



SOUTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 15, 2024

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



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sunday, December 22 at 11:15 am
Fred Meyer Rewards sign-up in
Petersen Gallery
- Tuesday, December 24 at 5 pm
Christmas Eve Family Service
- Tuesday, December 24 at 9 pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- Tuesday, December 31 from 6 - 10 pm
Murder Mystery Event at SPC



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TODAY
Peace That
Guards Our Hearts

“You find peace not by rearranging the circumstances of your life, but by realizing who you are at the deepest level.”

- Eckhart Tolle, author

PRELUDE

Carol of the Drum
by Katherine K. Davis

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please sign friendship pads
- TODAY at 3 pm Southminster Christmas Choir Concert
- Sunday, December 22 at 11:15 am Fred Meyer Rewards sign-up in Petersen Gallery
- Tuesday, December 24 at 5 pm Christmas Eve Family Service
- Tuesday, December 24 at 9 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- Tuesday, December 31 from 6 - 10 pm at Southmin: Murder Mystery Event! Sign up today after worship with Chris Mouzong
- Minute for Mission:
 - Christmas Joy Offering
- Acolytes: Norrie Decker-Quam, Kai Massoni, Odyssey Townsley, Trekker Townsley, and Keli'i Fernandez
- Lay Reader: Katie Standish
- Candle Lighting: Standish Family

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

“Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage.”
~ Lao Tzu

PROCESSION OF THE CRECHE



CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, and set lights in the sky — sun and moon and stars.

By these stars, our ancestors charted their journeys.

By these stars, they knew God was with them.

Today we light three candles to bring the fire of the stars down from heaven to earth, to nestle among the greens.

We name the first candle, Courage.
(Light the first candle.)

We name the second candle, Joy.
(Light the second candle.)

We name the third candle, Peace.
(Light the third candle.)

We too are on a journey, and we do not always know the way.

But we chart our path by the star of Peace. Even when worry is all around us and despair seems the order of the day,

We set our face steadily towards the light.

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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children's Handbell Choir
Children and youth are dismissed.

OPENING HYMN

#88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
(vs 1,2,6,7)

GREEK TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 4:4-9
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all people know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, friends, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

THEME READING

“It's so hard to forget pain, but it's even harder to remember sweetness. We have no scar to show for happiness. We learn so little from peace.”
~ Chuck Palahniuk, Diary

SPECIAL MUSIC

Bethlehem
by J. Edmund Hughes and
Mary Ellen Loose
Cello, Jerry Bobby
Piano, Isaac Hoffman

SERMON

Peace That Guards Our Hearts
Philippians 4:4-9
Rev. Scott Dalgarno

RESPONSIVE HYMN

#108 Of the [Creator's] Love Begotten
(1,2,3,5 only)

CORPORATE PRAYER

Indwelling God,
infused throughout all existence,
we honor you with many names.
Your realm is within the human heart.
We accept life for all that it can be,
on earth as throughout all creation.
May we continue to draw sustenance from this earth,
and may we receive forgiveness equal to our own.
May we ever move from separation toward union,
to live in grace, with love in our hearts,
forever and ever.
Amen.

by Fred F. Keip

OFFERTORY

I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In
arr. Jon Schmidt

DOXOLOGY

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 HYMN

#121 O Little Town of Bethlehem

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sing and Rejoice Fanfare –
Let There Be Peace on Earth
Brent Pierce – Jill Jackson & Sy Miller

FELLOWSHIP

Please join us at 3 pm for our Southminster Christmas Choir Concert