



**Cry out with joy
and gladness**

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2015

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Communion Sunday

Summerville Presbyterian Church

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Office Hours: Mon, Wed: 8:30-4:30, Thurs: 8:30-12:30

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.

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.

Rev. Mouser can be reached by cell at 519-5280,
or by email at pastorcarson@summervillechurch.org
Pastor's Office Hours: Monday & Wednesday, 12 -4 pm

GREETER: STEVE HEDGES

USHER: JIM VERNI

YOUTH GREETER: Zoe Sullivan

TRANSPORTATION NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, IS PROVIDED BY STEVEN HALL.
PLEASE CALL HIM TO ARRANGE A RIDE AT 585-747-8779.

Please join us for Coffee and fellowship immediately following the Service.
Your host is PAT MYERS.



Remember.....

12/13 Cameron /Kirkhaven gifts due
12/19 5:30-8:30 Live Nativity
12/20 RAIHN, ICC, Sunset gifts due
12/24 7:00 Christmas Eve Service

Order of Worship

*those who are able, please stand

*GATHERING HYMN # 184

“O Come, O Come Immanuel”

VENI IMMANUEL

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE

SILENT CENTERING PRAYER

Holy God, as we get closer and closer to Christmas, it gets easier to get caught up in the excitement and the bustle around us. Today, we joyfully gather together to worship you. Help us to set aside our planning and our fretting, our wish lists and our to-do lists, so that we may focus on you. We pray that your Holy Spirit would fill this place, that we might hear your voice speaking to us. Amen.

PRELUDE Songs without Words, Book 7, Op. 85. No. 1

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

CALL TO WORSHIP

BETSY STRYKER

One: Sing aloud! Rejoice and exult with all your heart for we have much to celebrate!

All: Sing! Shout! And rejoice with all your heart!

One: God is in our midst, we have nothing to fear; we are renewed by Love's song exulting over us with loud singing as though it were a festival day.

All: Sing! Shout! And rejoice with all your heart!

One: Healing Presence is among us gathering in our neglected souls and enabling that which is feeble. The shame of yesterday is transformed into praise and in wholeness we sing out across the earth.

All: Sing! Shout! And rejoice with all your heart!

One: We have been brought home, gathered into the heart of the Home Maker; here our deepest longings are fulfilled before our eyes – praise be to God!

All: Sing! Shout! And rejoice with all your heart!

*HYMN #192

“From East to West, from Shore to Shore”

THIS ENDRIS NYGHT

Advent Wreath lighting

THE SMITH FAMILY

Congregational response: “Come and Fill Our Hearts” (Repeat 3 Times)

**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

BETSY STRYKER

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)

BETSY STRYKER

God of compassion, while we desire to be people of justice and peace, there are times when we ignore those in our community who are in need of physical or emotional support. We want to bear good fruit, but sometimes we get in our own way. We pray that you would ignite your fire within us. Help us to let go of those things that are holding us back from you. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

One: When we are in Christ, we are baptized with the Holy Spirit and fire. We are changed from the inside out and are made new creations!

All: Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

OLD TESTAMENT Zephaniah 3:14-20

BETSY STRYKER

SILENCE

ANTHEM “God Be in My Head ”

JOHN RUTTER

God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.
God be in mine heart and in my thinking.
God be at my end and in my departing

WORDS WITH CHILDREN AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 3:7-18

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

SERMON “Starting Where We Are “

REV.DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

***HYMN insert on p. 7** “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS

JOYCE STIFFLER

BETSY STRYKER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY – HYMN NO. 556

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Gracious God, you have loved us and blessed us beyond our comprehension. This offering is a humble portion which we desire to give back to you. We pray that you will use these offerings to bless others, that they may know your love as we do. Amen.

***HYMN #183**

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

STUTT GART

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Elaboration on Sleepers Awake

J.S. BACH



THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OTHERS DURING THIS SEASON AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIVE NATIVITY FOOD SIGN-UP: We will need food for the participants in Live Nativity on December 19th. There will be a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall after service. If you are bringing any hot food, please have it in crock pots. If there are any questions, please call Sarah G. (603) 934-2437 or Angela Hall (585) 746-7210.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday, Dec 13 at 2pm. The pianist is Cameron Wilkens, an Eastman piano performance major, and a favorite substitute for Justin this past year. Cameron will be playing Schubert, Chopin, and Christmas music.

POINSETTIA ORDERS: **FINAL ORDERS** are due in the office on Monday, December 14th with payment of \$9 for each poinsettia.



CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING is a special offering that supports racial ethnic colleges and schools and contributes to the assistance program for retired church workers of the Board of Pensions. This offering will be collected on Christmas Eve, December 27th, and January 3rd. Envelopes will be distributed in the bulletin only one time—today.

ADULT FORUM: Cameron Community Ministries with Jennifer Muniga, Executive Director, and John Burch, Board Member, will present today.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Sunday, December 13th

10:00 am	Family Worship	Sanctuary
11:15 am	Adult Forum	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	Youth Pizza	Memorial Lounge
1 pm	Youth Bake	Ronald McDonald House
4-7pm	Dinner at Carters	

Third Sunday of Advent and Communion

Monday, December 14th

6:00 pm	AA	Rooms 10/14
7:00 pm	AEM	Room 3
7:00 pm	Session	Memorial Lounge

Tuesday, December 15th

6:00 pm	Webelos 1	Fellowship Hall
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Wednesday, December 16th

10:30 am	Staff Meeting	Memorial Lounge
6:30 pm	Troop 127	Room 14
6:45 pm	Troop 79	Room 10
7:30 pm	Choir	Room 13

Thursday, December 17th

5:30 pm	Wolf Den	Room 14
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Friday, December 18th

10:00 am	Poinsettia Delivery	
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Saturday, December 19th

9:00 am	Nativity Set up	
10-noon	Pageant Rehearsal	
5:30-8:30	Live Nativity Pageant	Dinner in FH

Next Sunday, December 20th

10:00 am	Family Worship	Sanctuary
11:15 am	Coffee	Fellowship Hall

Fourth Sunday of Advent and Bells