

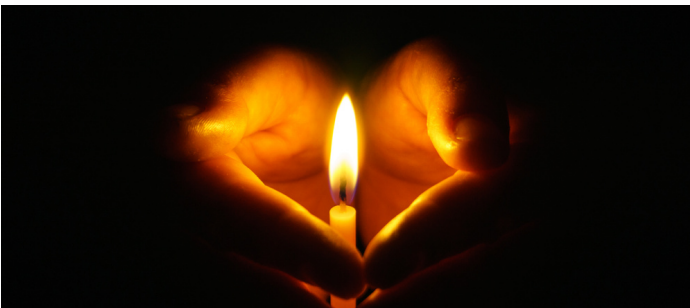


SOUTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 24, 2023

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



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Grief Support Group Wednesday, December 27 CANCELLED
- Christmas Trains December 27 and 29 from 1 - 3 pm
- The office will be closed between Christmas and New Years. Staff email will be checked periodically.
- Adult Ed Sunday, January 7 after service. Dr. Eka Tupamahu speaking



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Welcome to Southminster
as we host a candlelight
& carol filled celebration

PRELUDE

Away in a Manger, arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- Lay Reader: Youth/College Students

INTROIT

Once, In Royal David's City
Hymn #140 verse 1

Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild;
Jesus Christ, her little child.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Good news of great joy," the angel said,
"for to you a savior is born."

"Peace on Earth," the choir sang, "for God reigns in the highest."

"Follow me," the star beckoned, "for Hope was born in Bethlehem."

As we light the Christ Candle,

We watch for the Christmas story around us.

Emmanuel has come and is coming.

Come, all ye faithful, and worship God.



CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful
Hymn #133 verses 1 and 3

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, born the King of Angels!
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him,

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-6a

CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem
Hymn #121 verses 1 & 4

Oh little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in;
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!

SECOND LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

SPECIAL MUSIC

One Small Child, arr. by Lloyd Larson
Chancel Choir
Steven Schaefer, conductor
Kenn Willson, piano

THIRD LESSON

Luke 2:8-20

CAROL

Angels We Have Heard on High
Hymn #113 verses 1 & 3

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing,
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
arr. by Dan Forrest
Chancel Choir
Steven Schaefer, conductor
Kenn Willson, piano

HOMILY

Love Shows Up
Rev. Scott Dalgarno

OFFERTORY

Mary's Little Boy Child
by Jester Hairston

CAROL

Hark the Herald Angels Sing
Hymn #119 verses 1 & 3

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King.
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace!
Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES OF CHRISTMAS

CAROL

Silent Night
Hymn #122 verses 1, 2, & 3

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
'round yon Virgin Mother and Child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.
Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia:
Christ the Savior is born;
Christ the Savior is born!"

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

CAROL

Joy To The World
Hymn #134 verses 1, 2, & 4

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let us their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills,
and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

We Wish You a Merry Christmas
Traditional

MERRY CHRISTMAS