

CHRISTMAS BASKET TIME

We are again partnering with **Vose Elementary School** to provide some holiday cheer for their families. They have asked us to provide the following items for 25-30 Christmas baskets:

- board games
- hot chocolate packets
- throws/afghans
- socks
- books
- They would also like to include \$25 gift cards from Fred Meyer, Target or Walmart in the baskets.

Please bring any of these items you wish to donate to church by December 5. (We will have tables set up in the gallery to receive your donations.)

We are also partnering with Family Promise this year to provide Christmas gifts for about 13 families. They will get specific requests to us by December 5. We will have gift tags available for you to take and shop for those families as soon as they get the information to us.

If you would rather make a monetary donation to either of these outreach programs, please get your check to the church office by December 5 and we will do the shopping for you!

Your Mission Committee is looking forward to making lots of Christmas wishes come true with all of your help.





SOUTHMINSTER Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 21, 2021

AN INCLUSIVE, WELCOMING COMMUNITY OF CHRISTIAN FAITH.
OUR MISSION IS TO MANIFEST CHRIST'S LOVE IN THE WORLD.

"....until the moon is no more."



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*For those who are able, please stand

- Please sign Friendship Pads.
- No Sunday Starter next week.
- Christmas Basket season is here!
 Please bring donations to church by Sunday, December 5
- Save the date for Advent Fair:
 Sunday, December 5 after service.

STEWARDSHIP 2022

CENTERING & LIGHTING CANDLES

Lay Reader: Claire Shrader Pianist: Kenn Willson Flowers: Donna Bekooy

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

Coptic Gospel of Thomas on the nature of the kingdom of God

Jesus said, "It will not come by waiting for it. It will not be a matter of saying 'here it is' or 'there it is.' Rather, the kingdom of God is spread out upon the earth, only people do not see it."

SPECIAL MUSIC

Handbell Choir, directed by Dan Anajovich Come, You Thankful People, Come with Joanne Wakeland on violin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Worship Sourcebook

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.

Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

We praise God for the grace that has saved us.

Alleluia! We rejoice!

*OPENING HYMN

Let All Things Now Living #37 (please don't sing in the sanctuary without a singers' mask)

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Children are dismissed, youth remain in worship.

HEBREW TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

THEME READING

Rep. John Lewis

"Democracy is not a state. It is an act, and each generation must do its part to help build what we call the Beloved Community, a nation and world society at peace with itself."

SERMON

"....until the moon is no more." Rev. Scott Dalgarno

RESPONSIVE HYMN

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot verses 1, 2, and 4 #825 (please don't sing in the sanctuary without a singers' mask)

PASTORAL PRAYER

CORPORATE PRAYER

a transliteration of the Jesus Prayer

Oh Thou, from whom the breath of life comes, who fills all realms of sound, light and vibration. May Your light be experienced in our hearts.

Your Heavenly Domain approaches. Let Your will come true - in the universe

and on earth. Give us wisdom for our daily needs, detach the fetters of faults that bind us, as we do our best to let go of the guilt of others.

Let us not be lost in superficial things, but let us be freed from that which keeps us from our true purpose. From You comes the all-working will, the lively strength to act, the song that beautifies all and renews itself from age to age. Sealed in trust, faith and truth, confirm it in this, your community.

OFFERTORY

Handbell Choir, directed by Dan Anajovich Awesome God and Almighty

Through all our living, we our fruits must give.

Good works of service are for offering. When we are giving, or when receiving,

We belong to God.

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CLOSING SONG

Soon and Very Soon #384 (please don't sing in the sanctuary without a singers' mask)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP

Join us for fellowship (without the coffee) in the Petersen Gallery or the narthex.