

Sunday, December 7, 2025

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



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Tuesday, December 9, at 6 pm,
Southminster Women's Christmas Party
at the home of Joanne Wakeland.
- Wednesday, December 24,
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
Petersen Gallery
- Saturday, January 10 PFS Presents
Pat Byrne show at 7:30 pm in the
Sanctuary

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Something in the Water by T. Denise Anderson, Inspired by Isaiah 43:19-21



PRELUDE
Let it Snow!, Let it Snow!, Let it Snow!
By Jule Styne

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please sign friendship pads
- TODAY at 11:15 am, Congregational Advent Fair in the Petersen Gallery
- Monday, December 8, at 9 am, Coffee with Karin at Starbucks in Tigard
- Saturday, December 13, at 3 pm, Southminster All Choirs Concert in the Sanctuary. Doors open at 2:30 pm.
- Sunday, December 14, at 11:15 am OWL Parent Informational Session for 4th-6th grades in Rooms 7 & 8
- Sunday, December 14, show at 3 pm "Mother of Light" concert at St. Luke Lutheran Church
- Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

- All Ages Candlelight Service at 6 pm
- Traditional Carol Service at 9 pm
- Lay Reader: Janet Cruz
- Candle Lighting: Mouzong Family

CALL TO WORSHIP
Family of faith, God is at work!
God is healing and creating,
redeeming and dreaming,
calling and sending,
listening and loving.
Yes, indeed, God is at work!
So may we worship our God who never gives up.
May we worship our God who holds onto hope.
Amen!
Liturgy by Rev. Sarah Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH
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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
Looking Out a Prison Window
To the tune of Once In Royal David's City
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CHILDREN'S TIME
Children and youth are dismissed.

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Isaiah 43:19-21
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth;
do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches,
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

SCRIPTURE READINGS CONTINUED
Matthew 11:1-11
Now when Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and proclaim his message in their cities. When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with a skin disease are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What, then, did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

CHORAL ANTHEM
Magnificat I
(My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord)
by Antonio Vivaldi

SERMON
When we're running out of hope,
God is at work
Rev Karin Kennedy Hejmanowski

RESPONSIVE SONG
#91 Come, Come, Emmanuel

OFFERTORY
We Three Kings
Arr. By Aron Racho
Aron and Samuel Racho, Guitar

COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GUIDANCE

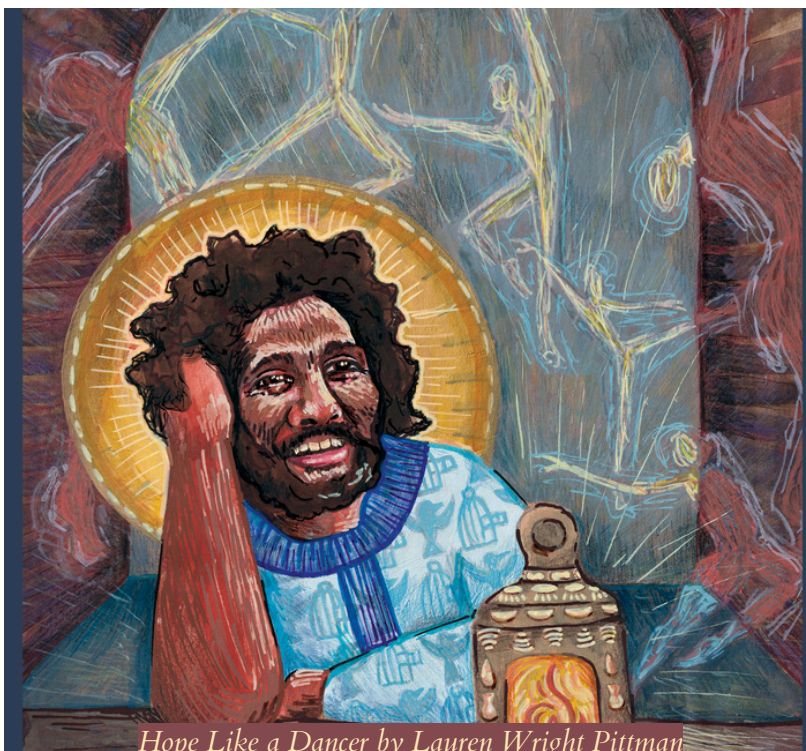
SERVING OF THE ELEMENTS
#87 Comfort, Comfort Now My People

CLOSING SONG
#205 Ubi Caritas (sung three times)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
Clair de Lune by Claude Debussy

FELLOWSHIP
Stay for our annual Advent fair.



Hope Like a Dancer by Lauren Wright Pittman