



**LITTLE CHAPEL ON THE BOARDWALK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)
2024 ANNUAL REPORT**



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AGENDA

**Annual Meeting of the Congregation and the Corporation of
Little Chapel on the Boardwalk Presbyterian Church**

February 23, 2025

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Report of the Pastor

Dear Members of Little Chapel,

2024 was a year of transition for all of us. In February, you said goodbye to your Interim Pastor, The Rev. Dr. John Earl, and the next week welcomed me and my family into the congregational family! The beginning of my ministry alongside you started in the middle of Lent, so it was a joy to craft meaningful worship services leading up to Holy Week services, including a Palm Sunday Easter egg hunt, and our celebration of Easter together.

The spring was focused on building relationships, which in part was achieved as the Transition Support Team (formerly known as the Pastor Nominating Committee) organized nearly a dozen Meet and Greets in your homes so I could get to know nearly 100 of you. It has been a joy to learn about what makes Little Chapel so welcoming and invitational, from gathering with the Prayer Team to pray over dozens of names to visiting with those members who have had to go to the hospital or endure surgery. In May, Megan Pedigo led our Beach Service music, and we experienced a summer season of joy and delightful weather, never having to cancel 4@8 outdoors! We welcomed 11 new members, celebrated 7 baptisms, and hosted a vibrant “Surf Shack” Vacation Bible school, full of 25 neighborhood children. We also reactivated 6 memberships, welcoming back members who had been estranged for a season and chose to return.

The fall began with a period of transition for our music program. Our Traditional Music Director, David Heinzman, and our Early Service Music Director, Megan Pedigo, both resigned in September. We fortunately had Martha Hayes substitute at the organ and Ken Garm play guitar and sing for the Arise service until welcoming two new staff members. We began Advent with Marissa Hortiz as our new Early Service Music Director and Dr. Bettsy Curtis as our new Traditional Music Director. We are delighted to welcome them both as they bring great creativity, vibrancy, and musical expertise to our worship services. They are learning new music and growing our chancel choir as well as our handbell choir.

The Advent and Christmas Seasons were particularly meaningful as we journeyed through Kate Bowler’s *The Weary World Rejoices* devotional. We packed the sanctuary Christmas Eve as 9 children led us through the Christmas story as we sang candles and lit candles.

Romans 12:4-5 states: *For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.* We are grateful for each of you and the roles you plan in furthering our ministry together and hope you enjoy the reports in this packet that reflect on how we made our faith visible this year!

With God’s blessings,
The Rev. Caroline A. Jenkins, *Pastor*

Report of the Office Administrator

Dear Members of Little Chapel,

The beginning of 2024 began with the preparation for a change in leadership once again. Our PNC found our new Pastor, The Rev. Caroline Jinkins and as we prepared for her and her family to arrive in February, we were also in the midst of preparing to say goodbye to our Interim Pastor, The Rev. Dr. John Earl, who had served us for the past 2+ years. We were thankful for John's leadership while the search for a new Pastor was underway, was an exciting time of change and anticipation for our church. During this time, in addition to the usual reoccurring tasks in the church office, I teamed up with various committees to work on a number of special projects such as, updating our Policy Manual, prepared the previous year Statistical Report, the Book of Session minutes for the Presbytery, creating a new Church Picture Directory, Time and Talent Book, provided support for the Time and Talent Fair , and worked on the previous year's Annual Report.

Throughout the year I continued to work as the Nursery Coordinator on Sunday mornings, began maintaining worship bags for the children, offered support to the Presbyterian Women, creating their annual program booklet and the bulletins for their gatherings. Worked with the Property Committee, communicating with and scheduling our vendors for regular maintenance of our properties, in addition to obtaining repair services when needed. I continued assisting our Bookkeeper with the weekly counting duties, joined the Communications Committee to offer support and assistance where I could.

I was voted in for another two-year term to serve as the Secretary to the Atlantic Region, PCUSA Administrative Personnel Association (APA). I attended a Regional Conference for APA in Ocean City MD, in September, to continue earning class credits towards becoming a Certified Church Administrator as well as attended the National Board Meeting in Raleigh to help lead our Region.

I look forward to continuing to serve this congregation with appreciation.

Blessings,

Delores Dyer, *Office Administrator*

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION**

**WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH, NC
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024 10:25 a.m.**

The Congregation of Little Chapel on the Boardwalk met for a called meeting on Sunday, February 11, 2024, at 10:25 a.m., in the Sanctuary, for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report.

PRESENT: Rev. Dr. John Earl, Moderator; Mary Jo Kohunsky, Ruling Elder and Clerk of Session; Dean Coble, Treasurer of Little Chapel on the Boardwalk and Treasurer of the LCOB Corporation; Elders Ernie Alexander, Dickson Bridger (Elder and President of the Little Chapel on the Boardwalk Corporation), Lisa Jordan, Chirstine McKirachan, Lynn McIver, Hank Metzger, Terry Paterson, Wilson Rogers, and Miriam Smith; and at least 35 members of the congregation.

Dr. Earl opened the meeting with prayer at 10:30 a.m. The Clerk of Session, serving as secretary for the meeting (as approved by voice vote), announced that a quorum was present for the meeting.

Dr. Earl announced to the congregation that the purpose of the meeting was to receive the Annual Report of LCOB and asked that this agenda be approved. The Congregation approved by common consent.

Harry Paterson moved that the congregation receive the copies of the Annual Report, the motion was seconded by Dean Cobble and was **approved** by voice vote.

Printed copies of the Annual Report were distributed to all members or families in attendance.

Following brief remarks about the contents of the report, Dr. Earl then paused the meeting to allow for the meeting of the Little Chapel on the Boardwalk Corporation. Dickson Bridger, President of the Board of Trustees, opened the meeting of the LCOB Corporation, and informed the congregation of the history and purposes of the board. He announced that there was no new business to be presented at this time. There being no further business, Dickson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brenda Parker made that motion, it was seconded by Terry Paterson, and the motion was approved. Dickson closed the meeting of the Corporation at 10:37 a.m.

Dr. Earl then resumed the meeting of the congregation and asked if there was any new business. There being none, and by common consent, he closed the meeting with prayer, at 10:38 a.m.

Rev. Dr. John Earl, Pastor and Moderator

Mary Jo Kohunsky, Clerk of Session

I. 2024 Church Statistical Report

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Membership

Prior Active Members 326 Adjusted membership 326

Gains

Certificate 9
 Youth Professions
 Professions & Reaffirmations 20
Total Gains 20

Losses

Certificate
 Deaths
 Deleted for any Other Reason 3
Total Losses 12

Total Ending Active Members 334

Baptisms

Presented by Others 7 Average Weekly Worship Attendance 173
 At Confirmation Friends of the Congregation 15
 All Other 1 Ruling Elders on Session 9
 Do you have Deacons? Yes

Age Distribution of Active Members

17 & Under 21
 18 - 25 13
 26 - 40 33
 41 - 55 46
 56 - 70 106
 Over 70 115
Total Age Distribution 334

People with Disabilities

Hearing impairment 65
 Sight impairment 40
 Mobility impairment 70
 Other impairment 40

Gender Distribution

Women 176
 Men 158
 Non-Binary

Youth in Congregation

Age 4 and under 5 Middle School (6th – 8th grade) 7
 Elementary School (K-5th grade) 10 High School (9th – 12th grade) 7
Total Youth 29

Racial Ethnic

Asian/Pacific Islander/South Asian Native American/Alaska Native/Indigenous
 Black/African American/African 2 White 331
 Middle Eastern/North African 1 Multiracial 334
 Hispanic/Latino-a
Total Racial Ethnic

Budgeted Income 502,094

Budgeted Expense 546,494

Receipts

Regular Contributions 477,071 Bequests
 Capital Building Fund Other Income 35,339
 Investment Income 6,003 Subsidy or Aid

Expenditures

Local Program 540,994 Investment Expenditures
 Local Mission 53,112 Per Capita Apprt 4,200
 Capital Expenditures 159,179 Other Mission 48,371

II. Communications and Marketing Committee – Mary Jo Kohunsky

Thanks to the work of Ryan Camden, Delores Dyer, Gary Kohunsky, Mary Jo Kohunsky, Duncan McIver, Robert McIver, Steven Miller, Patty Rogers, and Wilson Rogers, a number of projects were completed this year.

- Instituted use of *Constant Contact* as a reliable and efficient means of newsletter and general congregational communication
- Creation of a tri-fold brochure describing the opportunities at Little Chapel on the Boardwalk
- On-going website updates and design – Redesign is now underway
- Installation of and frequent slide design updates for monitors in the Narthex
- Upgrade on speakers in the Sanctuary
- Addition of new volunteers for AV live streaming on Sundays
- Exterior Signage on the Lumina side of the building and at the corner of Fayetteville & Lumina
- Installation of new microphones and speakers in the choir area of the Sanctuary
- Addition of a new employee to assist with live-streaming on Sunday, and audio at Beach services

As we head into 2025, we will be working on website redesign and audio-visual improvements to our live-stream service. New members to the committee are always welcome.

III. Congregational Care Committee – Jeannie Willetts

- Scheduled and conducted CPR Class with maximum of 15 people
- Weekly Prayer Group meets
- Sent get well and thinking of you cards monthly to church members on the prayer list
- Sent birthday cards each month to church members
- Hosted luncheon at Cambridge Village for all home bound church members who are residents

IV. Christian Education Committee – Miriam Smith

- Committee members: Judy Gibson, Sherry Lovette, Beth Price, Jane Hughes, and Player McPhaul.
- So many others of our church family volunteered to make VBS, Easter Egg hunt, Sunday school, adult Bible study, etc. a success. It was a cooperative effort!
- Reinstating VBS, Sunday School, and Sunday nursery have been accomplished.
- This past fall, we held two adult classes. Dr. Christa Metzger led a course on Christian Mystics, and Jean Schild led a class on the book of Jeremiah.
- Our goal for 2025 is to refine and enlarge these programs.

V. Finance Committee – Dickson Bridger

2024 Total Income \$548,588

2024 Total Expenses-\$546,494

Net Income \$2,095

Thank you for making 2024 another great year for Little Chapel on the Boardwalk. We are grateful for your continued support. Our church operations remained strong through 2024. This is due to your generosity and good cost control measures by our committees.

The main function of this committee is to oversee the finances of the Little Chapel and to make responsible decisions regarding the finances of the church.

2024 ACTUAL RESULTS COMMENTS

The church ended 2024 with a Net Income/Surplus of \$2,095. This surplus was driven by:

- Contributions exceeding budget by \$3,900.
- Use of the building income exceeding budget by \$4,800.
- Lease of the parking lot to the Town of Wrightsville Beach generating \$35,339.
- Please note, we started 2024 with a \$49,926 deficit.
- The \$2,095 surplus will be placed in our emergency repair fund.

In 2024 the decision was made to contribute back to the town and community by leasing the parking lot to the Town of Wrightsville Beach. The addition of our lot for public parking allowed visitors on a very crowded beach additional access. For the first year it generated \$35,339 in revenue for the church. We believe that the Town did a great job in policing the parking lot and fortunately no issues arose.

In late 2023, the Finance Committee finalized a reserve study report. This reserve study spells out the needs of the church going out 20 years. During 2024, we have been working hard to figure out how to fund a Capital Reserve Account. This account will help us manage the needs of Little Chapel not only today but out 20+ years. This includes anything from windows, flooring, HVAC units, pianos, organs, etc. By funding a Capital Reserve Account, it helps the church to plan for unforeseen expenses.

2025 Budget Comments

The 2025 budget approved by the Session is a balanced budget. We are very excited to start 2025 in a better position than 2024.

Total income is budgeted at \$560,842 with \$337,262 coming from pledged giving which is a 12% increase for 2024 pledged dollars. \$153,579 comes from non -pledged contributions, \$25,000 from open offering, \$40,000 from the parking lot and \$5,000 from the use of our building.

Pledges for 2025 increased in dollar amount by \$36,208 and pledge family units by 3.

The expense budget of \$560,842 represents an increase of \$8,822 over 2024.

- Property Insurance premiums increased from prior year by (\$21,659). Total insurance cost per year is \$108,302.

- The personnel budget decreased from 2024 due to the Sexton and Music Director positions going from full time to part time.

Rosselot Legacy Gift Report

Have you ever considered what kind of legacy you can leave behind? We are so grateful that Nancy Rosselot made a plan for how she could invest in the future of our congregation even after her death. We received a generous gift from her estate in 2023 that allowed us to make significant capital improvements in 2024:

- We planned for the future by undergoing a reserve study.
- We replaced the roof and several HVAC units.
- We renovated the office area with new floors, paint, and furniture.
- We painted the sanctuary and added liturgical banners to the walls.
- We improved the exterior signage on the corner and exterior of the building.
- We improved interior signage with narthex video monitors.
- We updated our ability to record with a new camcorder, enhanced our sound system with additional microphones.
- In 2025, headphones will be purchased to help those with hearing impairments.

Our Session is prayerfully considering the next phase of using the Rosselot funds this year. Legacy giving is a true blessing to our church, and without this planned gift we would not have been able to improve our ability to do ministry.

Special thanks to our very dedicated finance committee members, Dean Cobble, John Copeland, Jack Homestead, Beth Price, Neale Turlington, and Abe Walston.

Endowment Committee – Gary Gischel

Committee Members:

Gary Gischel -Chair, Rev Caroline Jenkins, Dickson Bridgers, Dean Cobble, Pat Hatcher, Jack Homestead, and Lynn McIver

Financial Advisor: John Guggenheimer- Wells Fargo

Committee Summary:

- Provided local Non-Profit Organizations, Grants totaling \$ 32,300. Grant awardees were: Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Boys and Girls Club of SE NC, Community Counseling Center, Eden Village, Good Shepherd Ministries, Cape Fear Kids Get Books, Carousel Center, Inc.
- Allocated funds of \$7000 each to Insurance Deductible Fund and Property-Capital Account
- Approved special donation of \$2000 to the Presbyterian Disaster Relief Fund for Western NC
- Year End Value of The Endowment Fund was \$ 1,360,485 + 10 %

VI. Food and Fellowship Committee – Phyllis Warren

Phyllis Warren leaving moderator passing to Brenda Parker. Special thanks to the members that always show up-ready and willing:

Barbara Tyndall, John Moore, Jim Herren, Ed O'Neil, Brenda Parker, Jonathan Napier, Lisa Jordan, and our sidekicks, Clara and Anderson Jinkins.

Primary challenges:

- Communication with other committees regarding what food and fellowship is responsible to purchase. (Covered by which committee janitorial, worship, breakfast, Wednesday night, etc)

Accomplishments:

- Breakfast throughout the year
- Assist with funerals, bingo night, receptions: farewell to John Earl and welcome to Caroline Jinkins

Future Goals:

- Improved communication which is already being included in session.
- More sharing of meals together: potluck, chili cook off, or game nights along with other committees.

VII. Membership and Growth Committee – Lynn McIver

Our committee, consisting of Margie Annis, Carole Coble, Jane Davis, Trudy Morehead, Robert McIver, Beckey Smith and Joan Welsh, worked very hard this year to stimulate our membership and encourage growth in our congregation.

- A major overhaul of name tags was accomplished this year with members using them for each other, our new pastor and visitors. We set up a temporary table for visitors with gift bags of small items and information on Little Chapel.
- Created a new Picture Directory.
- One of our major events was a new member luncheon welcoming each new member. Pictures with names of each new member were displayed on a table at the luncheon so the congregation could view them and approach and welcome them. Individual pictures were mounted on the kiosk for members to see and to remember new members.
- Another major event was Bingo/Taco night. The event was catered with all the fixings for delicious tacos with beverages and desserts. The event was a great success with prizes awarded. Everyone had a great time and were very complementary about the event.
- Shepherds were recruited to help new members become acclimated to Little Chapel. It is also their duty to stay in touch with the new members and let them know about upcoming events and attend with them.
- We are going over the church rolls now to see who needs to be contacted about attending, needing help or going off the role. This is a very important task as we want people to attend and feel welcome.
- For 2025 we'll be having several new events that are meant to be fun, welcome new people to our church and create an atmosphere that encourages our members to attend. For the coming year we'll be having more bingo nights, an Art Night, Craft and Farmers Market and an Over 90 Birthday Party.
- In retrospect 2024 was a great year with new events and other things we haven't done for a while. It has been a blessed year, and we pray that 2025 will be even more so.

VIII. Mission Committee – Ernie Alexander (Jan-June) Marti Shogi, Acting Moderator

Committee Members: Kathy Blizzard, Ada Legg, Ann Martz, Leita McCormick, Bonnie Warwick, Joan Welsh, Jeannie Willetts, and Joyce Zimmerman

Purpose: To lead the congregation in looking out beyond itself and in reaching out into the community and the world in service in the name of Christ.

We want to share just a few of the ways we were able to look beyond ourselves with your help and participation.

We collect regularly:

- monthly food for the Salvation Army pantry, in the summer for Nourish NC
- clothes and housewares on the bench for Sister Isaac Center
- eyeglasses for the Lions Club
- old cellphones to the Domestic Violence Center

We celebrate these bigger projects:

- We keep in touch with and visit our Eden Village resident, Andrew, marking his birthday with a cake and cards, and we held a luncheon for his community in May.
- We hosted 9 mission groups at the Matthew House, all who provided weeks of service in Wilmington through Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry and Habitat for Humanity.
- We sent nearly 50 migrant bags to workers arriving in North Carolina this summer.
- We filled 80 Christmas stockings for the Salvation Army.
- We provided more than 27 children in Malawi with school scholarship that cover their supplies, books, and uniforms.
- We collected over 100 winter coats and sent 5 vans of relief supplies to Western North Carolina. Additionally, we collected and sent over \$5000 to disaster assistance in the wake of Hurricane Helene this fall.
- We prepared and delivered nearly 1000 Meals on Wheels (the 4th Saturday of every month as well as Christmas Day), with shoe box gifts to go along with the meals on Christmas Day.
- We awarded \$32,300 to 7 different local non-profit organizations through our Endowment grant program.

In 2025 we look forward to your continued support as we put shoes on our faith and make a difference in Christ's name!

IX. Personnel and Planning Committee – Lisa Jordan

Your LCOB Personnel and Planning Committee manages all personnel hiring and separations for part-time and full-time employees at the church. In addition, we manage compensation, benefits, and human resource matters for the church.

2024 was a very busy year! We said goodbye to our Interim Pastor, Dr. John Earl, and we worked with the Presbytery to hire our new Pastor Caroline Jinkins. We completed the staff restructuring that had been on the agenda for years. We moved our Director of Music, David Heinzman, to work part-time beginning July 1st with the summer off from the beach service. David decided to move on to other dreams after 11 years of service, and we are blessed to have found Dr. Betsy Curtis. For our Early Service Music director, we enjoyed Megan Pedigo until mid-September when she focused on her full-time teaching career. We also recruited and hired Marissa Hortiz as our new Early Service Music Director who joined us in November. Our Sexton Dan Holt decided to move on to another position on 12/29

and we wish him well after 21 years of service. We hired Shawn McCarthy as our new part-time Sexton, and he started 1/25/2025.

Thanks to Larry Honeycutt, Dan Hammond, Brett Blizzard, Ed O'Neil, and Lisa Jordan for serving on the committee. We welcome Abe Walston, who is an incoming Elder in 2025 and will moderate the committee.

X. Property Committee – Hank Metzger

This has been another productive year for the PROPERTY COMMITTEE, The following are members: Jim Alexander, Helen Brumbaugh, Gary Gischel, Jim Herren, Jim Martz, Dick Gongaware, Duncan McIver, Jonathan Napier, Janice Allen, Pastor Caroline Jenkins, and Moderator Hank Metzger.

The major accomplishments this year:

- Replaced existing light fixtures with LED fixtures for less maintenance and lower energy costs.
- Painted interior of Manse.
- New sod was placed on Manse back yard lawn.
- 4 New exhaust fans replaced in Manse.
- Painted ground floor offices and conference room.
- Replaced flooring in hallway, offices, conference room, stairs; and conference room 201.
- Painted Sanctuary.
- Completed installation of Lighting for new ground sign.
- Negotiated lease with the Town of Wrightsville Beach for use of our parking lot.
- Resigning for the Town of Wrightsville Beach use of paid parking in our lot.
- Refurbished Ladies restroom on ground floor.
- Good start on clearing rooms of discarded debris.
- The exterior of Matthew House trim painted.
- On going landscaping / maintenance throughout the year.

I would like to thank all of the committee members for their regular attendance and participation at called meetings. Special thanks to Gary Gischel and Helen Brumbaugh for their assistance and back-up when needed. Many thanks to all for your participation.

XI. Presbyterian Women – Janice Allen

PW is made up of 3 Circles which meet on the first Tuesday of the month from September to June:

- Circle # 2-Sherry Lovette, Moderator (10am – church)
- Circle #3-Brenda Parker, Moderator (7pm – church/member's homes)
- Circle #4-Becky Smith and Lynne McIver, Moderators (10am – member's homes)

The Council of PW is made up of Janice Allen, Moderator, the 3 Circle Moderators, Trudy Morehead, Secretary, Historian and Jean Northrop, Treasurer

There is a total of 53 members in the three circles.

PW had 2 gatherings this year with excellent programs in addition to our monthly circle meetings. Each was attended by 35 to 40 women. At the spring gathering, Caroline Jinkins spoke on friendship. At the fall gathering we had a speaker from the Malawi Child project. At the fall meeting, \$750 was raised, which was enough for 10 scholarships. Some of the circles help with Meals on Wheels. In addition, we sponsored the Salvation Army Christmas Stocking project. This year we gave 80 stockings.

Another project is to collect used Cellphones for the Domestic Violence shelter.

Two goals for 2025 are to have 2 gatherings with excellent programs and to also take up a special offering to support the Birthday or Thank Offerings or another special offering as determined by the Council. The second goal is to promote more interest in PW and to increase our membership.

XII. Stewardship Committee – Chris McKirachan

In January 2024, the Stewardship Committee, with the help of Rev. Dr. John Earl, Interim Pastor, planned our Time and Talent Fair around the 2024 theme of “Whole Life Stewardship”.

Booklets were put together and mailed out to the entire congregation, inviting the members to offer their time and talents to the various church committees. On February 11, 2024, a Time and Talent Fair was held in the Narthex where each committee had a table and displayed their work and their needs. The booklets were collected at that time or mailed back to the office. Once the data from the booklets was compiled, each committee chair received a report as to the individuals that offered their time and talent for the year. Each committee was asked to acknowledge these offerings to the people who signed up to help them.

As we welcomed our new pastor, Rev. Caroline Jinkins, the committee looked forward to continuing to educate the congregation about stewardship. Several articles encouraging stewardship on a personal level were written and included in the church newsletters. Rev. Jinkins preached several sermons on Stewardship, as well as Minute for Stewardship presentations were given during worship throughout the year, especially in the late Summer and early Fall seasons.

The committee met with Rev. Jinkins in July to begin planning our Fall Pledge drive for next year. The theme chosen for 2025 is “The Grace of Giving” based on II Corinthians 8:7.

Pledge cards and letters encouraging members to pledge were mailed in the last week of October to the congregation. Dedication Sunday was held on November 17th.

Thank you notes were sent, with the help of our Session members, to those who made pledges for 2025. Reminder letters were sent to members who did not make a pledge for next year.

As of December 31, 2024, we have received 90 pledges for a total of \$337,262.00, which is an increase of 3 pledges and \$36,208.00 from 2024.

We will continue to encourage and educate the congregation on the subject of being good stewards of our time, talents and treasures in the year to come.

The Stewardship Committee wants to thank Rev. Jinkins and Delores Dyer for helping us with our 2025 campaign.

XIII. Worship Committee – Terry Paterson

The LCOB Worship Committee began 2024 under the leadership of Interim Pastor, Dr. John Earl. In March 2024, the committee welcomed the Head of Staff, Pastor Caroline Anderson Jinkins who was called by the congregation in January 2024.

Beginning March 11, 2024, the Worship Committee consisted of Terry Paterson, Elder Moderator; Janice Allen, Brett Blizzard, Carole Coble, Judy Gibson, David Heinzman, Organist and Music Director (ret. September 2024), Jane Millard, Janet O’Neil, Beckey Smith, Barbara Williams, and Pastor Caroline Jinkins.

The Worship Committee during this year accomplished many projects:

- Prepared and served Communion for 26 worship services and one funeral service
- Approved and assisted with 8 baptisms (1 adult, 5 children, and 2 infants)
- Assisted with 7 funerals
- Provided ushers and liturgists for every worship service
- Arranged for flowers to grace the sanctuary for each worship service as well as all necessary arrangements, such as paraments and other worship items, such as special candles, flowers, etc.
- Conducted special services for Advent and Christmas Eve; Epiphany Sunday, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week (Maundy Thursday and Good Friday), Pentecost, and All Saints Day
- Provided worship bags for our young children and new name badges for ushers and greeters
- Hosted a professional concert by the Wilmington Voices
- Made a smooth transition from two retiring music directors to welcome two new directors for each worship format
- Updated the Wedding Policy and the Funeral Policy
- Attended 11 committee meetings and various sub-committee meetings to plan all activities that pertained to church worship at Little Chapel on the Boardwalk and to make transition from an Interim Pastor to a full-time Head of Staff

Many thanks are extended to the pastors, music directors, and committee members for their commitment and dedication to the worship program of the Little Chapel on the Boardwalk (PCUSA).

Music Ministry

This past year was a big transition year for our music ministries program. In May, we welcomed Megan Pedigo on staff for the summer as the part-time Early Service Music Director. She played the guitar, piano, and sang for our Beach service through September. We were grateful for the talents of Ken Garm who substituted in worship music leadership as we searched for a new musician. Last fall, we welcomed Marissa Hortiz on staff in November as our Early Service Music Director and are enjoying her talents in leading our early service.

In July, David Heinzman transitioned from full-time Director of Music to part-time Director of Traditional Music and in September, after 11 years on staff, David resigned from the position. After one Sunday with Dr. Bettsy Curtis substituting, our search committee felt called to enter conversation with her and was delighted she felt the same way. We had Martha Hayes substitute at the organ and directing our chancel choir for two months before welcoming Bettsy on staff as our Director of Traditional Music for the beginning of Advent.

From the Traditional Music Director – Betsy Curtis

While my contributions to the music ministry of Little Chapel on the Boardwalk occurred only during the last month of 2024, I certainly witnessed a supportive environment for nurturing the worship arts. Both the handbell and chancel choirs are full of committed volunteer musicians who are eager to lead the music in our worship services. We had a very special Sunday on December 15th when Shelley and Aria Diloreto played their violins along with the organ for all the service music and the choral anthem. Both the handbell and chancel choirs studied and successfully prepared, in only two weeks, an anthem that I had written for them. Also, in only three or four weeks, both groups presented some beautiful music for our Christmas Eve 7:00 service. I also want to thank those at Little Chapel on the Boardwalk who helped support the idea of funding a choral scholar program **in 2025**. Nurturing the artistic goals of these young people creates an opportunity for them to share their gifts in our sacred space. May they continue to witness the bonds of sisterly and brotherly Love that we share week in and week out. I have certainly been a recipient of your thoughtful Christian Love and prayers, and I am looking forward to many years of service in your faith community.

Your Sister in Christ,

Betsy Curtis



2024 Little Chapel Leadership

We believe that God is calling Little Chapel on the Boardwalk to be a congregation welcoming all ages. Our Mission is to grow in love and commitment to God, to God's people, and to God's work in the world. Our Vision seeks to use our God-given resources to offer and build a ministry for all ages.

Session 2024

Moderator of Session: Caroline Jinkins
Communications and Marketing
Vacant
Personnel & Planning
Lisa Jordan (2024)
Membership and Growth
Lynn McIver (2026)
Finance
Dickson Bridger (2024)
Stewardship
Chris McKirachan (2025)

Clerk of Session: Mary Jo Kohunsky
Christian Education
Miriam Smith (2026)
Missions
Vacant
Worship
Terry Paterson (2026)
Property
Hank Metzger (2024)

Diaconate 2024

Congregational Care
Jeannie Willetts (2024)

Food and Fellowship
Phyllis Warren (2024)

2025 Little Chapel Leadership

Session 2025

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Dickson Bridger (2027)
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