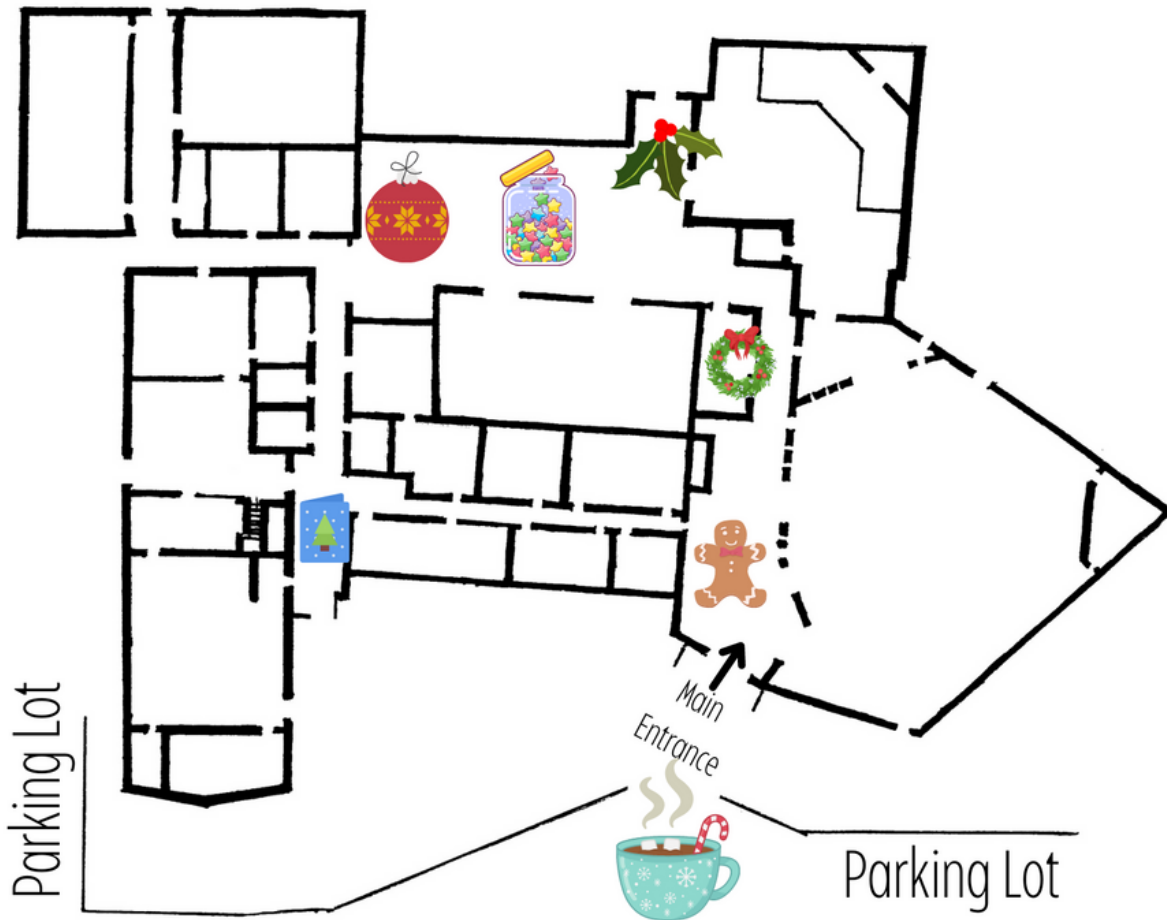


SOUTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S
advent fair



Sunday, December 5, 2021

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



"We Work While We Wait"

Vincent van Gogh spent one year in a mental hospital in Saint-Rémy-de-Provence. Despite his unstable mental health, he was very productive: he made about 150 paintings in a year, including this one, Country Road in Provence By Night. He worked prolifically while he waited for his mental health to be restored. This is not an existing landscape, but instead composed at his own discretion.



Just in Time!



The Reopening Task Force has ok'd singing in the sanctuary - with masks of course! Just in time for carols and Christmas Eve!



Hot Chocolate & Coffee
 (outside under tent)



Cornflake Wreaths
 (kitchen)



Christmas Ornaments
 (Petersen "Holy Grounds"
 coffee tables)



Family Promise "Christmas
 Gift" Booth & Jar Guess
 (middle Petersen gallery)



Cookie Decorations
 (sanctuary narthex)



Greenery Wreath Making
 (Petersen corner)



Christmas Cards & Boxes
 (children's wing narthex)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*For those who are able, please stand

- Sunday Starter in December: Nativity Story.
- Thank for your generosity filling our Vose Christmas Baskets. We are still seeking children's socks, books, and gift cards.
- Family Promise is seeking gift cards and afghans/throws for 15 families.
- Family Promise is also looking for help with two meals. See Diane Bender for details.
- Advent Fair is TODAY!

STEWARDSHIP 2022

CENTERING & LIGHTING CANDLES

Lay Reader: Vicki March
Choir Director: Steven Schaefer
Pianist: Kenn Willson
Candlelighters: The Taylor Family

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

Vincent van Gogh

“One must spoil as many canvases as one succeeds with.”

LITANY FOR THE LIGHTING OF THE 2ND ADVENT CANDLE

Joanna Harader

We come to prepare the way;
The way for the infant Jesus – the hope of God,

We await the peace of Christ to enter our world, to enter our hearts.

We cry out together in the wilderness:

The reign of heaven has come near.

We come to be part of the light– the light that shines in the darkness.

CANDLELIGHTING HYMN

While We Are Waiting, Come #92

*OPENING HYMN

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus #37

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Children are dismissed, youth remain in worship.

GREEK TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make God’s paths straight.”

Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair, and a leather girdle around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then went out to him Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sad'ducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who

warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit that befits repentance, and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but God who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry; God will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. God’s winnowing fork is in God’s hand, and God will clear his threshing floor and gather God’s wheat into the granary, but the chaff God will burn with unquenchable fire..”

THEME READING

Nelson Mandela

“I am fundamentally an optimist. Whether that comes from nature or nurture, I cannot say. Part of being optimistic is keeping one’s head pointed toward the sun, one’s feet moving forward. There were many dark moments when my faith in humanity was sorely tested, but I would not and could not give myself up to despair. That way lays defeat and death.”

SPECIAL MUSIC CHANCEL CHOIR

Carols Around (And a Round)
arr. by Carl J. Nygard
Directed by Steven Schaefer
Pianist, Kenn Willson

SERMON

We Work While We Wait
Rev. Scott Dalgarno

RESPONSIVE HYMN

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies
#662

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table
Words of Institution

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

Kenn Willson

CLOSING SONG

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout
#100

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE