



# SOUTHMINSTER

## Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 17, 2024

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



### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sunday, November 24 at 10 am  
Don's Celebratory Service
- Saturday, November 30 at 9 am  
Hanging of the Greens
- Sunday, December 1 at 11:15 am Advent Fair
- Monday, December 2 at 6 pm  
Women's Christmas Potluck  
at the home of Jeanne Reinhardt
- Saturday, December 7 at 7:30 pm PFS  
concerts presents 'Brightwell & Moran' in the  
Sanctuary
- Sunday, December 8 at 11:20 am Children's  
Christmas Play
- Sunday, December 8 at 2 pm Water to Wine  
Julie and Randy Ray hosting
- Sunday, December 15 at 3 pm Southminster  
Christmas Choir Concert



### STAFF

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# TODAY

## *"Clueless"*

**"Our similarities bring us to a common  
ground; our differences allow us to be  
fascinated by each other."**

**- Tom Robbins novelist, short story  
writer, essayist**



**PRELUDE**  
From Foreign Lands and People, No. 1  
Scenes of Childhood, Op. 15, Robert Schumann

- WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- Please sign friendship pads
  - TODAY at 2 pm Water to Wine gathering at Willamette View
  - Sunday, November 24 at 10 am Don's Celebratory Service followed by a party for him and Kathy with finger food and tributes
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  - Lay Reader: Tom Ingala

**PAUSE FOR REFLECTION**  
“I deal with people in all walks of life, some of whom should have some idea of what they're doing. And they're all clueless. It's astonishing that any bridges stay up, or that planes don't constantly plummet from the sky. It's heartening, in a strange way.” ~ Peter York

**CALL TO WORSHIP**  
We look to the rulers of this earth  
for leadership, wisdom, and strength.

**We look to these bodies of  
ours for stability, fulfillment,  
and joy.**  
We look to families and friends  
for love, compassion, and hope

**When rulers betray,  
when bodies fail,  
and when families disappoint,**  
We have to look beyond ourselves.  
**May this community be for us  
what we need when all else  
fails.**  
O God, our higher power,  
Lift our hearts for these times  
**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.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**  
Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho  
Arr. by Martha Lynn Thompson  
Southminster Handbell Choir

**CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED**

**OPENING HYMN**  
#618  
O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

**HEBREW TESTAMENT READING**  
1 Samuel 1:4-20  
On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters, but to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, “Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?” After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord and wept bitterly. She made this vow: “O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.” As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, “How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.” But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out

my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as worthless, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.” Then Eli answered, “Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made.” And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your sight.” Then the woman went her way and ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer. They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, “I have asked him of the Lord.”

**THEME READING**  
Narcissism falls along the axis of what psychologists call personality disorders, one of a group that includes antisocial, dependent, histrionic, avoidant and borderline personalities. But by most measures, narcissism is one of the worst, if only because the narcissists themselves are so clueless. ~ Jeffrey Kluger

**SPECIAL MUSIC**  
Come, You Thankful People, Come  
Arr. by Mark E. Bloedow  
Sandy Ruff on flute  
Southminster Handbell Choir

**SERMON**  
“Clueless”  
Rev. Scott Dalgarno

**RESPONSIVE HYMN**  
#351 All Who Love and Serve Your City

**CORPORATE PRAYER**  
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.

by Fred F. Keip

**OFFERTORY**  
On Eagle's Wings by Michael Joncas

**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**  
#815 Give To The Winds Thy Fears

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**  
Sing and Rejoice Fanfare –  
Let There Be Peace on Earth  
Brent Pierce – Jill Jackson & Sy Miller

**FELLOWSHIP**

If you would like to contribute to a gift for Don and Kathy Ludwig, you can place a check in the offering plate or drop off a check in the church office. Please designate “Ludwig gift” in the memo line. Contact Vicki Lukich if you have any questions.  
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