



CHRISTMAS BASKET TIME

We are again partnering with Vose Elementary School to provide some holiday cheer for their families. They have asked us to provide the following items for 25-30 Christmas baskets:

- board games
- hot chocolate packets
- throws/afghans
- socks
- books
- They would also like to include \$25 gift cards from Fred Meyer, Target or Walmart in the baskets.

Please bring any of these items you wish to donate to church by December 5. (We will have tables set up in the gallery to receive your donations.)

We are also partnering with **Family Promise** this year to provide Christmas gifts for about 13 families. They will get specific requests to us by December 5. We will have gift tags available for you to take and shop for those families as soon as they get the information to us.

If you would rather make a monetary donation to either of these outreach programs, please get your check to the church office by December 5 and we will do the shopping for you!

Your Mission Committee is looking forward to making lots of Christmas wishes come true with all of your help.

SAVE THE DATE:
ADVENT FAIR IS SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 5th at 11:00am



SOUTHMINSTER

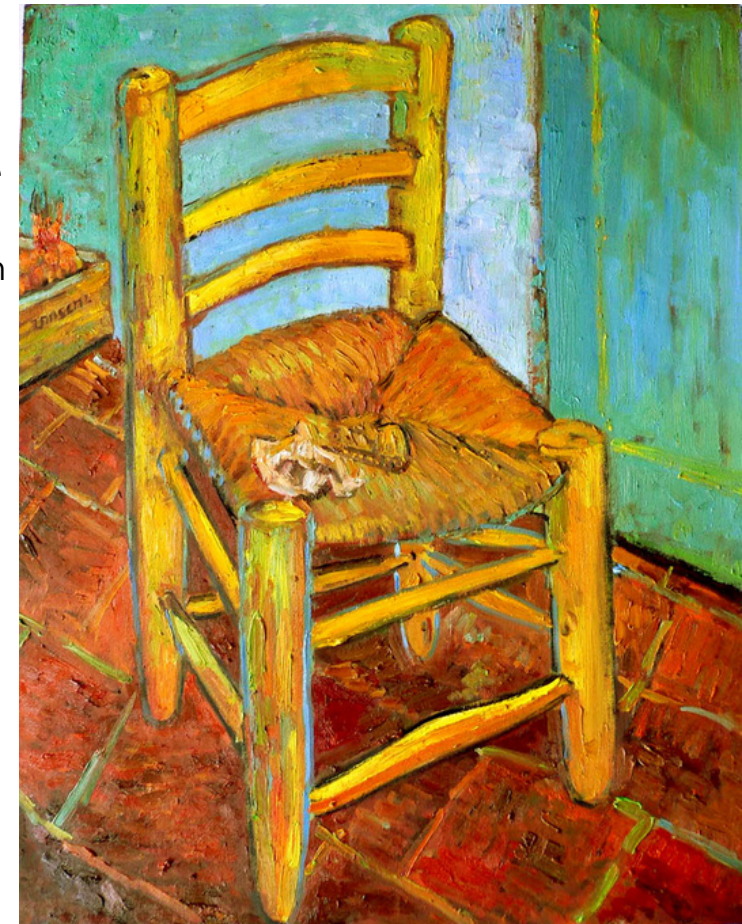
Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 28, 2021

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

Managing Un-Expectations

Van Gogh's Chair with its straw-covered seat is a simple, rustic piece of furniture, reflecting how the artist saw himself, as a modest man. The objects on the seat are very personal, suggestive of Van Gogh's reflective personality: his pipe and tobacco pouch. Smoking was his constant pleasure, helping him to relax. The picture can therefore almost be seen as a self-portrait. The significance of the curious, signed box at the back, apparently filled with sprouting onions, remains an enigma.



Chair was created in 1888 by Dutch artist Vincent van Gogh.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*For those who are able, please stand

- Please sign Friendship Pads.
- Sunday Starter: December 5, 12 & 19: Exploring the Christmas Stories. Join us online or in person.
- Christmas Basket season is here! Please bring donations to church by Sunday, December 5
- Save the date for Advent Fair: Sunday, December 5 after service.

STEWARDSHIP 2022

CENTERING & LIGHTING CANDLES

Lay Reader: Calvin Taylor
Choir Director: Steven Schaefer
Pianist: Kenn Willson
Candlelighters: The Standish Family

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

Stephanie Paulsell

"Advent trains us to keep our eyes on the horizon and let what we see in the distance shape how we respond to what we see up close."

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

Now is the season
when we celebrate
how the creator
of camels and dolphins,
of sparrows and lambs,
of cedars and willows,
of roses and dandelions,

of locust and wild honey,
of mountains and rivers,
of winds and rains,
of moons and stars,
came to live among us.
Help us be alert so as not to miss this marvelous entry.
This is the One whose mercy shines into the dark corners of life.
Who comes to embrace with righteousness and love
Those who have been left out,
Those whose hearts have been broken,
Those who have been oppressed,
That their tears may blossom into joy.

CANDLELIGHTING HYMN

While We Are Waiting, Come #92
(please don't sing in the sanctuary without a singers' mask)

OPENING HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #88
(please don't sing in the sanctuary without a singers' mask)

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Children are dismissed, youth remain in worship.

GREEK TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 24:36-44

"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking,

marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

THEME READING

Frederick Buechner on Advent

"Democracy is not a state. It is an act, and each generation must do its part to help build what we call the Beloved Community, a nation and world society at peace with itself."

SERMON

Managing Un-Expectations
Rev. Scott Dalgarno

RESPONSIVE HYMN

My Lord, What A Morning #352
(please don't sing in the sanctuary without a singers' mask)

PASTORAL PRAYER

CORPORATE PRAYER

a transliteration of the Jesus Prayer

Oh Thou, from whom the breath of life comes, who fills all realms of sound, light and vibration. May Your light be experienced in our hearts.
Your Heavenly Domain approaches. Let Your will come true - in the universe and on earth. Give us wisdom for our daily needs, detach the fetters of faults that bind us, as we do our best to let go of the guilt of others.
Let us not be lost in superficial things, but let us be freed from that which keeps us from our true purpose. From You comes the all-working will, the lively strength to act, the song that beautifies all and renews itself from age to age. Sealed in trust, faith and truth, confirm it in this, your community.

OFFERTORY

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 SONG

Soon and Very Soon #384
(please don't sing in the sanctuary without a singers' mask)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE