



**SOUTHMINSTER**

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 22, 2024

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

**TODAY**

*“Mary  
Had a  
Dream and  
Sang It”*



***I wake up to the sound of music, mother Mary comes to me,  
speaking words of wisdom, let it be, let it be, .....***

- Paul McCartney



### DATES TO REMEMBER

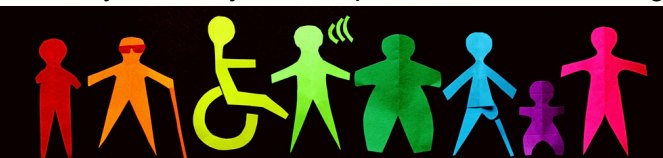
- Tuesday, December 24 at 5 pm  
Christmas Eve Family Service
- Tuesday, December 24 at 9 pm  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- Tuesday, December 31 from 6 - 10 pm  
Murder Mystery Event at SPC
- Sunday, January 5 after service  
Unhanging of the Greens
- Thursday, January 9 at 8 am Men's Breakfast  
reconvenes at NEW location
- Saturday, January 11 at 7 pm PFS present  
'Fadin' by 9' concert in Sanctuary
- Sunday, January 12 at 2 pm Water to Wine
- Friday, January 17 at 6 pm Mariners Gathering

### STAFF

Senior Pastor: Rev. Scott Dalgarno  
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## PRELUDE

Christmas Prayer by Engelbert Humperdinck,  
arr. Arthur Zepp

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please sign friendship pads
- TODAY 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!
- Sunday, January 5 after service Unhanging of the Greens
- Thursday, January 9 at 8 am Men's Breakfast reconvenes at NEW location
- Saturday, January 11 at 7 pm PFS presents 'Fadin' by 9' concert in Sanctuary
- Sunday, January 12 at 2 pm Water to Wine host TBD
- Friday, January 17 at 6 pm Mariners Gathering host TBD
- Minute for Mission:
  - Christmas Joy Offering
- Acolytes: Kai Massoni, Norrie Decker-Quam, Dory Roberts, Amelia Standish, and Keli'i Fernandez
- Lay Reader: Shannon McCurry
- Candle Lighting: McCurry Family

## PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

"One good thing about music, when it hits you, you feel no pain." ~ Bob Marley

## 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 four 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 name this candle Dreams.

(Light the fourth candle.)

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

But we chart our path by the star of love.

Even when sharp words rattle in our ears, and our hearts sit cold and numb,

**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 and youth are dismissed.

## OPENING HYMN

#133 O Come, All Ye Faithful

## GREEK TESTAMENT READING

Luke 1:39-53

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary sang, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for God has looked with favor on the lowly state of God's servant. Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is God's name; indeed, God's mercy is for those who fear God from generation to generation. God has shown strength with God's arm; God has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. God has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; God has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

## THEME READING

"Music expresses that which cannot be put into words and that which cannot remain silent"  
~ Victor Hugo

## SPECIAL MUSIC

## SERMON

"Mary Had a Dream and Sang It"  
Rev. Scott Dalgarno

## RESPONSIVE HYMN

#144 In The Bleak Midwinter

## 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

Doctor Gradus ad Parnassum  
Claude Debussy

## 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

#119 Hark The Herald Angels Sing

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

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

## FELLOWSHIP