



SOUTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 11, 2022

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



DATES TO REMEMBER

December 11 & 18
11:15am Southmin 101

December 18
3:30pm Christmas Concert

December 20
1-3pm Christmas Trains

December 24
5pm Family Service followed by
Christmas Trains

December 24
11pm Candlelight Service

December 27
1-3pm Christmas Trains

December 29
1-3pm Christmas Trains

January 1
Christmas Trains after services

STAFF

Senior Pastor: Rev. Scott Dalgarno
Associate Pastor: Rev. Don Ludwig
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Pianist: Kenn Willson
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**A special thank you to
Judith Foster, Bunny
Oliver, Kathy Ludwig, and
the Family Life team for a
wonderful Advent Fair.
We appreciate you!**

PRELUDE

Mary Did You Know? arr Nancy Lau

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please sign and date friendship pads
- Thank you all for Advent Fair!
- Christmas Trains - spread the word
- Christmas Concert Dec. 18 3:30pm
- Southmin 101 starts today

CENTERING & LIGHTING CANDLES

Lay Reader: Jaki Schmunk

Candle Lighting: Tupamahu Family

Choir Director: Steven Schaefer

Pianist: Kenn Willson

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PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

Vera Nazarian

Would you like to know your future? If your answer is yes, think again. Not knowing is the greatest life motivator. So enjoy, endure, survive each moment as it comes to you in its proper sequence -- a surprise.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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 recognition of God's initiative to be at home in us— acceptance of God-With-Us.

Then we cannot but be glad.

We now light the third candle of Advent.

OPENING HYMN

While We Are Waiting, Come

#92

SPECIAL MUSIC

Southminster Bell Choir

Advent Carol

arr Hal H. Hopson

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children and Youth are dismissed.

GREEK TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with a skin disease are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What, then, did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

THEME READING

Alison McGhee

You are most powerful when you are most silent. People never expect silence. They expect words, motion, defense, offense, back and forth. They expect to leap into the fray. They are ready, fists up, words hanging leaping from their mouths. Silence? No.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Southminster Bell Choir

Away in a Manger

arr Cathy Moglebust

SERMON

Expecting Messiah

Rev. Scott Dalgarno

HYMN OF RESPONSE

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

#100 verses 1 & 3

CORPORATE PRAYER

from the New Zealand Book of Prayer

Eternal Spirit,

Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

May the hallowing of your name echo

through the universe;

The way of your justice be followed by the

peoples of the world.

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom

sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trial too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,

now and forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Little Drummer Boy

arr by Kevin Olson

DOXOLOGY

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.

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CLOSING HYMN

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

#123 verses 1, 3, & 5

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Go Tell it on the Mountain

arr Mark Hayes

FELLOWSHIP