



DATES TO REMEMBER

- The office will be closed until January 4, 2024. Staff email will be checked periodically.
- Adult Ed Sunday, January 7 after service.
Dr. Eka Tupamahu speaking
- Women's Annual (Christmas) Potluck
Friday, January 12 at 6:00 pm at the home of
Judy Widen
- Congregation Annual Meeting Sunday,
January 28 after Service
- Grief Support Group Wednesdays
at 6:30 pm



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SOUTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 31, 2023

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

TODAY

Growing Up and Letting Go



Rumi once
said, “Life is a
balance
between
holding on
and letting
go”

PRELUDE

O Come, All Ye Faithful Based on the tune “Adeste Fidelis,” from Wade’s “Cantus Diversi”, arr., Edward Broughton

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- Lay Reader: Jaki Schmunk

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

“Letting go means to come to the realization that some people are a part of your history, but not a part of your destiny.” ~ Steve Maraboli



CALL TO WORSHIP

~ Rev. Susan A. Blain

Holy God,
We long for your peace, and trust in your promise;

**we hear your call to turn
toward you,
to change our lives and
welcome you in.**

Meet us here and fill our minds with your wisdom and our hearts with your peace,

**that our worship together
may open us to the
challenge of your dream of
wholeness for all.**

In the Name of the One who has come to us anew, we pray.

Amen!

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

#123 It Came Upon A Midnight Clear
(vs 1,2,4,5)

GREEK TESTAMENT READING

Luke 2:41-52

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents were unaware of this. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished, and his mother said to him, “Child, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously looking for you.” He said to them, “Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in God’s house?” But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them, and his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years and in divine and human favor.

THEME READING

“Parents can only give good advice or put them on the right paths, but the final forming of a person's character lies in their own hands.” ~ Anne Frank

SPECIAL MUSIC

Wake, Awake! For Night is Flying!
Based on a melody by
Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)
Arr., Dennis Eliot, Steven Schaefer, organ

SERMON

Growing Up and Letting Go
Rev. Scott Dalgarno

CLOSING HYMN

#145 What Child Is This?”

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

Meditation on Of the Father’s Love Begotten Arr., James Southbridge; Based on the 13th century plainsong, “Divinum Mysterium” Steven Schaefer, organ

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.
We belong to God.
We belong to God.
We belong to God

CLOSING HYMN

#119 Hark The Herald Angels Sing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

In Dulci Jubilo Arr., James Pethel;
Based on a 14th century German melody

FELLOWSHIP