



THE CHURCH VOICE

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What is a lectionary? Often, you hear pastors referred to as “lectionary preachers”, but what does this mean? Simply put, a lectionary is a rotating calendar of scripture passages that runs throughout the liturgical year for use in weekly worship. Lectionaries trace their origins back to Jewish worship practices during the Second Temple Period (530-70_{BC}). The version of the lectionary most common to Presbyterian churches, the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), was completed in 1994 – the result of an ecumenical partnership between several mainline Protestant denominations. The RCL is a composite of lectionaries that were already in use among a variety of Christian denominations at the time, largely based upon the Catholic *Ordo Lectionum Missae* (Order of the Readings for Mass) created in the wake of the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965).

The RCL runs in three-year cycles referred to as Years “A”, “B”, and “C”. Each year features a particular gospel. Year “A” is mostly comprised of readings from Matthew. Year “B” features readings from Mark. In Year “C”, Luke assumes priority. The Gospel of John is interspersed throughout all three years, largely read during “High Holidays” such as Christmas, Easter, etc. (Incidentally, we are presently in Year “A” of the RCL.) Typically, four scriptures are featured each week, consisting of a gospel reading, an Old Testament passage, a selection from the epistles and a psalm. Prayers from the *Book of Common Worship* are structured around these readings. The liturgical year begins with the First Sunday of Advent (Nov. 27 to Dec. 3) and ends with Christ the King (Reign of Christ) Sunday (Nov. 20 to Nov. 26 of the following year).

Some pastors are quite disciplined about their use of the lectionary, others not so much. Personally, I find it a helpful tool for planning weekly worship. While I make frequent use of the RCL, sometimes I’ve found it necessary to depart from the lectionary to address concerns relevant to the life of the congregation. The RCL serves several purposes: First, It prevents pastors from repeating themselves (this can come in handy since the “synoptic” gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke share much in common); second, it marks time by anticipating important Christian observances throughout the year; third, it encourages one to preach from the *whole* bible, not just one’s favorite parts; and last but not least, it helps Reformed churches and denominations maintain liturgical unity throughout the year. It’s somewhat comforting to know that, on any given Sunday, one is hearing the same set of scriptures that are being proclaimed by Christians around the world!

Copies of the Revised Common Lectionary can be found in the back of your hymnal, and on your Presbyterian Planning Calendar. Two online versions that have proven helpful may be found at www.lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu, and www.pcusa.org/devotion/revised-common-lectionary.

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” – Ecclesiastes 3:1

Grace & Peace,

George

Looking Ahead for Worship

July 5, 2026

8:30am Beach Worship

11:00am Worship

Psalm 45:10; Matthew 11:16-19



July 12, 2026

8:30am Beach Worship

11:00am Worship

Psalm 119:105-112; Matthew 13:1-9

July 19, 2026

8:30 am Beach Worship

11:00am Worship

Psalm 139:1-12; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 26, 2026

8:30am Beach Worship

11:00am Worship

Psalm 148; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



August 2, 2026

8:30am Beach Worship

11:00am Worship

Psalm 17:1-7; Matthew 14:13-21



August 9, 2026

8:30am Beach Worship

11:00am Worship

Psalms 105:1-6; Matthew 14:22-33

August 16, 2026

8:30am Beach Worship

11:00am Worship

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32, Matthew 15: (10-20)21-28

August 23, 2026

8:30am Beach Worship

11:00am Worship

Psalm 138; Matthew 16:13-20



August 30, 2026

8:30am Beach Worship

11:00am Worship

Jeremiah 15: 15-21; Matthew 16:21-28

Red Cross Blood Drive
Monday August 24
1:00-5:30pm



*If you've been missing the Adult Sunday School class during the summer months, we invite you to join us for a special class on **August 9**. We'll meet at the **usual time and usual place** (Session room, 9:45 a.m.) We look forward to seeing you there!*

Shallotte Presbyterian Church
Rev. George Chapman III, Pastor

The Session (Elders)

Class of 2026

John Cardwell
Kim Smithwick
Steve Wingfield
Lynne Young

Class of 2027

Patsy Calhoun
Mike Clawson
Eric Lehmann
Mac Warner

Class of 2028

Sandy Lacy
Mac McCall
Jeanne McLeod
Laura Thompson

Jenny Meekins, Clerk of Session

The Board of Deacons

Class of 2026

Lurae Albert
Leslie Claiborne
Tobin Henry
Susan Lehmann

Class of 2027

Linda Black
Sarah Braddock
Sarah Cook
Bart Norwood

Class of 2028

Paul Marlow
Tim Owens
Joanne Prettyman
Tom Tart

Tobin Henry, Moderator Susan Lehmann, Clerk of Deacons

Sunday Worship Services

8:30am - Beach Worship

11:00am - Indoor Worship

The 11:00am service is streamed live on our Facebook page and on our YouTube Channel.

Nursery Available during 11am Service.



Free Parking
Ocean Isle Beach,

Important Reminders



Food Pantry Sundays are July 12th & August 9th

If you wish to make a monetary donation, you may drop it off at the church or mail your check to the church office.



Wonderful Wednesday Dates - July 8th, and 22th, August 12th and 26th

Rally Day to be held September 13, 2026 with a Biscuit Breakfast before the 11:00am worship Service.

The CE Committee is generating a list of substitute Sunday School Teachers for next year. Please call the church office if you would like to be added to that list.

July 12th Welcome Rev. Phil Gladden

Phil Gladden is a graduate of Davidson College and Union Presbyterian Seminary. He retired June 1, 2023 after forty years of active ministry in churches in Eastern North Carolina, the last twenty-five as pastor of the Wallace Presbyterian Church.

He and Nancy, who retired March 1, 2024 from her position as the East Community Mission Coordinator in our presbytery, still live in Wallace.

They have two children: a son, Jackson, who is a furniture designer and lives and works in New York City and a daughter, Natalie, who lives and teaches in Seoul, South Korea. We welcome Rev. Gladden to SPC on Sunday July 12th.



Session Notes

- The Session approved the new Deacon's Manual
- The Session acknowledged the loan of a generator by Debbie Smith for the use at the beach services for the 2026 season.
- The Session sent Patsy Calhoun and Jenny Meekins as delegates to the East Community Gathering on May 30, 2026.

Greeters, Ushers, Liturgist & Welcome Table - July/August 2026 - Please check your schedule and sign-up in TBD boxes

Date	Ushers	Communion	Welcome Greeter	Liturgist	Acolyte
7/5	Eric & Susan Lehmann	Steve Wingfield, Sandy Lacy, Eric & Susan Lehmann	Lynne Young	Ruth Owens	TBD
7/12	Eric Lehmann Joanne Prettyman		Jeanne McLeod	Susan Lehmann Rev. Phil Gladden	Charlotte Stewart
7/19	Mike Clawson Susan Alley		Joanne Prettyman	Linda Stackhouse	AJ Pendergrass
7/26	Mac McCall Joanne Prettyman		Helen Odum	Lurae Albert	Steven Vattimo
8/2	Steve & Debbie Wingfield	Patsy Calhoun, Lynne Young, Lurae Albert TBD	Patsy Calhoun	Kim Smithwick	Seamus Smithwick
8/9	Kim Smithwick Laura Thompson		Sarah Cook	Carol Kauffman	Declan Smithwick
8/16	Mac McCall TBD		Bart Norwood	Mike Claxton	Mary Grace Carter
8/23	Mike Clawson Tom Tart		Jeanne McLeod	Martha Warner	Charlotte Stewart
8/30	TBD TBD		Helen Odum	Sue Andersen	AJ Pendergrass

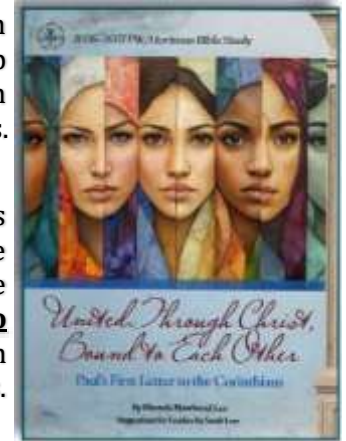


Presbyterian Women Summer Project and Celebration Circle

The Presbyterian Women's Summer Project is underway. Thank you if you have already contributed to our request for Greeting cards of all kinds and stamps. If you haven't yet made a contribution, please consider support of this project. These cards will be used by the Celebration Circle's Sunshine Friends committee to be mailed with compassion to our church members who may be housebound, ill, recovering from procedures, having a birthday or in any situation that a card might be sent. As you probably know, stamp prices are going up again so any financial contribution would help with purchase of the Forever stamps and any cards that may be needed. Checks may be made to SPC-PW with Summer Project donation in the memo line.

We will conclude our Summer Project with the first Celebration Circle meeting on September 9th in the Fellowship Hall @ 10:30 AM. You may continue to donate up through the Circle meeting as we plan to dedicate these donations during Circle and then Ruth Owens will lead the Circle's members in sending these to our Sunshine Friends. Thanks to Sarah Henry for her work with the Friends in the past.

Every woman coming to SPC is invited to attend our Circle meetings. The meetings consist of a Bible Study and business meeting with some refreshments at most of the meetings. We also have a couple of meetings during September through May when we share a meal together. Our Bible Study this year is: **United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other**. This Bible Study is based on Paul's first letter to the Corinthians and written by Rhonda Mawhood Lee. Focus on support of a mission is also a part of the meetings. Come and join the fellowship of this sisterhood! We'd love to see you there!



MISSION AND BENEVOLENCE: SPOTLIGHT ON MISSION Operation Christmas Child



This month's mission and benevolence spotlight is on Operation Christmas Child, a division of Samaritan's Purse. Our church serves as a drop off location for our area for national collection week in November. There are so many ways, both big and small, that you can get involved in OCC:

- Bring items to the church narthex each month for our church-wide annual shoebox packing party (see the giant box!)
- Pack a shoebox of your own (or more than one!)
- Volunteer during National Collection Week for a shift or two
- provide snacks for our team of volunteers during National Collection Week in November
- Write a check to OCC to help our church wide packing party

Each shoebox can be tracked to its final destination around the globe, and the magic of this ministry helps children learn about the love of Jesus Christ is awesome!

Our church has a special connection to OCC: we continue the legacy to memorialize Susan Clawson, who brought this opportunity to our church almost 12 years ago! Susan's father, Lowell Furman, was instrumental in founding this ministry with the Franklin Graham family.

Contact Betsy Braddock or Sarah Braddock or Christina in the church office to get involved.

Betsy Braddock [404.281.5242](tel:404.281.5242) cell [910.754.9635](tel:910.754.9635) office



July-Fishing Kits & Reusable water bottles or cups

August- Soccer balls with small pumps and other active toys

****A great source for these is Western Star wholesale ****

SPC Celebrates 60 years of Beach Services on OIB



SPC Beach Service, summer 1966, Rev. Dellert



SPC Rev. James Dellert started the OIB Beach Worship Service the first Sunday in June 1966. This momentous event launched what has become a consequential outreach program for SPC. Members joined Rev. Dellert in setting up the service with sound and the pulpit, as the worship services attracted residents and area visitors.. Attendance grew steadily as what began as a dream has become an anticipated event every year.



SPC Beach Services today

This unique Service has become a significant outreach program for SPC with some sundays attracting up to 1200 attendees from all over the USA & beyond. Our heartfelt gratitude to the many SPC members who make this event happen now and for years into the future.





Please Pray for the Individuals Below and Their Families

Sandra Applegate, Jane Batten, Pat Bell, Beth Boyer, Pat Dobbins, Shaundra Durham, Hank Evans, Terry Gavin, Geoff, Goetz, Bob Gorman, Sally Gunn, Diane Bonds Haley, Robert Hasting, Peggy Hughes, Wray King, Bob Mayhew, David Martin, Brownie McLeod, Chip & Jackie Montague, Maximus & Hendrix Montague, Carol Partridge, Rosalee Rockafellow, Nessa Rouff, Suzanne Simson, Kaitlyn Smith, Cindy Wilson, Robin Wilson & Bill Young

A Note from the Stewardship/Finance Committee

The following is a brief summary of our giving and related expenditures of the Operating Fund for the 5 months ended May 31, 2026 with comparative amounts for 2025 and 2024

	<u>2026</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>Actual</u>
Pledges & Other Offerings received	<u>\$241,226.54</u>	<u>\$215,780.92</u>	<u>\$180,736.58</u>
Expenditures:			
Staff Ministry	90,015.13	85,103.13	79,736.56
Local Program Ministry	10,325.13	11,410.78	8,877.50
Property and Grounds	63,520.06	60,362.90	46,567.84
Administration	9,916.66	9,920.00	8,353.20
General / Sessional	653.03	570.05	102.06
Missions and Benevolences	<u>24,232.00</u>	<u>24,007.00</u>	<u>24,257.00</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>198,662.01</u>	<u>191,373.86</u>	<u>167,894.16</u>
Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>\$ 42,564.53</u>	<u>\$ 24,407.06</u>	<u>\$ 12,842.42</u>



A thought to consider...

“No one has ever become poor by giving.”
Anne Frank, Jewish diarist during Nazi occupation

The Deacons and their spouses enjoyed a fun potluck picnic dinner on June 19th hosted by Sarah & Tobin Henry and Susan & Eric Lehmann. As you can see from the pictures, a good time was had by all! There was wonderful food, fellowship and corn hole!



Thank You

Dear SPC family,

Thank you from our family for the many kindnesses and expressions of love and sympathy during Harry's hospitalization, home hospice care, and passing. He was delighted by the lovely birthday cards he also received just a few days before his passing. There are no words that could express how special the memorial service and reception and the availability of the Facebook/YouTube service was to us. Several of the close family members and friends were only able to participate because this was available. You have seen how our pastor and staff, elders and deacons, musicians, committees, and members come together during times of serious illness or bereavement to lift and comfort a sister or brother in Christ. We are very grateful and will always remember how loved you made us feel.

Love from the Simpson family,
Suzanne Simpson

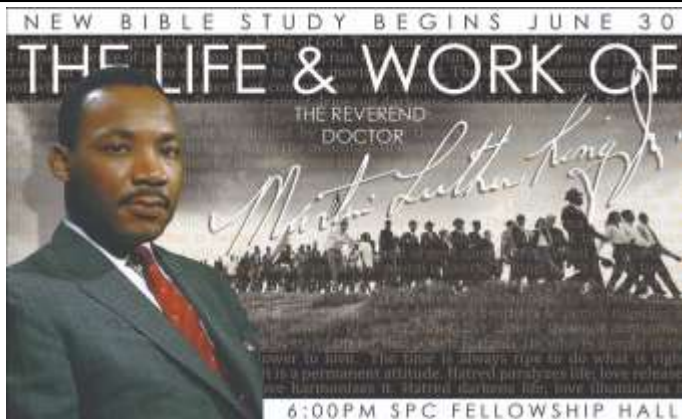


Join us Aug. 12 at 6:00pm for All-Church Potluck Wonderful Wednesday



All-Church Potluck

Wonderful Wednesday Aug. 22 at 6:00pm for Intergenerational Bible Study, Subs & Desserts



Welcome to Our New Members

Harold and Cynthia Davis

Harold and Cynthia Davis joined Shallotte Presbyterian in June 2026 through transfer of membership from First Presbyterian Church in Hickory, N.C. after attending regularly for several months. They were first invited to attend the 11 o'clock worship service by Joanne Prettyman (thank you, Joanne!). The openness and friendliness of the church was a huge draw to keep attending along with the quality of the sermons and the worship music.

Originally from the Foothills of North Carolina (Marion, NC), Harold and Cynthia, who are childhood sweethearts, now reside in Calabash. Harold's background is in pharmacy and long-term care pharmacy consulting and regulation. He enjoys 'piddling', gardening, and golf. Cynthia's background is in nursing and nursing education, and her interests are music, cooking, and writing. She has published two books of humorous Southern short stories, Catfish Corner and Mama Juice - A Southern Sit and Sip.

Their family includes their beloved basset hound-beagle Ruger ... two grown daughters and their hubbies, and three grandchildren, and three Fur Grands.



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**Anyone interested in handing out bulletins,
parking or set-up for Beach Worship? Please
contact the church at church@atmc.net**

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

JULY 8, 2026

PATRIOTIC TRIVIA GAME

NIGHT

AND

PIZZA DINNER

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, July 8th for a Patriotic Trivia Game Night along with a Pizza dinner. We will meet at 6 pm for fun, laughter, and fellowship.

Please note: It would be helpful as we order pizza to know about how many to prepare for – so if you could let the church office know that would be great!!



The Community Counseling Center

4910 Wrightsville Avenue

Wilmington, NC 28403

910-452-7370



Monday-Thursday 9:00am-5:00pm

The Community Counseling Center's mission is to provide hope and healing for ALL. The Center's five member staff is dedicated to serving the children and adults in our community and surrounding counties providing services in individual, couples and family therapy to help clients navigate life transitions and challenges. They feel that cost should never be a barrier to care. 85% of self-pay clients use a need-based sliding scale as payment option.

As a non-profit organization, they underwrite this important service with donations from the community, churches, grants and corporate partners. If you would like to join us in this mission and learn more about the center visit at www.wantcounseling.com