

CANDLE LIGHTING

(The minister lights his candle from the Christ Candle in the Advent wreath. The ushers light their candles from the minister's candle, then light the candle of each worshiper nearest the aisle. The lighted candle is never tilted but is always upright when giving light to another.)

CANDLELIGHT CAROL

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sign Alleluia,
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!
Silent night, holy night!
Son of God love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth.

BENEDICTION

(As the lights come up, you are invited to put out your candle in a bowl of water and stand for the Sending Carol)

*SENDING CAROL

Go Tell It on the Mountain (Verses 1 & 3)

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;

go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

1 While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. (Refrain)
2 The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. (Refrain)
3. Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.



Southminster invites you to join us for
**Weekly Family Worship Sundays at
10:00am.**

We offer Family Life Programs for everyone!

- Children - Sundays at 10:15am
- Youth - Sundays at 10:15am and monthly activities

**We are also planning a Mission Trip to
Puerto Rico June 22 - July 2, 2022**

- Our Southminster intergenerational mission trip will seek to plant seeds of kindness and understanding while making peace around the world.
- The kick-off for this mission trip will be in mid-January 2022.
- Will you consider joining us in making peace across the globe?



SOUTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Friday, December 24, 2021 5:00pm

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

A family friendly celebration of the First Christmas

FOR REFLECTION

Christina Rosetti

"What can I give Him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb,
If I were a wise man
I would do my part.
Yet what can I give Him?
Give me my heart."

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The star shining on the innkeepers
shed;

**Sunshine glistening off the
deafening cold of winter snow;**
Candles lit in displays of solidarity
with those in morning;

**Give tangible witness to the prophet's
claim that light shines in the darkness, now
and forever.**

May we come to worship in joyful celebration
of the light, whom we call Jesus, the Christ.
Amen.



CAROL

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye, who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn king!

*CHRISTMAS LITANY

This is a night for stories...for silence, for
songs...especially a night for wonder.

**There are stories of wondrous events
all around us: stories of gift giving; of
generous hearts; of hope coming to
lonely and frightened people.**

Most wondrous of all is the story of God
touching the earth...

**That most wonderful story of all is
the story of the tender touch of God
- light as an angel's wing; sure as a
shepherd's step; strong as a camel's
back....loving as a new Mother's
smile...God touching the earth...**

God touching humankind...God's
presence here among and within us...

**That touch of God that says love
lives here on earth...love is born and
reborn...love is forever...and all God's
children can live in Peace! Rejoice!
Alleluia!**

Let us worship and praise the God of
Love.

*GREETING OF PEACE

May the peace of God be with you - this
night and always.

And also with you.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Don Ludwig

STORY

On a Night Long Ago....

CAROL

Away in a Manger (Verse 1)

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky
looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

STORY

Our Journey to Bethlehem

CAROL

Little Donkey

Little donkey, little donkey
On the dusty road
Gotta keep on plodding onward
With your precious load
Been a long time little donkey
Through the winters night
Don't give up now little donkey
Bethlehem's in sight
Ring out those bells tonight
Bethlehem, Bethlehem
Follow that little star tonight
Bethlehem, Bethlehem

STORY

Jesus is Born

CAROL

Silent Night (Verse 1)

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

STORY

The Shepherds

CAROL

While Shepherds Watched their Flocks

While shepherds watched
their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
an angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.
and glory shone around.

STORY

The Angels

CAROL

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King:
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

STORY

The First Christmas

CAROL

Joy to the World

Joy to the world! The Lord has come;
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns;
Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills,
and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

*CAROL

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, in excelsis Deo.
Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing,
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo
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HOMILY

Making Room

Rev. Scott Dalgarno

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Don Ludwig

OFFERING PIANO INTERLUDE

Silent Night

by Aron and Samuel Racho, guitars