

 **SOUTHMINSTER**
Presbyterian Church
Sunday, December 14, 2025

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



What do
you fear?

EVEN IN OUR FEAR, WE
ARE CALLED FORWARD

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Christmas Eve Services**
 - All Ages Candlelight Service at 6 pm
 - Traditional Carol Service at 9 pm
- Wednesday, December 31, from 5-11 pm, FLC New Year's Eve 'All are Welcome' Party in the Petersen Gallery
- Saturday, January 10, PFS Presents Pat Byrne show at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary
- Sunday, January 25, at 11:15 am, Annual Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary

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VENI EMMANUEL 8.8.8.8 with refrain, Plainsong
adapted by Thomas Helmore, 1854



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PRELUDE
Witchcraft by Cy Coleman

- WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- Please sign friendship pads
 - TODAY
 - OWL Parent Session after worship in Rm 7 & 8
 - "Mother of Light" concert at 3 pm at St. Luke Lutheran Church
 - Wednesday, December 24
 - **Christmas Eve**
 - All Ages Candlelight Service at 6 pm
 - Traditional Carol Service at 9 pm
 - Wednesday, December 31, from 5-11 pm, FLC New Year's Eve 'All are Welcome' Party in the Petersen Gallery
 - Lay Reader: Gary Martenson
 - Candle Lighting: Standish Family

CALL TO WORSHIP
Jeremiah said, "I am only a boy."
Moses said,
"Who am I to do this work?"
Mary said, "How can this be?"
We often say,
"But God, I am afraid."
Even when we are afraid,
God invites us closer.
So may we trust the Inviter.
May we heed God's invitation.
May we summon our
courage and sing God's praise.
Let us worship our courageous, inviting,
calling God. Amen!

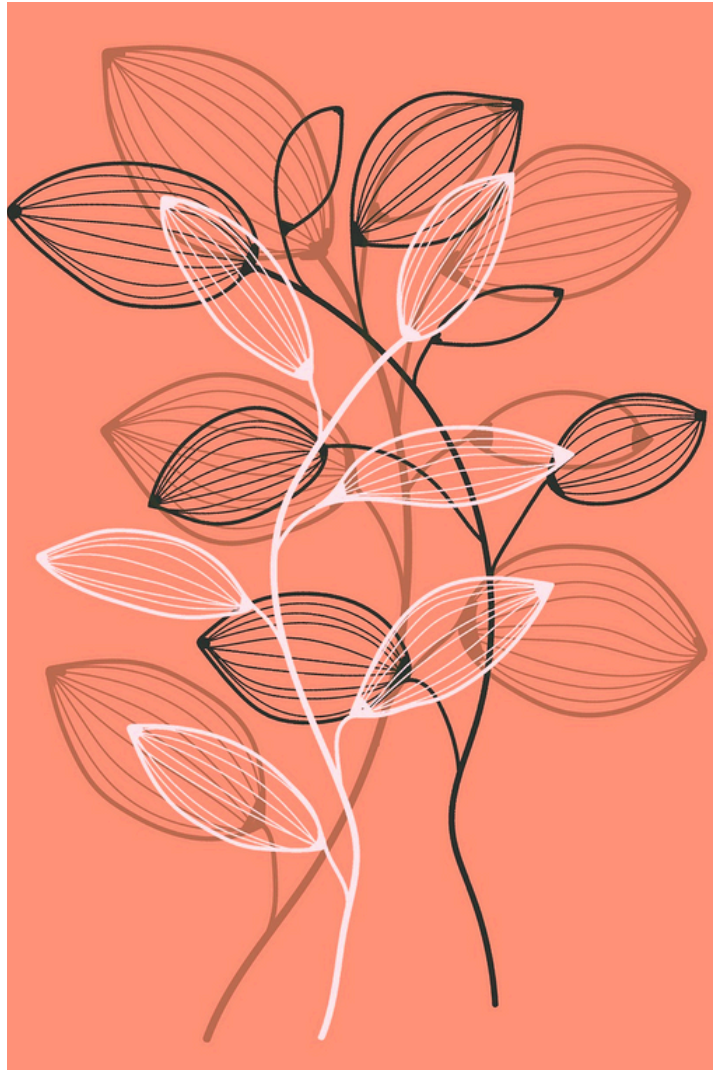
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

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.

OPENING HYMN
O Come, Take Heart
To the tune of O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

CHILDREN'S TIME
Children and youth are dismissed.

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Jeremiah 1:4-10
Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy,' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."



Luke 1:26-39
In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

SPECIAL MUSIC
Magnificat III. et Misericordia
Antonio Vivaldi

SERMON
What do you fear?
Even in our fear, we are called forward
Rev. Karin Kennedy Hejmanowski

RESPONSIVE SONG
#88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
(vs. 1, 2, and 6)

CORPORATE PRAYER

OFFERTORY
Still, Still, Still, arr. by Norman Luboff

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
We have seen the valley.
We have seen a sky without stars.
We have seen the longest night,
and still we believe.
We believe in a with-us God.
We believe in the hope of tomorrow.
So even when our knees shake,
even when our voice trembles,
even when fear is all around us,
we will hold onto that good news.
We will reach for each other.
We will look for God in our midst.
We will sing songs of joy.
We will proclaim:
Unto us, love is born.
We have seen the longest night,
and we have seen unimaginable love.
So still, we believe. Amen.

CLOSING SONG
#94 Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
Ave Maria by Franz Schubert
Arr. by Stephen DeCesare

FELLOWSHIP