



**December 27, 2015**  
**Christmastide**

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**Ministers - Every Member of this Congregation**

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Mary Keller - Office Manager  
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David Ellis - Housekeeper

**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](mailto:pastorcarson@summervillechurch.org)

*Pastor Carson is on vacation from 12/25 to January 4th.*

**GREETER:** MIKE & JULIE GIRON

**USHER:** SUSAN CONNOR

**TRANSPORTATION NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 3RD,** IS PROVIDED BY MIKE CUBITT.  
PLEASE CALL TO ARRANGE A RIDE AT 467-3327.

Please join us for Coffee and fellowship immediately following the Service.  
Your host is Jim Verni.



## Order of Worship

\*those who are able, please stand

### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE

### SILENT PRAYER

*All-knowing God, whose favor rested on Jesus and whose love is poured out for all humankind, inspire us here to ask questions, to pursue understanding, and to share our faith. May we grow in wisdom, respond to your blessing, and reach out to minister to and with your children---our sisters and brothers. Send the peace of Christ to rule among us, uniting our hearts in thankfulness and praise. Amen.*

### PRELUDE MENDELSSOHN

### CALL TO WORSHIP

RUTH MCNAMARA

One: Men and women, old and young, together: Praise God and exalt the Author of Life.

**All: Praise God in the highest heavens. Praise God, all dwellers on the earth.**

One: God commanded, and we were created. God sustains us and enables us to grow.

**All: Praise God, all who seek to live in faithfulness. Glorify God's name and join the loving community.**

One: Know that we are chosen by God, holy and beloved. We are called into one body, the church of Jesus Christ.

**All: Let us draw close to God and to one another. Let us join with all creation to worship God.**

from *Gathered by Love*, by Lavon Bayler, United Church Press, 1994

\*HYMN #229 "Angels from the Realms of Glory "

REGENT SQUARE

### CALL TO CONFESSION

RUTH MCNAMARA

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and are not being honest. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and merciful, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

## CONFESSION (UNISON)

RUTH MCNAMARA

Loving God, we have wandered away from you to pursue our own agenda. We have laid aside your expectation that we will forgive one another. Instead, we harbor grudges against people. The peace of Christ does not rule in our hearts. Your love is not always what flows from our lips or finds expression in our actions. O God, turn us around, that we may be a genuine expression of your love, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

adapted from Gathered by Love, by Lavon Bayler, United Church Press, 1994

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

REV. CAROLYN GROHMAN

One: Friends, who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and...

All: **Christ died for us. Christ rose for us. Christ reigns in power for us. Christ prays for us.**

One: All who are in Christ are a new creation. The old has gone, the new has come. Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

## GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:41-52

RUTH MCNAMARA

## EPISTLE LESSON Colossians 3:12-17

REV. CAROLYN GROHMAN

## SERMON "A Wardrobe for the New Year"

REV. CAROLYN GROHMAN

## \*HYMN #218 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

IN DULCE JUBILIO

## WORDS WITH CHILDREN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

BRIAN LEAVITT

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

## CALL FOR THE OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

## DOXOLOGY – HYMN NO. 556

### **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

**No offering is adequate to express our thanks, loving God, but what we give, we bring with joy. May the good tidings of salvation live in these gifts and in our lives. May the ends of the earth know your steadfast love. Comfort those who mourn, give peace to those who live in turmoil, and bring joy to all who serve in Christ's name. Amen.**

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**\*HYMN #224 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”**

**GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**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. Additional envelopes are on the Deacons' credenza.

**LEADERSHIP TRAINING** for Committee members and other church leaders: consider attending Presbytery's Church Leadership Development Day on Sat, 1/23/16 at Perinton Presbyterian. 10 morning courses, 8 "working lunch" courses. Registration \$5, optional bag lunch \$5. More info: flyer on bulletin board by office; ask office or Clerk of Session Mary Haverfield; Presbytery website <http://pbygenval.org/events/church-leadership-development-day-2/> Deadline for registration by mail is 1/13/16.

**KICK UP YOUR HEELS:** New Year Eve, 8:30 pm - 12:15 pm: Contra dance with live music and callers in Fellowship Hall. All welcome to dance (\$10) or just listen and watch (\$5). Come for a while or all evening. Plenty of yummy pot-luck snacks and lots of friendly dancers. See flyer on bulletin board by office or check out <http://www.cd-rochester.org>



## CALENDAR of EVENTS

Sunday, December 27th

10:00 am  
11:15 am

***Rev. Carolyn Grohman***

Family Worship  
Coffee

Sanctuary  
Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 28th

6:00 pm

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Rooms 10/14

Thursday, December 30th

***Office Closed***

Friday, December 31st

New Year's Day

Next Sunday, January 3rd

10:00 am  
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