



SOUTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 26, 2021

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

The Face of Jesus



OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closed between Christmas and New Years. If you need to reach Scott his number is 541-326-8812 or email: pastor@southmin.org Lisa will be in and out doing year end tasks. (No email Thursday.)

MISSION TRIP

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? Contact Don for more info.

STAFF

Senior Pastor: Rev. Scott Dalgarno
Associate Pastor: Rev. Don Ludwig
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PLEASE NOTE!

When sending in pledges, please remember that anything dated in 2021 will be applied to 2021. Pledges for 2022 must be dated in 2022. If you have any questions, please call the office. Thank you for your generosity.

PRELUDE

Finlandia

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*For those who are able, please stand

- Foundation grant applications are being sought.
- Puerto Rico Mission planning meeting January 2 at 11:30am

CENTERING & LIGHTING CANDLES

Lay Reader: Pam Gross

Choir Director: Steven Schaefer

Pianist: Kenn Willson

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

Socrates

"The unexamined life is not worth living."

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Glory to God in the highest!

And hope to every discouraged heart.

Glory to God in the highest!

And peace to every conflicted soul.

Glory to God in the highest!

And joy to every downcast spirit.

Glory to God in the highest!

And love to everyone.

Let us sing praises to our God.

Let us offer this light against the darkness.

*OPENING HYMN

Angels, From the Realm of Glory

#143, verses 1 & 4

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children and youth remain in service.

GREEK TESTAMENT READING

Luke 2:25-40

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her

marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four.

She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

THEME READING

Madeleine L'Engle

"How remarkable, how beyond the bounds of ordinary possibility, that two old people should see a small baby and recognize that he was the Light of the World! Was it perhaps because they were so old, so near to the Beyond, that they were able to see what people caught up in the cares of life could not see?"

ANTHEM

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
by Felix Mendelssohn
arranged Joel Raney

SERMON

The Face of Jesus
Red. Scott Dalgarno

*RESPONSIVE HYMN

The First Nowell
#147 verses 1, 2 & 6

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

O Christmas Tree
Traditional
arranged by Roger House

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.
We belong to God.
We belong to God.
We belong to God

*CLOSING SONG

Go, Tell it on the Mountain
#136 verses 1-3

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP