



## October Newsletter

### The Director's Corner

Change is often a tough thing to swallow. Since coming into the role As the Director of Administration/Stated Clerk for Savannah Presbytery I have been a small part of the transition and journey of change, I have seen and experienced churches in a time of change and transition, and heard calls for new methods of administration.

I have listened to calls for things like coming up with a better way to conduct the process of church minutes reviews to working with Churches dealing with internal dynamics and even a fellowship of children of Christ, that decided it was time to let go and end its journey as a congregation. Change can be painful, but it can also be exciting as from the old ways come new and often opportunity arises to bring about things never even imagined.

In Ecclesiastes Chapter 3 verses 1-8 the scripture states for us there is a time to be born, and time to pass away and a whole lot goes and comes and starts and stops and changes in between. Whether you're being asked to deal with some new policy changes at work, or they downsize your favorite laundry detergent (at the old price or higher) which really bothers me... Take a look at gas prices in just the last 10 years...then 2 or even 1 year!

In my lifetime I have seen the voyage to the moon, the onset of the internet, contact lenses, the growth on credit cards and digital money and remember when "AI" stood for annual inspection of your car...not a being in the ether of the computer internet "cloud" which may at some point begin actively trying to outthink us also called Artificial Intelligence. But, whether we like it or not... things change! It's inevitable and unavoidable. Think about it, without change, life would quickly become dull and unbearably boring.

Can you imagine wearing the same clothes (yes you get to wash them), and having the same thing for breakfast, lunch and dinner every day? Change is also a necessary part of life... it's essential to our growth. Even in the life of our congregations, presbyteries, synods and the global PCUSA change will happen, and it is ever present.

Life is full of unexpected twists, of unforeseen bends in the road and of unwanted detours. Very seldom does life ever go just as we plan. The Presbytery and the Presbyterian church itself today are in the midst of change. Sometimes it seems like those changes have been dragging on for years. Change was, is and ever shall be inevitable. But in this very moment, you and I are standing on the brink of the future in the church, the world and our lives.

2nd Timothy 1:7 states: "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind". Therefore, we should not be fearful of change. I want to tell you that I believe that change is part of God's plan. We're here in this moment for a reason. But the Lord God will be with us wherever we go, whatever we must do! With love and faithfulness we have no need for fear! God will be with us. Let us all love and support one another in the transition called life, and let our undertakings honor our Lord Jesus Christ who calls us to live and act.

Peace,  
[Doug Craven](#)  
Stated Clerk and Director of Administration

# October 18th Presbytery Meeting

**In-person at Second Brunswick Presbyterian Church and Virtually via Zoom  
Tuesday, October 18th at 10am**

**Registration is now open**

[Register Here](#)

## Necrology

At the 637th Session of the Savannah Presbytery, on Tuesday, October 18, we will remember the saints who have gone before us. All churches are requested to submit the name, photo, and a brief biography of

Ministers of Word of Sacrament, Elders, and Deacons who have died in the past year.

Please send all of the above information to Rev. Rick Douylliez at the following address: rdouylliez@savannahpresbytery.org 912-674-0142 by Friday, October 7th.



## How does your church engage in hard conversations?

***“Seeking to Be Faithful Together: Guidelines for Presbyterians During Times of Disagreement”*** is a response to requests from many Presbyterian congregations that have experienced pain and brokenness resulting from disagreements that were not dealt with in a healthy and productive way. Some of these disagreements were about issues important in our national life (e.g., abortion and human sexuality), while some of them were about matters dealing with the life of the congregation (e.g., should we start a building campaign?). Every congregation has conflicts. They will either be occasions for divisiveness and harm, or they will provide opportunities for growing and learning. The Guideline, adopted by the GA in 1992, may help congregations of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) use conflict in a creative and productive way.

[Click here to view](#)

## Christ Presbyterian Church

Let us acknowledge with solemn joy, God’s gift of this place.

After much prayer, many discussions and meetings, Christ Presbyterian Church is closing its doors, after being established in 2004. This is an extremely sad event to the members and friends of CPC but all are thankful for the wonderful times in the

life of the church and the many positive, happy and God praising events that have occurred there. It is certainly a community of believers that are brothers and sisters in Christ.

There will be a service of celebration of Christ Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 9, 2022 at 4:00pm with a reception to follow. All are welcome to attend. The church is located at 1765 Quacco Road, Pooler, Georgia 31322.

## Montreat Youth Conference

**Open to rising 9th graders through graduated seniors**

**Cost per youth: \$500**

**Deposit of \$220 due by November 4, 2022**

**Balance of \$280 due by March 3, 2023**

*Early payment is welcomed!*

Stay tuned for the online registration form coming soon!

Questions about how to register? Contact Susan: [susan@fpcstatesboro.org](mailto:susan@fpcstatesboro.org)

Questions about scholarships? Contact Marty: [msusie1@savannahpresbytery.org](mailto:msusie1@savannahpresbytery.org)

## Have You Saved the Date?

SAVANNAH PRESBYTERY'S 43RD

# FAITH ENRICHMENT CONFERENCE

with

## REV. CECE ARMSTRONG



Born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, Pastor CeCe is a graduate of the Interdenominational Theological Center, where she attended Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary. After seminary, she served Grady Memorial Hospital as a chaplain and Beth Salem Presbyterian Church (USA) as supply pastor. Rev. Armstrong served her first call as Solo Pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church (USA) in Lantana, Florida. Now, Pastor CeCe is the very proud Associate Pastor of St. James Presbyterian Church (USA) on James Island in Charleston, SC.

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**growing through discomfort**

FEBRUARY 3 & 4 | 2023  
EPWORTH BY THE SEA

**Coming in March: *THE REVELATION TO***

# JOHN: ALL CREATION'S HALLELUJAH



Join much beloved professor **Dr. Bob Bryant of Presbyterian College** as he leads a deep dive into the book of Revelation during the Spring School of the Laity  
Session: March 11-12, 2023.

[Learn More](#)

## Bi-annual SOAP Conference

**Playology is coming to Epworth by the Sea November 3-5th!**

Join others in our region (*South Atlantic & Puerto Rico*) who serve in educational ministry as we experience God through the art of play.

**PLAYOLOGY: EXPERIENCING GOD THROUGH THE ART OF PLAY**

Epworth By The Sea, St Simon's Island, GA  
<https://www.soapapce.org>

**SAVE THE DATE**

**SOAP REGIONAL EVENT**

**NOV 3-5, 2022**

We love playing. We love art. We love God. Playology is a perfect storm of those three things, as well as a word made up to capture our recreation-related workshops. Join us for a weekend chock full of interactive training and practical resources to integrate recreation and play into your ministry.

[Learn More](#)

## Presbyterian Women



# Plug in & Recharge

12<sup>th</sup> Triennial Gathering of Presbyterian Women (SOSA)

October 21 - 23, 2022 • Epworth by the Sea

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." - Matthew 11:28

# Henry Memorial and Washington Street

**Save the date!**  
**Sunday, October 30, 2022**

Henry Memorial and Washington Street Presbyterian Churches will host noted Christian author Karen Moore. Beginning at WSPC a “trialogical” sermon will begin our conversation of spiritual practices and intentional habit of turning to God. Information will be posted closer to the date on both Facebook pages and here.

## Where can I find the information I need on Savannah Presbytery?

You can find our [Organizational Chart](#), info on [Darkness to Light Training](#) and the [latest Covid updates](#) on our website.



[www.savannahpresbytery.org](http://www.savannahpresbytery.org)

Follow Savannah Presbytery from your personal and/or your church's social media!

### Need help connecting your church?

Contact Communications Coordinator, Jaelyn Beeler at [jbeeler@savannahpresbytery.org](mailto:jbeeler@savannahpresbytery.org)

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