

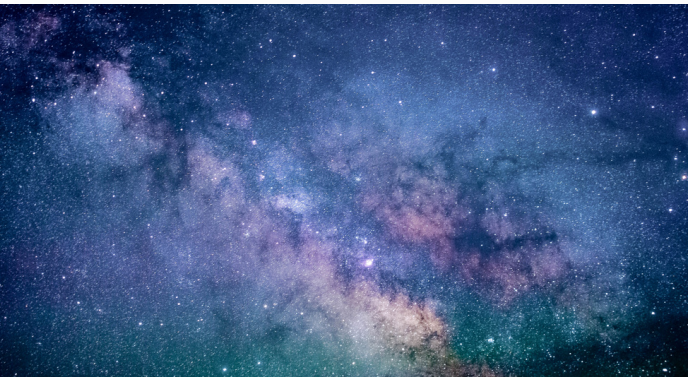


SOUTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 7, 2024

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



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Women's Annual (Christmas) Potluck
Friday, January 12 at 6:00 pm at the home of
Judy Widen
- Congregational Annual Meeting Sunday,
January 28 after Service
- Grief Support Group Wednesdays
at 6:30 pm



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TODAY

The Last Laugh

**Laughter is the sun that drives
winter from the human face.**

~ Victor Hugo

PRELUDE

(NOTE: All Service Music Today will be of a reflective nature for the entering of a New Year. Take time in meditation and reflection of last year's highs and lows for you.)

TUNE: Norwegian Tune, arr. by Marilyn Ham

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Adult Ed TODAY after service. Dr. Eka Tupamahu speaking
- TODAY - Annual Removing of the Greens after Service and Adult Ed
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- Lay Reader: Lizzy Hormann

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

"Anyone who thinks sitting in church can make you a Christian must also think that sitting in a garage can make you a car."
~ Garrison Keillor

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are gathered to worship our God.

Send your Spirit upon us.

We come from many places, with many burdens.

Send your Spirit upon us.

We turn our hearts to you, O God.

Send your Spirit upon us,
and make us your beloved family.

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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

OPENING HYMN

#32

I Sing The Mighty Power of God

GREEK TESTAMENT READING

Mark 1:9-11

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

THEME READING

"The statistics on sanity are that one out of every four people is suffering from a mental illness. Look at your 3 best friends. If they're ok, then it's you."

~ Rita Mae Brown

SPECIAL MUSIC

Nocturne in c#-minor, Opus Posthumous (1830) by Chopin

SERMON

The Last Laugh

Rev. Scott Dalgarno

RESPONSIVE HYMN

#293 Loving Spirit (vs 1,2,3,4 only)

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

Be Still My Soul (Finlandia)

arr. by Lloyd Larson

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.
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CLOSING HYMN

#300

We Are One In The Spirit (vs 1,2,3 only)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Be Thou My Vision, traditional Irish Hymn

FELLOWSHIP