

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

December 26 - 30 Office is closed

Tuesday, December 27 1-3pm Christmas Trains

Thursday, December 29 1-3pm Christmas Trains

Sunday, January 1 Christmas Trains after services

Sunday, January 29 Annual Congregational Meeting







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# **SOUTHMINSTER** Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 25, 2022

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

# What your Christmas tree says about you....



#### PRELUDE

Away in a Manger (medley) arr. Mark Hayes

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please sign and date friendship pads
- Christmas Trains spread the word

#### **CENTERING & LIGHTING CANDLES**

Choir Director: Steven Schaefer Pianist: Kenn Willson Technical Director: Moses Ram

#### PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

Andy Rooney

One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas day. Don't clean it up too quickly.

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them has the light shined!

Creation stands still and holds its breath, God is doing the most unbelievable, dangerous thing. God embraces humanity from the inside, as one of us.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. Amen

#### **OPENING HYMN**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #119 all verses

### CHILDREN'S TIME

#### CAROL

Away In a Manger #115 all verses

#### GREEK TESTAMENT READING John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

#### THEME READING

Steve Maraboli

Want to keep Christ in Christmas? Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, forgive the guilty, welcome the unwanted, care for the ill, love your enemies, and do unto others as you would have done unto you.

#### SERMON

The Light Shines in the Darkness Rev. Scott Dalgarno

# HYMN OF RESPONSE

Silent Night #122 all verses

## 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

Angels We Have Heard on High arr. Mary McDonald

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

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

Joy to the World #134 all verses

### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** We Wish You a Merry Christmas Traditional English Carol

#### FELLOWSHIP

