



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.

TODAY

A Celebration of the First Christmas



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
TODAY at 11 pm
- 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



STAFF

Senior Pastor: Rev. Scott Dalgarno
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**"The shortest
way to
yourself is
around the
world."**

~ Vagabondish



MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Mary's Little Boy Child, arr. Jester Hairston
Sweet Little Jesus Boy, arr. Edwin McLean
Kenn Willson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 - Adult Ed Sunday, January 7 after service. Dr. Eka Tupamahu speaking
 - Lay Readers: Tony Ludwig, Norman Tupamahu, Noa Perez, and Noé Fabian
 - Lighting of the Christ Candle: Afua Banful and Searah Estrada

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

"At Christmas, all roads lead home."
~ Marjorie Holmes

ACOLYTE PROCESSION

Bringing in the Star-Child

SPECIAL MUSIC

Children's Bell Choir with
Director Jenn Winquist

CALL TO WORSHIP (Tony Ludwig)

~ written by Abhijit Naskar

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way,
Oh, what fun it is to give our own life away!

**Saint Nicholas did his part,
so did Chris himself,
Now it's time for us to be the
happiness gateway.**

Dashing through the alleys devoid of lights,
Holding up high as beacon, our own heart,

**Breaking ourselves to pieces
and burning to ashes,
We'll ensure no one lacks
the love a human deserves.**

We are Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen
and Comet,
We are Cupid, Donner, Blitzen and
Rudolph.

**We are also modern day Nick,
Chris and Eckhart,
By our love and oneness let
the world be engulfed!**

Twelve days ain't enough to celebrate
Christmas.

**As humans we must live each
day helping others.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The star shining on the innkeepers shed;

**Sunshine glistening off the
deafening cold of winter
snow;**

Candles lit in displays of solidarity with
those in morning;

**Give tangible witness to the
prophet's claim that light
shines in the darkness, now
and forever.**

May we come to worship in joyful
celebration of the light whom we call Jesus,
the Christ.

Amen.

CAROL

#134 Joy to the World

CHRISTMAS LITANY

This is a night for stories...for silence, for
songs...especially a night for wonder.

**There are stories of wondrous
events all around us: stories of
gift giving; of generous hearts;
of hope coming to lonely and
frightened people.**

Most wondrous of all is the story of God
touching the earth...

**That most wonderful story of all
is the story of the tender touch
of God - light as an angel's wing;
sure as a shepherd's step;
strong as a camel's
back....loving as a new Mother's
smile...God touching the earth...**

God touching humankind...God's presence
here among and within us...

**That touch of God that says love
lives here on earth...love is born
and reborn...love is forever...and
all God's children can live in
Peace! Rejoice! Alleluia!**

GREETING OF PEACE

Pastor: May the peace of God be with you -
this night and always.

Congregation: And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Aron and Samuel Racho
Journey of Kings

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:1-7 Noa Perez

CHILDREN'S TIME

Star-Child for all Families
Dr. Rev. Don Ludwig

CAROL

Star-Child Written by Shirley Erena Murray

SPECIAL MUSIC

Emerson Fabian
Bach A Minor Violin Concerto 3rd Movement

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-12 Norman Tupamahu

MUSIC VIDEO

Drakensberg Boys Choir - An African
Christmas (A Musical Masala)

STORIES FROM AROUND THE

WORLD:

Michel Mouzong, Cameroon, Africa

CAROL

While Shepherds watched their Flocks
(2 verses)

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:8-14 Noé Fabian

CAROLS

O Come All Ye Faithful (1 verse)
O Come, O Come Emmanuel

STORIES FROM AROUND THE

WORLD:

Dr. Ekaputra Tupamahu, Indonesia

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Scott Dalgarno

OFFERATORY

"O Holy Night" Jenn Winquist

CANDLE LIGHTING

CANDLELIGHT CAROL

Silent Night

BENEDICTION

Rev. Scott Dalgarno

SENDING CAROL

Feliz Navidad
Guitars: Aron and Samuel Racho
Piano: Kenn Willson

