



# SOUTHMINSTER

## Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 8, 2023

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

### TODAY: Humble Beginnings

Humbleness and humility are synonyms. These are two beautiful quotes on humility.

Humility is not thinking  
less of yourself, it is  
thinking of yourself less.



Humility is a perpetual quietness of heart.  
It is to have no trouble.  
It is never to be fretted or vexed, irritable or  
sore;  
to wonder at nothing that is done to me,  
to feel nothing done against me.  
It is to be at rest when nobody praises me,  
and when I am blamed or despised,  
to have a blessed home in myself  
where I can go in and shut the door  
and kneel to my Father in secret and be at  
peace, as in a deep sea of calmness, when all  
around and about is seeming trouble.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

TODAY

Take down Advent decorations

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

Sunday, January 15 11:20am  
Jesus & John Wayne

Saturday, January 21 - 1pm  
Praying with the Right Side of  
Your Brain workshop (limited space  
available)

Saturday, January 28 - 1pm  
Celebration of Life for Peg Tyo

Sunday, January 29  
Annual Congregational Meeting

### STAFF

Senior Pastor: Rev. Scott Dalgarno  
Associate Pastor: Rev. Don Ludwig  
Admin Coordinator: Rayin Brown  
Choir Director: Steven Schaefer  
Pianist: Kenn Willson  
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## PRELUDE

Suite Gothique Op. 25, I. Introduction Choral  
by L. Boellmann (1862-1897)

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please sign and date friendship pads
- Jesus & John Wayne starts next Sunday
- January 29 Annual Congregation Meeting

## CENTERING & LIGHTING CANDLES

Lay Leader: Donna Bekooy

Choir Director: Steven Schaefer

Technical Director: Moses Ram

## PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

Criss Jami

To share your weakness is to make yourself vulnerable; to make yourself vulnerable is to show your strength.

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bruce Prewer

Light! Light, light and more light!

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of God has risen upon you.

**Nations shall come to your light,  
and the wise to the brightness of your rising.**

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem,  
wise men came from the East, saying:  
Where is he who is born king of the Jews?

**For we have seen his star in the East,  
and have come to worship him.**

The wonderful light of the Lord Jesus be with  
you.

**And also with you.**

## OPENING HYMN

Arise Your Light Is Come  
#744 all verses

## CHILDREN'S TIME

## GREEK TESTAMENT READING

Luke 4:21-30

Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is this not Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.' " And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

## THEME READING

John Stuart Mill

He who knows only his own side of the case knows little of that. His reasons may be good, and no one may have been able to refute them. But if he is equally unable to refute the reasons on the opposite side, if he does not so much as know what they are, he has no ground for preferring either opinion.

## SPECIAL MUSIC

This Little Light of Mine

attributed to Harry Dixon Loes  
arr. Mark Hayes

## SERMON

Humble Beginnings

Rev. Scott Dalgarno

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

O God We Bear The Imprint of Your Face  
#759 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

This Is My Creator's World

Tune: Terra Patris

by Franklin L. Sheppard (1852-1930)  
arr. Mark Hayes

## 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 Star Is This with Beams So Bright  
#152 verses. 1, 2, & 3

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Voluntary in D Minor Op. 5 No. 8  
by John Stanley (1712-1786)

## FELLOWSHIP