



SOUTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 5, 2025

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

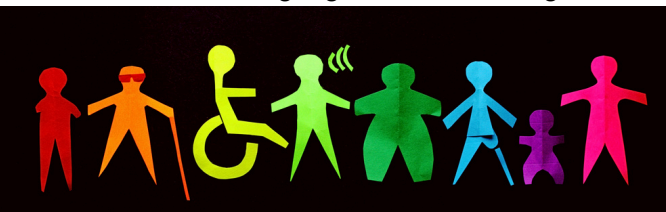
TODAY

“By Another Way”



DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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 9 am Sunday Starters in Room 7
- Friday, January 17 at 6 pm Mariners Gathering at the home of Dave Pierce and Michael Hawkins
- Sunday, January 26 at 11:15 am Annual Congregational Meeting

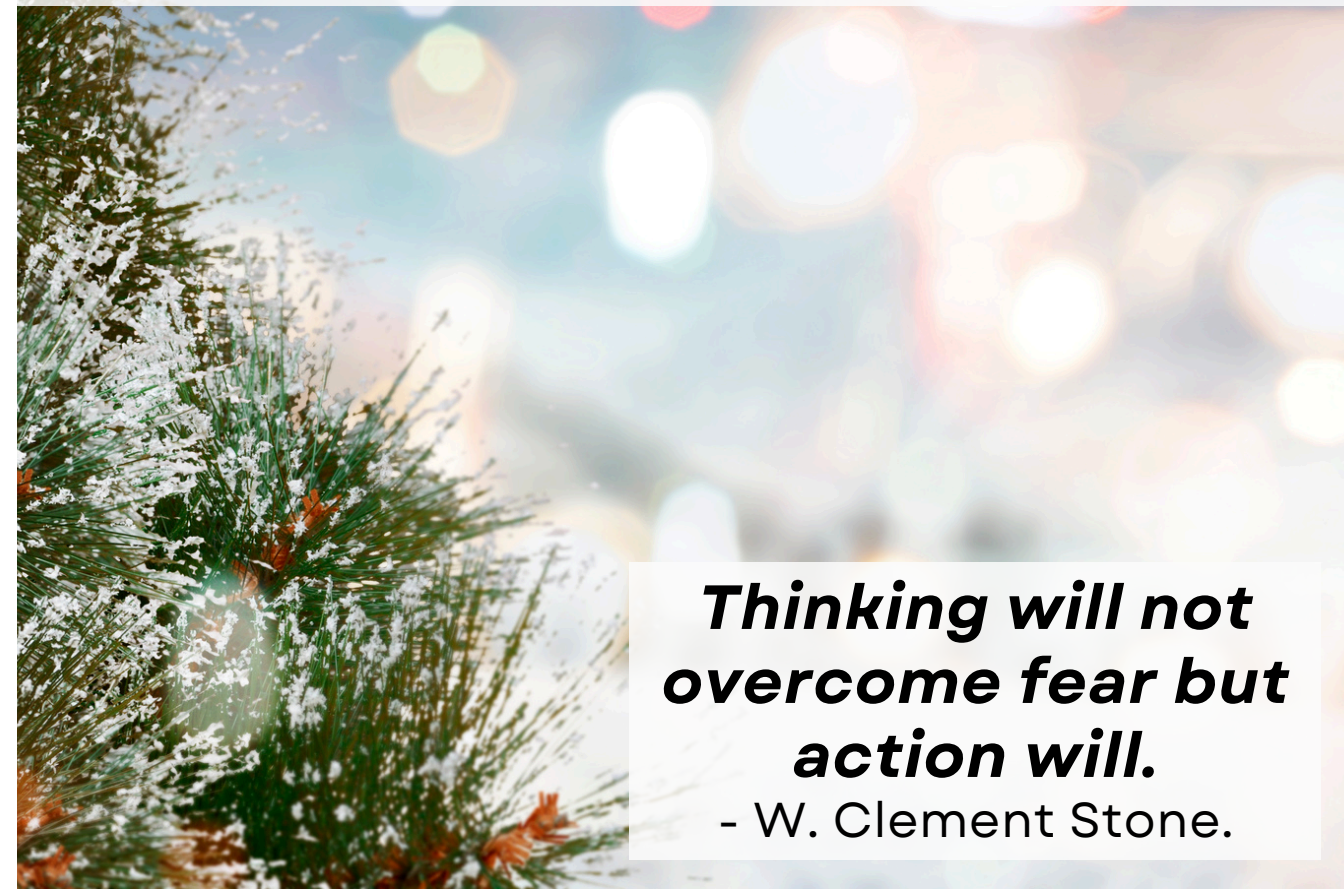


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Thinking will not overcome fear but action will.

- W. Clement Stone.

PRELUDE

Fantasia Impromptu, Frederic Chopin

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TODAY after service
Unhanging of the Greens
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- Lay Reader: Mark Mullins

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

"I have one life and one chance to make it count for something. I'm free to choose that something ... my faith demands that I do whatever I can, wherever I can, whenever I can, for as long as I can."

~ Jimmy Carter

CALL TO WORSHIP

Light! Light, light and more light!
Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of God has risen upon you.

**Nations shall come to
your light, and kings to the
brightness of your rising.**

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem,
wise men came from the East, saying:
Where is he who is born king of the
Jews?

**For we have seen his star
in the East, and have come
to worship him.**

Light, Light

Light!

— Bruce Prewer

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

#151 We Three Kings (vs 1,2,4,5 only)

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children and youth are dismissed.

GREEK TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another way.

THEME READING

"I say to you quite frankly that the time for racial discrimination is over. The test of a government is not how popular it is with the powerful and privileged few, but how honestly and fairly it deals with the many who must depend upon it."

~ Jimmy Carter

- *Inaugural address as
Governor of Georgia (1971)*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Someone to Watch Over Me
by George and Ira Gershwin

SERMON

"By Another Way"

Rev. Scott Dalgarno

RESPONSIVE HYMN

#160 A Stable Lamp Is Lighted



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

Afternoon in Paris, Benny Golson

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.
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CLOSING HYMN

#152 What Star Is This with Beams So Bright

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

FELLOWSHIP