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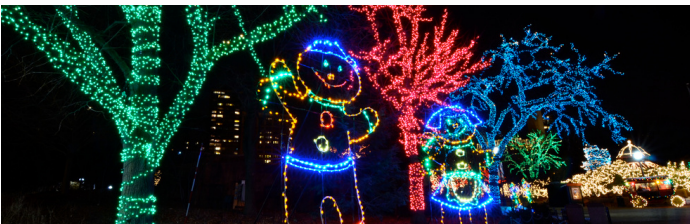
Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 17, 2023

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

TODAY

Advent #3: Cheer Up



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Choir Concert TODAY at 3:00 pm

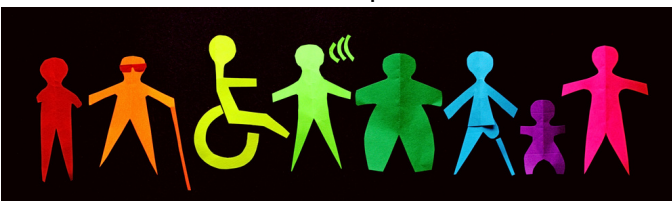
- Christmas Eve Services on Sunday,
December 24 at 10 am, 5 pm, and 11 pm

- Christmas Trains December 20, 27, and 29
from 1 - 3 pm

- Celebrating staff member Judith Foster:
Sunday, December 24 at 10 am

- Adult Ed Sunday, January 7 after service.
Eka Tupamahu speaking

- Grief Support Group Wednesdays
at 6:30 pm



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**"The BEST
way to
spread
Christmas
cheer is
singing LOUD
for all to
hear."
– Buddy the elf**





PRELUDE
O, Little Town of Bethlehem, arr. by Craig Curry

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Advent Trifold (Invite a friend or neighbor)
- Secret Room TODAY at 10:30 am
- Choir Concert TODAY at 3:00 pm
- Christmas Eve 5 pm call for ethnic nativity scenes and cookies (contact Judith Foster)
- Sunday, December 24 Services at 10 am, 5 pm, and 11 pm
- Christmas Trains December 20, 27, and 29
- Celebrating Judith Foster during 10 am service on Sunday, December 24
- Adult Ed Sunday, January 7 after service. Eka Tupamahu speaking
- Grief Support Group Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
- Christmas Joy Offering
- Lay Reader: Ashley Fernandez
- Advent Wreath Lighting: The McCurry Family

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

“Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage.” ~ Lao Tzu

PROCESSION OF THE CRECHE

CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, and set lights in the sky — sun and moon and stars.

By these stars, our ancestors charted their journeys.

By these stars, they knew God was with them.

Today we light three candles to bring the fire of the stars down from heaven to earth, to nestle among the greens.

We name this candle Hope.

(Light the first candle.)

We name this candle Peace.

(Light the second candle.)

We name this candle Joy.

(Light the third candle.)

We too are on a journey, and we do not always know the way.

But we chart our path by the star of joy. Even when despair is all around us and apathy seems the order of the day,

we set our face steadily towards the light.

PEACE OF CHRIST

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Southminster Handbell Choir

One Small Child, arr. Lloyd Larson

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children and youth are dismissed.

OPENING HYMN

#88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs 1,5,6,7)

GREEK TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all people know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, friends, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

THEME READING

“It’s okay. It may not seem like it right now, but you are going to be fine. I know it’s scary, but don’t be afraid. You are who you are, and you should love that person, and I don’t want anyone to have to go through 22 years of their life afraid to accept that.” ~ Connor Franta

SPECIAL MUSIC

Southminster Handbell Choir

Still, Still, Still, arr. by Sandra Eithun

SERMON

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Rev. Scott Dalgarno

RESPONSIVE HYMN

#377

I Want To Walk as a Child of the Light

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

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

arr. by Mary McDonald

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

#121 O Little Town of Bethlehem

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World, arr. by Bethany Smith

FELLOWSHIP