



**SOUTHMINSTER**

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 3, 2023

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

**TODAY**

*Advent #1: Wake Up*



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### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Advent Fair TODAY after Service
- Grief Support Group Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
- Children's Pageant and Lunch Sunday, December 10 at 11 am
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**Today After  
Services!**

*Advent Fair*

**Join us in the Petersen Gallery for  
special crafts, activities, Charlie  
Brown Christmas Trees, soup,  
strolling minstrels and more!**

**PRELUDE**  
Divinum Mysterium, arr. by Mark Hayes

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- Minute for Mission

## LAY READER

Wayne Potter

## CANDLE LIGHTING

Standish Family

## PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

"Every time we choose our past over our present we kill our future."  
~ Temitope Ibrahim

## 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 one candle to bring the fire of the stars down from heaven to earth, to nestle among the greens.**

We name this candle Hope. (Light the candle.)

**We too are on a journey, and we do not always know the way. But we chart our path by the star of hope.**

Even when better days seem very far away and the weight of the world seems to crush your promises,

**we set our face steadily towards the light.**

## 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

#88

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

## GREEK TESTAMENT READING

Mark 13:24-37

But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only God. Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.

## THEME READING

"Disasters work like alarm clocks to the world, hence God allows them. They are shouting, 'Wake up! Love! Pray!'" ~ Criss Jami

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Let Everything That Hath Breath

by Jeffery L. Ames

Chancel Choir

Kenn Willson, piano

Steven Schaefer, conductor

## SERMON

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Rev. Scott Dalgarno

## RESPONSIVE HYMN

#769 For Everyone Born

## 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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## SERVICE OF WORLD COMMUNION

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE



## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, God of time and space.

Heaven is here and earth, too,

and the space between them, thin.

Here are those bound by time

and those blessed by eternity,

the Church above and the Church below,

Abraham and Sarah, Miriam and Moses are

here,

Amos and Jeremiah, Simeon and Anna, Peter

and Paul, Martha and all the Marys, Stephen

and Perpetua, Bonhoeffer and Romero,

Francis of Assisi and Julian of Norwich,

Martin Luther King and Mother Theresa,

saints from far back

and those who left not long ago,

Only sight prevents our seeing them.

here at your table.

Heaven is here, and earth, and you, great

God,

who made them!

And so, we join in the unending hymn of

praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## PRESENTATION OF THE ELEMENTS

## CLOSING HYMN

#205 Ubi Caritas

## PRAYER IN OUR CLOSING CIRCLE

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

TUNE: Gloria, arr. by Mary McDonald

## POPCORN FELLOWSHIP (ZOOM)

## ADVENT FAIR