

SOUTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 26, 2023

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

TODAY

The Great Sorting Out



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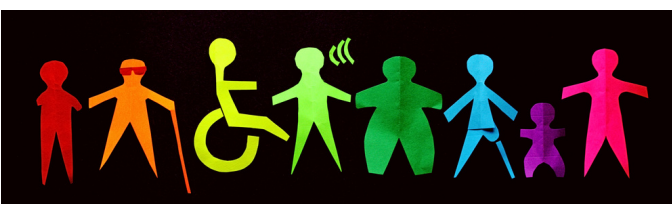
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DATES TO REMEMBER

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- Advent Fair Sunday, December 3 at 11 am
- Grief Support Group Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
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Faith is the bird that feels the light when the dawn is still dark. ~ Rabindranath TagoreRumi

PRELUDE & BRINGING OF THE LIGHT

We Gather Together/Come Thankful People Come, arr. Lloyd Larson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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LAY READER

Aleta Parker

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

"When I give food to the poor, they call me a saint. When I ask why the poor have no food, they call me a communist." ~ Dom Helder Camara

CALL TO WORSHIP

~ Thom Shuman

We come, for God gathers us here, with that community called faith:

where the hungry are served first, where the thirsty drink life's water.

We come, for God welcomes us here into that home called grace:

where the naked are clothed in robes of hope; where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.

We come, for God reunites us here, sisters and brothers in that family called love:

where the imprisoned model justice, where the sick are cradled in God's peace.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us offer signs of Christ's peace to one another.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children and youth are dismissed.

OPENING HYMN

#182 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

GREEK TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 25:31-46

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'

Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

THEME READING

"Do not act as if you had ten thousand years to throw away. Death stands at your elbow. Be good for something while you live and it is in your power."

~ Marcus Aurelius, Meditations

SPECIAL MUSIC

A Call to Joyful Praise by Joseph M. Martin

Guest Conductor- Gabi Hernandez

Flute- Sandy Ruff

Trumpet- Rick Collins

Piano- Kenn Willson

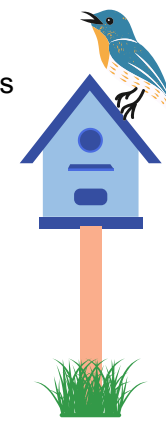
SERMON

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RESPONSIVE HYMN

#44 Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us



CORPORATE PRAYER

by Fred F. Keip

Indwelling God,

infused throughout all existence, we honor you with many names.

Your realm is within the human heart.

We accept life for all that it can be, on earth as throughout all creation.

May we continue to draw sustenance from this earth,

and may we receive forgiveness equal to our own.

May we ever move from separation toward union,

to live in grace, with love in our hearts, forever and ever.

Amen.

OFFERTORY

God's Eye is on the Sparrow

arr. Terry Osman

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

#729 Lord I Want To Be A Christian

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

To God Be the Glory, arr. Mark Hayes

FELLOWSHIP