



# SOUTHMINSTER

## Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 19, 2021

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

### TODAY'S SERMON: A SURPRISE ADOPTION

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

We will be hosting live and on Zoom services at 5:00pm and 11:00pm on Friday, Christmas Eve.

The 5:00pm service is family friendly, and will feature the children staging The First Christmas program, complete with stories, carols, costumes, and more!

The 11:00pm service is more traditional and will include carols, the lighting of individual candles, and more. Please join us for one or both of these services - either in person or on Zoom.

#### STAFF

Senior Pastor: Rev. Scott Dalgarno  
Associate Pastor: Rev. Don Ludwig  
Choir Director: Steven Schaefer  
Handbell Choir Director: Dan Anajovich  
Pianist: Kenn Willson  
Administrative Assist: Lisa McQuilliam

#### OFFICE HOURS

This week, Monday and Tuesday mornings, Wednesday-Thursday 8am - 5pm, with two hour lunch closure

#### HOW TO REACH US

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Vincent van Gogh's *The Bedroom* depicts the guest room he stayed in while living in France, in the "Yellow House." The room was trapezoidal in shape, making the perspective unique. Van Gogh created three different versions of this painting - all are considered part of his collection. One is on display in Amsterdam, another in Chicago, and the third in Paris.



Lets celebrate together;  
all are welcome.

## PRELUDE

The First Noel arranged by Matt Hyzer

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*For those who are able, please stand

- Foundation grant applications are being sought.

## CENTERING & LIGHTING

### CANDLES

Lay Reader: Tom Ingala

Choir Director: Steven Shaefer

Handbell Director: Dan Anajovich

Pianist: Kenn Willson

Candlelighters: Wally Carey and Sandy Ruff

## PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

Vincent van Gogh

“I dream of painting and then I paint my dream.”

## LITANY FOR THE LIGHTING OF THE 4th ADVENT CANDLE

Edwina Gateley

God is soaked in our world.

**God's Spirit lives and breathes in and through all that is.**

We are lost only when we do not understand

**that God is already with and in each one of us.**

Our task is just to wake to this.

**Thank God for this marvelous gift.**

## CANDLELIGHTING HYMN

While We Are Waiting, Come #92

## \*OPENING HYMN

Of the Father's Love Begotten #108

## SPECIAL MUSIC

### HANDBELLS CHOIR

Good King Wenceslas

Arranged by Richard McKee

## A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Children are dismissed, youth remain in worship.

## GREEK TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 1:18-25 (NRSV)

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

## THEME READING

Pema Chodrin

*When Things Fall Apart*

“Nothing ever goes away until it has taught us what we need to know...nothing ever really attacks us except our own confusion. perhaps there is no solid obstacle except our own need to protect ourselves from being touched. maybe the only enemy is that we don't like the way reality is now and therefore wish it would go away fast. but what we find as practitioners is that nothing ever goes away until it has taught us what we need to know.”

## SERMON

A Surprise Adoption

Rev. Scott Dalgarno

## RESPONSIVE HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

#88 verses 1, 6, 7

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Mary Prescott is a grandma!

## 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

### HANDBELLS CHOIR

All Night, All Day

(Angels Watchin' Over Me)

Arranged by Hart Morris

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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We belong to God

## CLOSING SONG

O Little Town of Bethlehem #121

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Angels We Have Heard On High

Arranged by Mary McDonald

## FELLOWSHIP