

SOUTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

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

TODAY

A Celebration of the First Christmas

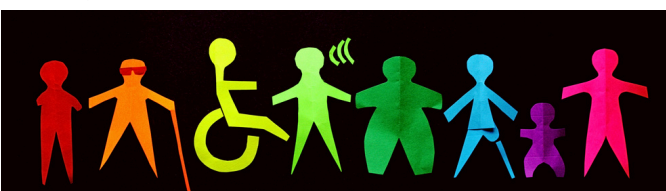


SENDING CAROL

Joy to the World #134 (vs 1&3)

Joy to the world, the Lord is come
Let Earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And Heaven and nature sing
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And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
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far as, far as the curse is found.

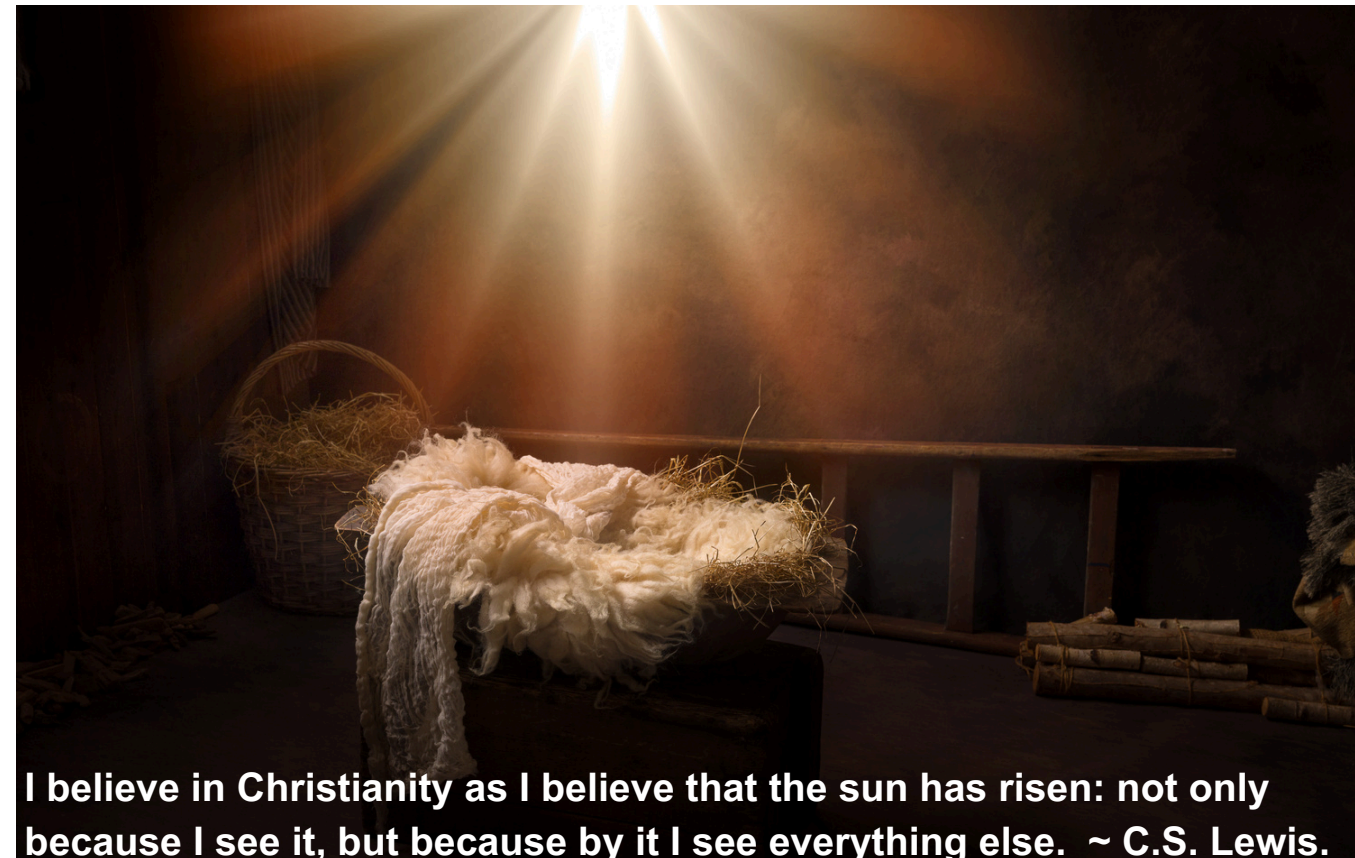


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I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else. ~ C.S. Lewis.

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, J.S. Bach
Performed by Michael Hawkins

WELCOME

Rev. C. Bunny Oliver

- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service tonight at 9 pm
- Acolytes: Amelia Standish, Kai Massoni, Keli'i Fernandez, Dory Roberts, and Norrie Decker-Quam
- Wreath Lighting: Mullins Family

PROCESSION OF THE CRECHE

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

We've made our way through Advent by lighting candles and charting our course by the star of love.

Once again we light the first candle and call it COURAGE

We light the second candle and call it JOY

We light the third candle and call it PEACE

We light the fourth candle and call it DREAMS

And tonight we light the Christ candle and call it LOVE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Read by Keli'i Fernandez
(Poem from Ann Weems)

Each year the Child is born again
Each year some new heart
finally hears

finally sees
finally knows love.

**And in heaven
there is great rejoicing!
There is a festival of stars!
There is celebration among
the angels!**

For in the finding of one lost sheep,
The heart of the Shepherd is glad, and
Christmas has happened once more.

**The Child is born anew
And one more knee is
bowed.**

CAROL

O Come All Ye Faithful #133 (vs 1, 3, & 4)

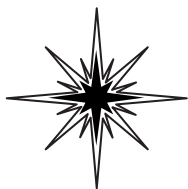
O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant;
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold him,
born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels;
sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all
glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

FIRST LESSON

Selections from Isaiah Dory Roberts



CAROL

Angels We Have Heard on High #113

Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

SECOND LESSON

Selections from Luke 1 Amelia Standish

CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem #121 (vs 1, 2, & 3)

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king,
and peace to all on earth.

How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

THIRD LESSON Selections from Luke 2
Norrie Decker-Quam

SPECIAL MUSIC

Fire in the Dark By Aron Racho
Performed by Aron & Samuel Racho

STORY - The First Miracle

GIFTS RECEIVED & GIFTS SHARED

OFFERTORY

Violin Partita No. 2 in D minor, 1. Alamande,
by J.S. Bach
Noe Spencer, violin

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Rev. Scott Dalgarno

SERVICE OF LIGHT

SPECIAL MUSIC

O Holy Night
Performed by Gabi Marcus, soloist

CANDLE LIGHTING

CANDLELIGHT CAROL

Silent Night #122
Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

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