



SOUTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 4, 2022

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

TODAY AFTER SERVICES!



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Advent Fair

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

- Secret Room
- Christmas Cards
- Corn Flake Wreaths
- Cookies & Hot Chocolate
- Cookie Decorating
- Guessing Jar
- Rag Garland
- Soup & Bread
- Lace Snowflakes
- & much, much more!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION
PRESENTATION OF THE ELEMENTS

CIRCLE HYMN
Ubi Caritas
#205

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
God Rest Ye Gentle People
arr. Lloyd Larson

FELLOWSHIP



DATES TO REMEMBER

December 5 - Women's Christmas Potluck
December 11 & 18 - Southmin 101 at 11:15am
December 20 - Christmas Trains 1-3pm
December 24 - 5pm Family Service followed
by Christmas Trains
December 24 - 11pm Candlelight Service

STAFF

Senior Pastor: Rev. Scott Dalgarno
Associate Pastor: Rev. Don Ludwig
Choir Director: Steven Schaefer
Pianist: Kenn Willson
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PRELUDE

O Little Town of Bethlehem
arr. Craig Curry

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please sign and date friendship pads
- Advent Fair is TODAY!
- Thank you Elves!
- Christmas Trains - spread the word
- Local Holiday Outreach projects 2022
- Southmin 101 class next week!

CENTERING & LIGHTING CANDLES

Lay Reader: Mary Gehr
Candle Lighting: The Standish Family
Choir Director: Steven Schaefer
Pianist: Kenn Willson
Technical Director: Moses Ram

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

Jaco Strydom

Don't hate the haters ... People too often say, 'justice,' but they mean 'revenge.'

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Thom Shuman

Holy God, bringer of life

We long for your peace, and trust in your promise;

we hear your call to open our hearts,

Meet us here.

Fill our minds with your wisdom and our hearts with your peace,

that our worship together

may open us to the challenge

of your dream of wholeness for all.

In the Name of the One who is coming, we pray.

We will now light the second candle of advent.

OPENING HYMN

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus
#82 all verses

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children and Youth are dismissed.

GREEK TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord; make God's paths straight.' "

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that

does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. God will baptize you with[d] the Holy Spirit and fire. God's winnowing fork is in God's hand, and God will clear God's threshing floor and will gather God's wheat into the granary, but the chaff God will burn with unquenchable fire."

THEME READING

Lamine Pearlheart
On Restitution

Of all the justices, restitution is the hardest one for it requires fairness to the past and to the present; two things that are not meant to meet, but which in human claims often do.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Calypso Christmas
Natalie Sleeth

SERMON

Expecting Fire
Rev. Scott Dalgarno

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Lo, How a Rose, E'er Blooming
Hymn #129 verses 1 & 2

OFFERTORY

What Child is This
arr. Patricia Lou Harris

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.

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, God of time and space.
Heaven is here and earth, too,
and the space between them, thin.
Here are those bound by time
and those blessed by eternity,
the Church above and the Church below,

Abraham and Sarah, Miriam and Moses
are here, Amos and Jeremiah, Simeon and
Anna, Peter and Paul, Martha and all the
Marys, Stephen and Perpetua, Bonhoeffer
and Romero, Francis of Assisi and
Hildegard of Bingen, Martin Luther King
and Mother Theresa, saints from far back
and those who left not long ago, Only
sight prevents our seeing them. here at
your table.

Heaven is here, and earth, and you, great
God, who made them! And so, we join in
the unending hymn of praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.