

Staff

Rev. Dr. Anita Herbert—Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Ralph Herbert—Discipleship Pastor
Jennifer Grainger—Director of Spiritual Growth & Outreach
Rebecca Mills—Director of Children’s Ministry & Mother’s Morning Out
William Bennett—Director of Music
Jim Moore—Organist
Joe Swisher and Julia Miller—Co-Directors of Contemporary Worship
Cecelia Bond—Finance Manager
Julie McCormick—Administrative Office & Communications Coordinator
Shirley Gay—Sexton
Bob Hirsch—Sexton

Session

Fellowship: Sheri Page (Co-Chair), Zachary Storti (Co-Chair)
Nurture: Colin Martin (Chair), Charlie Harris
Service: Kristi Selander (Chair), Kelli Kemmerer
Spiritual Growth: Anna Winstead (Chair), Ana Hill
Property: Lauch Blue (Chair)
Finance: Henk van der Meyden (Chair), Jeff Bowers
Personnel: Henk van der Meyden (Chair)
Worship: Walt Morgan (Co-Chair), Alicia Macomber (Co-Chair)
Clerk of Session: Oden Semones

Deacons

Class of 2024 - Lisa Blue, Claude Burns, Sandy Hess, Merrilyn Long, Kathy Lorenz
Class of 2025 - Shawn Blunt, Elizabeth Brown, Ingrid Don, Patricia Tolbert
Class of 2026 - Betty Cowen, Phil Dunham, Perry Harris, ML Hyatt, Marilyn Shaughnessy

Sunday

*Nursery is available 8:30 am-12:15 pm
in Room 203*

**8:45 am—Traditional Service
(sanctuary)**

**9:45 am—Coffee Fellowship
(Lanneau)**

**10:00 am—Sunday School
(Education Wing)**

**10:00 am—Contemporary Service
(gym)**

**11:00 am—Traditional Service
(sanctuary)**

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE



“Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Luke 3:21-22

***Baptism of the Lord
January 12, 2025***

We Gather to Worship God ...

Gathering Music

*Welcome and Call to Worship:

Praise Team

*Call to Worship

Holy God, author of community, come baptize us.

Remind us what it means to belong to one another.

God who tears open the heavens, come baptize us.

Reveal to us Your power that ushers in Your kingdom.

God who calls us beloved, come baptize us.

Declare to us Your great delight and hold us in Your pleasure.

Together, let us remember this day.

In the Creator's love we are held,

into Christ's body we are baptized,

and by the Spirit's power, we are claimed.

*Song: "Chain Breaker"

*Song: "Once Again"

*Greeting

Please introduce yourself during the greeting.

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

We Listen to the Word of God ...

Scripture Lesson: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22, Acts 8:14-17

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Sermon: "Claimed, Loved, Empowered"

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Reaffirmation of Baptism

Beloved people of God,

our baptism is the sign and seal

of our cleansing from sin,

and of our being grafted into Christ.

Through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Christ,

the power of sin was broken

and God's kingdom entered our world.

Through our baptism we were made citizens of God's kingdom,

and freed from the bondage of sin.

Let us celebrate that freedom and redemption

through the renewal of the promises made at our baptism.

I ask you, therefore,

once again to reject sin and

to profess your faith in Christ Jesus.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,

do you turn from the ways of sin

and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Who is your Lord and Savior? **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love? **I**

will, with God's help.

Anointing

The congregation is invited to come forward to be anointed with water and to receive a shell, the symbol of baptism.

*Song: "It Is Well"

We Offer our Prayers to God ...

Prayer Requests

Rev. Dr. Ralph R. Herbert

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Ralph R. Herbert

We Depart to Serve God ...

*Song: "This Is Amazing Grace"

Please bring forward your tithes, offerings and Connection Cards at this time

*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Ralph R. Herbert

*Departing Music

Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

Rev. Dr. Ralph R. Herbert

Julia Miller and Joe Swisher, Co-Directors of Contemporary Music

Jeff Bowers, drums, Robert Pratt, guitar, Vito Compitello, electric guitar,

Nick Couch, bass

Joseph Friday, Jason Lybrand and Zachary Storti, Audio-Visual

Jeff Bowers, Elder-in-Charge

Michael and Candace Hayes, Ushers

Announcements

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Every year, area churches host worship services during one week to acknowledge and facilitate the unity of Christians no matter denomination or ethnicity. This year, the week of prayer for Christian unity is January 20-24. SPC will be hosting the worship service on Thursday, January 23 at noon. This will be followed by a soup and sandwich luncheon in the gym. Please let us know if you can assist with serving the lunch or with providing sandwiches (cut in half). Indicate on your Connection Card or by contacting the church office at summervillepres@gmail.com.

One Service and Annual Congregational Meeting - January 26. Join us for one blended worship service at 10:00 am followed by the annual meeting of the corporation and congregation at 11:00 am. The purpose of the meeting is to present the annual report, elect the 2025 Nominating Committee, present the 2025 Budget for information, approve the change in Terms of Call for the Pastor, elect Corporation Officers for 2025 and address corporate business as needed.

Please pick-up your **2025 Offering Envelopes** from the Laurel street vestibule.

2025 Sanctuary Flowers Chart is up! If you would like to donate/purchase flowers for the Sanctuary in 2025, please contact the church office.

Inquirers' Class: Interested in learning more about SPC and becoming a member? Join us for a two-part Inquirers' class, Wednesday, January 15 and Wednesday, January 22, 6:00-7:30 pm in the Dorchester Room. Please register your interest at summervillepres@gmail.com.

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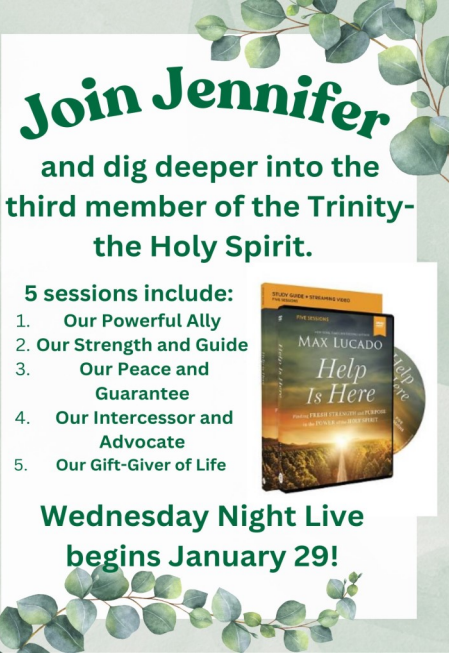
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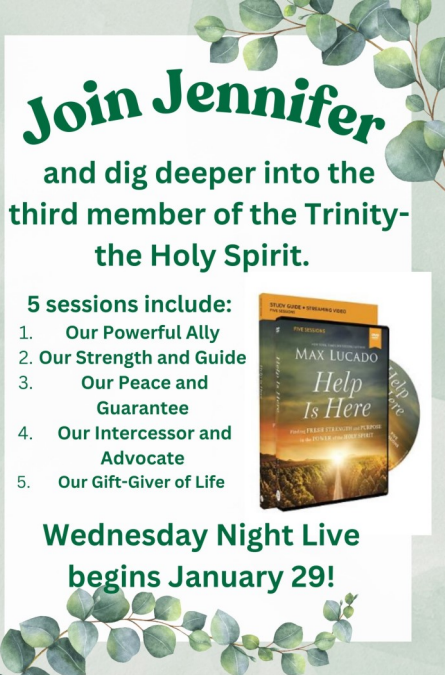
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