

October 2026
SPC SPOTLIGHT

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Thoughts from Pastor Kristy

When You Say Yes

When we say "yes" to something we have expectations of how things will play out. We have hopes that things work out a certain way and that it will be right-sized in effort, time, and energy.

God takes our yes and typically stretches us further than we might ever anticipate. Whether it's a big or a small yes, God does more than we could ever ask for or imagine. Not just in us, but through us.

When I say yes, I try to weigh the costs of the toll it will do to my time, my body, and my energy. What falls away when this takes my time. Especially when the yes is a recurring, long term one.

The question many of you might have is what if my time for yes has run its course. Many of you have put in the work. So then how might you mentor the next generation. How might you be an encourager, a source of institutional information (of whatever you might know). What might be shorter terms things or ways to get others to join in the work?

God is never through with us and is calling you to keep serving God through the gifts God has given you. Gifts you may have used, gifts that the world still needs.

How can you serve God in little ways?

How can you encourage and support others in their best yes?

Take time to pray, to listen to God's call on you today.

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church
"The Church at the Bridge"



Bridging the Gaps in People's Lives!

- Between us and God
- With family, friends & neighbors



- Between us and our local community
- Between us and a world in need

Henry County Georgia

All services are Livestreamed on YOUTUBE.

<https://www.youtube.com/@StockbridgePresbyterianAV/streams>

WIRED WORD

with Aaron Roberts 9:20

In person in Fellowship Hall or

Zoom Link,

This looks at Current Events and ways for scripture to speak to what questions and realities we live today.

Trunk or Treat for Cub Scouts

October 27th

**Donate Candy,
Provide a Trunk**



Sermons in October

Oct 4 Psalm 137

World Communion Sunday

Oct 11 Matthew 22: 1-14

Oct 18 Matthew 22:15-22

Oct 25 Matthew 22:34-46

Mission Giving

The Little Free Library and Pantry are located at the corner of the parking lot facing Burke St.

We are in need of items that are pop-top or easy for those living in their cars.

Look on the Giving Tree in the Narthex for any items needed. Always looking for mens casual clothes.

ZOOM THEOLOGY

Are you or someone you know interested in conversations about how God interacts with us and the world? Join us *Wednesdays at 7pm* for insightful conversations and information.



Christmas Baskets Planning

Our Witness team is already working with Smith-Barnes for us to adopt families in need this Christmas. More info to come in November.

PRAYER FOR CHANGE

God who brought us the change of seasons, where fall reminds us of change. We thank you that not all seasons in life remain the same. That there are things that hold us and seem to fall away. We are grateful for the ways in which, you O God, don't allow to the hard things to last forever. We wish sometimes we could cling to the good, but you sometimes teach us those don't last forever either. Guide us in whatever season we find ourselves in to glorify you and look to your wisdom.

Amen.

Save the Date

*Brunch Church
November 15th*

Session Insights

Stated Meeting AUGUST 9, 2026

Communications: The Session received card from Earline Smith thanking Pastor Kristy and Session for support and prayers after loss of her brother.

The Consent Agenda - Reveiwed. The June 2026 Profit and Loss statement and Treasurer's Report were reviewed along with committee meeting minutes.

Pastor's Report: Kristy provided the Session with an update on church members and friends of the church. Kristy is participating in the annual Rise Against Hunger Meal packing event at McDonough Pres. Church, August 12, 2026.

Old Business:

The Session agreed to not have a second meeting in August 2026. The Session approved the addendum to the Statement of Inclusion.

New Business:

The Session reviewed the two policies developed by Resources that set up the Foundation of Legacy Giving at SPC and how the funds from the sale of church property will be used. Session ratified an email taken on 7/7/26 allowing \$3000.00 to be taken from Mission to donate to the HCSF (angel fund) to cover school lunches at Smith Barnes Ele School in the upcoming school year. Witness committee recomments all proceeds from yard sale Sept. 11, benefit the Clothes Closet, Joseph's Pantry and school lunch program. Session approved. Pastor Kristy presented a new mession opportunity called Community Hosts program. It is designed to rent church space to outside interests through an application developed by Destiny Williams from McDonough PC. Session approved. There being no further business to discuss, Pastor Kristy closed the meeting with prayer.

Congregation Meeting

August 23, 2026

Rev. Kristy Ray called the meeting to order and opened with a prayer at 12:00 PM. Jim Beisner, Clerk of Session, declared a quorum of 10% of active members present.

The moderator stated the purpose of the meeting was to elect the 2026 Nominating Committee whose job will be to nominate individuals for the Elder Class of 2029.

Rev. Ray read the names of the following members who have volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee Paul Szeto, Linda Roberts and James Mobley. 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 prayer and the benediction by Rev. Ray.



Per Capita Contributions

Each year we contribute to the denomination and that is split up between Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly This year is \$32.26 per member

Financial Report for Sept. 2026

Income \$29,828.06
Expenses \$19,049.41
Net \$10,778.65
as of 09-30-26
Sale of Land
\$350,000.00
May 2026



TCC = Transformation Covenant
Church

OCTOBER 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 10am Women's Bibles Study 7pm AA meets	2 5pm Karate	3 10am FA meets 10am - choir
4 9:15 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Witness 1:00 TCC	5 7pm AA meets	6 6pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts	7 5pm Karate 7pm Zoom Theology	8 10am Women's Bibles Study 7pm AA meets	9 5pm Karate	10 10am FA meets 10am - choir
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Happy BIRTHDAY

Oct 1 Cheri Bailey
Oct 4 Monica Andrea C-Baxter
Oct 5 John Dunn
Oct 15 Sandra Martin
Oct 20 Andrianna Ewing
Oct 21 Earline Smith
Oct 22 Jeffery Cochran

THE SPC SESSION

Earline Smith (26) Betsy Sierra (26)
 Paul Szeto (26) Aaron Roberts (28)
 Suzie Pritchitt (26) Stephanie Philips-Ayoola (26)

Jim Beisner, Clerk of Session
 Thomas Baxter, Treasurer

Church Office is open
Tuesday-Thursday
9am-2pm