

Summerville Presbyterian Church
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First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2014
"Preparing the Way: God Is Near"

Peace be to you and grace from him
Who freed us from our sin, who loved us all, and shed his blood
That we might saved be.
Sing holy, holy to our Lord
The Lord almighty God Who was and is, and is to come.

Rejoice in heaven,
all ye that dwell therein
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below
For Christ is coming soon.
E'en so Lord Jesus quickly come
And night shall be no more
They need no light, no lamp, nor sun
For Christ will be their all!

WELCOME. We are a compassionate Christian community fostering a personal connection with God for people of all ages and expressing God's love through worship, education, mission, music and fellowship.

We're glad to gather together as a community of faith today. No matter where you are on the journey of faith, you are welcome here to join in worship and service. If you are new to this community of faith, we rejoice in your presence with us. Remember, we're not strangers, but rather friends who journey together, following the Lord Jesus Christ. If you are a newcomer, we invite you to sign the pew pad.

PLEASE turn off all cellular phones, pagers and watch alarms during worship. Please refrain from using flash photography during the worship service.

CHILD CARE is available on the lower level for infants/toddlers . Two child-care attendants staff the infant/toddler room. If you are able to assist in the care of our children, please contact the church office.

LARGE PRINT BIBLES are available from the ushers upon request. Please return the Bible to the ushers after the service. **HEARING ASSISTANCE** devices are available from the ushers or the audio/video console at the rear of the sanctuary.

MISS A WORSHIP SERVICE? Services are recorded every week. A CD-R is available upon request by contacting the church office at 342-4242.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE about Summerville Presbyterian Church or becoming a member here...call the church office for details at 342-4242.

Note: ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH (AFTER ANNOUNCEMENTS) WILL BE BY THE FRONT DOOR AND ONTARIO VIEW STREET ONLY!

Rev. Mouser can be reached at home at 519-5280,
or by email at pastorcarson@summervillechurch.org

Greeter: _____

Usher: Karen Angold

Youth Greeter: Eric Leavitt

All are invited to a time of refreshment and conversation immediately following worship, hosted today by Bill Carter. Join us for **ADULT FORUM** for a Career Panel on Media and Communication. Abby Birmingham, Video Manager at Fathom, and Todd Hayes, Chief Photographer from Channel 10 News, will be our presenters this morning.

Order of Worship

***those who are able, please stand**

*GATHERING HYMN No. 189
"Savior of the Nations, Come"

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KOMM

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, REGISTRATION of ATTENDANCE

SILENT PRAYER

O God of Israel, with expectant hearts we your people await Christ's coming. As once he came in humility, so now may he come in glory, making all things perfect in your everlasting kingdom. Amen.

PRELUDE  "Invention"

JUSTIN

JARAMILLO

CALL TO WORSHIP

JIM DEVOE

L: This is the season of holy waiting.

P: We wait for the day when swords are transformed into plowshares.

L: We watch for the day when the ways of war are exchanged for the ways of peace.

P: We wait in the shadows for the Light of the World to appear.

L: Come, let us walk in the light of God!

*HYMN No. 196 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

MENDELSSOHN

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE—"Come and Fill Our Hearts"

Come and fill our hearts with your peace,

You alone, O Lord, are Holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace,

Alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

God's love is so amazing because it is out of this steadfast love that God reaches out to embrace us as beloved sons and daughters coming home, assuring us we can tell the truth about our need of grace. Pray with me.

PRAYER of CONFESSION (UNISON)

JIM DE VOE

God who is with us, and God who is on the way, we confess that we do not wait or watch for you. Works of darkness encumber and distract us. Petty jealousies, hard quarrels, ambitions rooted in selfish desires- they command our attention. We have ceased to hope for peace and harmony among the nations or for security apart from the defenses we construct. We hear your promises, Lord, but dare not trust them. God of power and love, awaken us to hope and fit us for your coming, so we may watch for you with confidence and joy.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

L: Who is in a position to condemn? Are You? Am I? No. Only Christ.

P: And Christ was born for us. Christ lived for us. Christ died for us. Christ reigns in power for us. Christ prays for us.

L: Believe the good news that in Christ we are forgiven and be at peace.

GLORIA



ANTONIO VIVALDI

Gloria, Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo

PASSING the PEACE

OLD TESTAMENT RESPONSIVE READING

JIM DE VOE

L: For the time is coming, says the Lord, when I will place a righteous Branch upon King David's throne.

P: He shall be a King who shall rule with wisdom and justice and cause righteousness to prevail everywhere throughout the earth. And this is his name: The Lord, our Righteousness.

L: For unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder.

P: These will be his royal titles: Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

L: His ever-expanding, peaceful government will never end. He will rule with perfect fairness and justice from the throne of his father, David.

P: He will bring true justice and peace to all the nations of the world. This is going to happen, because the Lord of Heaven has dedicated himself to do it!

L: The royal line of David will be cut off, chopped down like a tree, but from the stump will grow a shoot, yes, a new branch from the old root.

P: And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel and might; the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

L: His delight will be obedience to the Lord. He will not judge by appearance, false evidence, or hearsay, but will defend the poor and the exploited.

P: He will rule against the wicked who oppress them. For he will be clothed with fairness and truth.

L: And Christ became a human being and lived here on Earth among us and was full of loving faithfulness and truth.

P: And some of us have seen his glory, the glory of the only Son of the heavenly Father.

SILENCE

ANTHEM  "E'en so, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come"
MANZ

PAUL

WORDS with CHILDREN, PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

(NO CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP. TODAY IS FAMILY WORSHIP SUNDAY. JIM DE VOE

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 1: 1-25 REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

SERMON "Preparing the Way: God Is Near" REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

*HYMN No. 183 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

STUTTGART

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY—HYMN NO. 556

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Lord of all goodness, all things come from you, and of them we give to you these our offerings which we bring in devotion to your holy name, and pray you to give us grace evermore to serve you with gladness of heart. Amen.

*HYMN No. 459 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

ST. CATHERINE

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE 🎤

POSTLUDE 🎤

“Passacaglia”

JUSTIN

JARAMILLO

Ministers - Every Member of this Congregation
The Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser— Pastor
Jacqueline Anderson—Director of Bell Choirs
Justin Jaramillo—Director of Music
Deborah Carter— Director of Youth & Education
Kathy Greene - Office Manager
Rod Cutler - Director of Maintenance

ANNOUNCEMENTS– Our Church

- ☞ **The sermon for the second Sunday of Advent is** “Preparing the Way: God is Among us”. Please read Isaiah 11: 1-10 and Luke 1: 26-38.
- ☞ **FESTIVAL OF TREES ‘WISH LISTS’** will be available soon for Summerville’s participation during the Christmas season for Irondequoit Food Cupboard, Kirkhaven Transitional and Long Term Care, Cameron Community Ministries, RAIHN (Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network), CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) and Sunset House (hospice care).
- ☞ The **CASA tree ornaments are on the tree and ready for adoption**. Instructions for purchase of your gifts are on the ornament. Gifts must be received by no later than December 12th. If you have any questions, you can contact Alice Estes at 544-0854.
- ☞ **Sarah Circle:** Your December meeting will be held at Keenan’s Restaurant on Thursday, Dec. 11th. Please **contact Alice Estes@ 544-0854 to RSVP no later than Dec. 8th.**
- ☞ **Pastor Carson will lead Adult Forum next Sunday.** Please join us for his discussion of The Five Women of Advent.
- ☞ **Calling all pouffers and fluffers and tall people who like to climb ladders.** Pat Myers will be leading the volunteers to help decorate the Sanctuary on Thursday, December 4th at 9:30 a.m. Hope to see you there.
- ☞ Does anyone have a current address for Lois Rutallie? Her mail has been returned. Please contact Kathy in the church office if you have information about Lois. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS– Our Community

- ☞ **ADOPT-A-FAMILY.** Every year Cameron Ministries supporters adopt the 28 families who participate in their After School Program, providing gifts to make Christmas special for the Cameron Kids. Their party is December 16. If you’d like to consider participating, please contact Katherine Warren at 254-2697 or cmkkids.director@gmail.com for details. This mission is separate from the Festival of Trees participation. For additional information about the program, please contact Barb Chamberlin at 544-6493.
- ☞ Mark your calendar for **SHOP ‘TIL YOU DROP, a fundraising event to benefit RAIHN** and help homeless families achieve sustainable independence. Plan to shop at Pittsford Plaza, Monroe Avenue on Tuesday, December 2nd from 5:00-9:00 p.m. Participants include: Benucci’s Italian Ristorante, Wine Bar and Pizzeria, One World Goods, Hobby Horse Toys, and Stefan Otter Fine Art Jewelers.
- ☞ **Sunset House is in need of volunteers.** The volunteers assist residents, offer comfort and support to residents and their families, perform routine household tasks such as light housekeeping and preparing meals, and provide other skills that help to keep the house a comfortable, safe and loving place. If you are interested or would like more information, please call Marie Black at 467-9218 or call Sunset house at 467-3524.
- ☞ The **Irondequoit Chorale presents** a concert of holiday music including “The Nutcracker Suite” and “The Seven Joys of Christmas” on Sunday, Dec. 14th @ 3:00 p.m. at Irondequoit United Church of Christ (644 Titus Ave.). Advance tickets from Chorale members are \$10 or \$8 for seniors, or contact 266-5018.



Children's Workshop

"November Events"



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| November 9 | Filling Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes | Room 15 |
| November 16 | Christmas Pageant Rehearsal | Room 12 |
| November 23 | Christmas Pageant Rehearsal | Room 15 |
| November 30 |  Family Worship Sunday | Family Worship Service |

Jr./Sr. High Class (grades 8-12) -

Youth Group News

(Grades 6-12)

Laser Quest and Christmas Shopping: Friday, December 12, 7:30—11:30 p.m., meet at church at 7:30 sharp! Our parent chaperones are Mrs. Alana Sullivan & Mrs. Kathy Wilkinson. Our invited guests are Colin & Amy Streb. Please let Mrs. Carter know whether or not you are attending **by Monday, Dec. 8th.**

Ronald McDonald House and Dinner at Carter's House: Sunday, Dec. 14, lunch served at church, then RMH from 1-4 p.m., Carter's house until 7. Our parent chaperone is Mrs. Alison Leavitt & our invited guest is Jeri Powell. Please let Mrs. Carter know whether or not you will be attending **by Monday, Dec. 8th.**

Holiday Foods for the Irondequoit Community Cupboard

It is fast approaching the holiday season and this is when the Irondequoit Community Food Cupboard could use your help feeding families right here in town. Please consider donating non-perishable holiday inspired food items to our food basket. Your donation will help a local senior citizen or family have a little brighter holiday dinner.

Thanksgiving:

box of mashed potatoes
box of stuffing
cans of green beans
(you can include items for green bean casserole)
cans of french fried onions
cans of corn
cans of yams or sweet potatoes
cranberry sauce
gravy mix or cans
box of biscuit or rolls mix
dessert mixes for cakes, pies or cookies

Christmas:

instant mashed potatoes
gravy mix or cans
cans of vegetables
Applesauce
box of biscuit mix (like Jiffy)
Sugar cookie mix, frosting and sprinkles

Extra items you can add to holiday baskets:

Coffee, tea and hot cocoa
Pancake mix and syrup
Cereal
Mayo
Pasta and sauce
Christmas candy

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him,
strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." Colossians
2:6-7

Calendar of Events

Sunday, Nov. 30th

9:55 a.m.

Worship Sanctuary

Family Worship

First Sunday of Advent

11:15 a.m.

Adult Forum

Fellowship

Hall

Festival of the Trees begins

Monday, Dec. 1st

6:00 p.m.

AA

Room 10/14

Tuesday, Dec. 2nd

7:00 p.m.

Scout/Parent meeting

Room 3

Wednesday, Dec. 3rd

10:30 a.m.

Staff meeting

Memorial

Lounge

6:30 p.m.

Bells rehearsal

Fellowship

Hall

6:30 p.m.

Bear Den

Room 15

6:45—8:45 p.m.

Troop 79

Room 14

7:30 p.m.

Choir rehearsal

Room 13

Thursday, Dec. 4th

9:30 a.m.

Decorate Sanctuary

Friday, Dec. 5th

7:00 p.m. thru Noon Sun.

Mother/daughter retreat

Saturday, Dec. 6th

9am—Noon

Summerville Holiday Party

Fellowship

Hall

7-8:30 p.m.

Mission Concert

Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, Dec. 7th

9:55 a.m.

Worship, Communion

Sanctuary

Christmas Joy Offering

11:15 a.m.

Adult Forum

Fellowship

Hall