace (In Sanctuary)	\$19,300.00



We've
MOVED

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(no landline)



December

2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			5:00 G&G 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	10:00 WBS 7:00 AA Mtg.		
			1	2	3	4
9:15 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Congregational Meeting	7:00 AA Meeting		5:00 G&G 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	10:00 WBS 7:00 AA Mtg.		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:15 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 3:00 Girl Scouts	7:00 AA Meeting		5:00 G&G & Christmas Baskets 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	10:00 WBS 7:00 AA Mtg.		Deliver Christmas Baskets
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:15 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Blue Christmas Worship Service	7:00 AA Meeting			7:00 AA Mtg.	6:00 Christmas Eve Service	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
No Sunday School 10:00 Christmas Fellowship in Hall 11:00 Worship 3:00 Girl Scouts	7:00 AA Meeting			7:00 AA Mtg.		
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Printable Calendars from fixnnet.com

happy birthday



Dec 1 Shannon Huggins **Dec 21 Maxwell Baxter**
Dec 2 Anthony Mobley **Dec 22 Leslie Desimone**
Dec 4 Stephanie Dunn **Dec 22 Claudia Szeto**
Dec 7 Thomas Baxter **Dec 23 Collin Roberts**
Dec 8 Kristy Ray **Dec 27 Joan Scott**
Dec 19 Channa Daniels **Dec 31 Joyce Andrews**

THE SPC SESSION

Jim Beisner, Clerk of Session

Discipleship

Aaron Roberts (21)
Paul Szeto (21)

Resources

Terry Holmes (21)

Witness

Stephanie Phillips Ayoola (21)
Arlene Lathrop (22)
Lee Hart (22)

Treasurer

Kim Séal