



SOUTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 29, 2024

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

TODAY

Jesus in 5th Grade



DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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 presents
'Fadin' by 9' concert in Sanctuary
- Sunday, January 12 at 2 pm
Water to Wine
- Friday, January 17 at 6 pm
Mariners Gathering

STAFF

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Use the strength of repetition to create a solid foundation of hope that will help you stand against the storms.- Kathryn Lang



PRELUDE

Adagio from Concerto
in D minor, BWV 974,
Bach | Marcello

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please sign friendship pads
- The office is closed until New Years
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- Lay Reader: MaryAnn Eggert
- Candlelighting: McCurry Family

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

“The story of my recent life.’ I like that phrase. It makes more sense than ‘the story of my life’, because we get so many lives between birth and death. A life to be a child. A life to come of age. A life to wander, to settle, to fall in love, to parent, to test our promise, to realize our mortality- and in some lucky cases, to do something after that realization.” - Mitch Albom

CALL TO WORSHIP

Glory to God in the highest!

And hope to every discouraged heart.

Glory to God in the highest!

And peace to every conflicted soul.

Glory to God in the highest!

And joy to every downcast spirit.

Glory to God in the highest!

And love to everyone.

Let us sing praises to our God.

Let us offer this light against the darkness.

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

#119 Hark The Herald Angels Sing

GREEK TESTAMENT READING

Luke 2: 41-51

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents were unaware of this. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished, and his mother said to him, “Child, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously looking for you.” He said to them, “Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?” But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them, and his mother treasured all these things in her heart.

THEME READING

“To be the father of growing daughters is to understand something of what Yeats evokes with his imperishable phrase ‘terrible beauty.’ Nothing can make one so happily exhilarated or so frightened: it's a solid lesson in the limitations of self to realize that your heart is running around inside someone else's body. It also makes me quite astonishingly calm at the thought of death: I know whom I would die to protect and I also understand that nobody but a lugubrious serf can possibly wish for a father who never goes away.”

- Christopher Hitchens

SPECIAL MUSIC

Benedictus

From The Armed Man: A Mass For Peace

Karl Jenkins

Michael Hawkins - Piano

SERMON

Jesus in 5th Grade

Rev. Scott Dalgarno

RESPONSIVE HYMN

#110 Love Has Come



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

Pure Spirit

Steve Allee

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.
We belong to God.
We belong to God.
We belong to God.

CLOSING HYMN

#113 Angels We Have Heard On High

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

FELLOWSHIP