

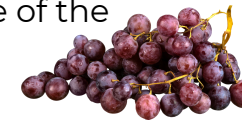
SOUTHMINSTER Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 1, 2023

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

New Year's Traditions Around the World

The Spanish start off their new year by eating 12 grapes, which symbolize each strike of the clock.



India: Building a sculpture of an old man and burning it down

In Denmark chucking plates at your friends bring your loved ones good luck. Tradition has it that the more broken kitchenware you accumulate on your door step, the better off you'll be.



To ward off evil spirits, families in Ireland make way for a healthy and prosperous new year by banging loaves of Christmas bread against the walls and doors throughout the home.



In Finland, people predict the coming year by casting molten tin into a container of water, then interpreting the shape the metal takes after hardening. A heart or ring means a wedding, while a ship predicts travel and a pig declares there will be plenty of food.

In hopes of a travel-filled new year, residents of Colombia carry empty suitcases around the block. That's one New Year's tradition we can get behind!



In Greece it's tradition to hang an onion outside your door to symbolize fertility and growth



DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, January 14 - 1pm
Celebration of Life for Mike Yeakey

Saturday, January 21 - 1pm
Praying with the Right Side of Your Brain workshop

Saturday, January 28
Celebration of Life for Peg Tyo

Sunday, January 29
Annual Congregational Meeting

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PRELUDE

Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please sign and date friendship pads
- Christmas Trains today!
- January 29 Annual Congregation Meeting

CENTERING & LIGHTING CANDLES

Lay Leader: Julie Ray

Choir Director: Steven Schaefer

Pianist: Michael Hawkins

Technical Director: Moses Ram

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

St. Francis de Sales

Nothing is as strong as real gentleness;
nothing is as gentle as real strength.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

A new day has dawned, a new year begun

God, call us so we may hear Your voice

The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future

Gracious God, keep us in Your ways and on Your path

We enter this new year with hope if not excitement

**Remind us that You lead us
May we look to You, and worship You
with honesty and hope.
Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

#159 all verses

CHILDREN'S TIME

GREEK TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 2:13-23

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

"A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled,
because they are no more."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph[d] got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling Judea in

place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazarene."

THEME READING

Langston Hughes

Hold fast to dreams,
For if dreams die
Life is a broken-winged bird,
That cannot fly.

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte

SERMON

The Eagle and the Star

Rev. Scott Dalgarno

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Jesus Entered Egypt

#154 all verses

CORPORATE 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;
our 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

Adagio from Concerto in D minor

BWV 974

Bach | Marcello

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.

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CLOSING HYMN

What Child Is This?

#145 all verses

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Let There Be Peace On Earth

Jill Jackson | Sy Miller

FELLOWSHIP