

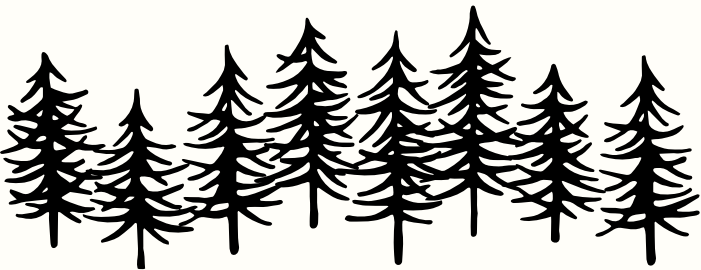


SOUTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 8, 2024

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



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sunday, December 8 at 2 pm Water to Wine
Julie and Randy Ray hosting
- Sunday, December 15 at 3 pm
Southminster Christmas Choir Concert
- Tuesday, December 24 at 5 pm
Christmas Eve Family Service
- Tuesday, December 24 at 9 pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



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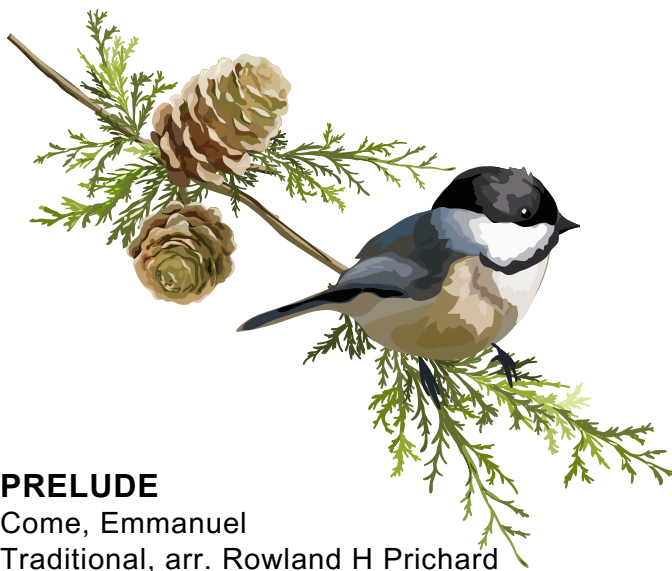
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TODAY
Joy to the
Whirled

"Joy is increased by spreading it to others"
– Robert Murray McCheyne,
minister in the Church of Scotland from 1835 to 1843



PRELUDE

Come, Emmanuel
Traditional, arr. Rowland H Prichard

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please sign friendship pads
- TODAY
 - Children's Christmas Play after service
 - Water to Wine at 2 pm Julie and Randy Ray are hosting
- Sunday, December 15 at 3 pm
Southminster Christmas Choir Concert
- NO December Mariners Gathering
- 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
- Acolytes: Dory Roberts, Amelia Standish, Trekker Townsley, Kai Massoni, and Odyssey Townsley
- Lay Reader: Chris Mouzong
- Candle Lighting: Mouzong Family

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.”
~ Winston S. Churchill

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 two candles to bring the fire of the stars down from heaven to earth, to nestle among the greens.

We named the first candle, Courage.

(Light the first candle.)

We name this second candle, Joy.

(Light the second 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 violence and fear are raging and peace seems like a pipedream,

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SPECIAL MUSIC

Carol of the Bells
Arr. Cathy Moklebust
Southminster Handbell Choir

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children and youth are dismissed.

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.

OPENING HYMN

#82 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



GREEK TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 1:3-10a

I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what really matters.

THEME READING

“Sometimes your joy is the source of your smile, but sometimes your smile can be the source of your joy.” ~ Thich Nhat Hanh

SPECIAL MUSIC

Still, Still, Still
Arr. Sandra Eithun
Southminster Handbell Choir

SERMON

Joy to the Whirled
Rev. Scott Dalgarno

RESPONSIVE HYMN

#129 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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

Joy to the World, Arr. By Bill Wolaver

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

#100 My Soul Cries Out With a Joyful Shout
(vs 1,2,3 only)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

FELLOWSHIP

Please stay for lunch and
the Children's Nativity Play