



FIG TREE

**February 28, 2016**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**  
***Intergenerational Service***

Summerville Presbyterian Church  
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**Ministers - Every Member of this Congregation**

The Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser— Pastor

Justin Jaramillo—Director of Music

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Deborah Carter— Director of Youth & Education

Mary Keller - Office Manager

Rod Cutler - Director of Maintenance

David Ellis - Housekeeper

**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's Office Hours: Monday & Wednesdays from 1-3  
Please call ahead.*

*Office Hours are 8:30-4:30 on Monday & Wednesdays and  
8:30-12:30 on Thursdays.*

**GREETER:** PAT MYERS

**USHER:** MIKE CUBITT

**YOUTH GREETER:** KATHARINE MAYER

**ACOLYTE:** JOEY REGISTER

**TRANSPORTATION NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 6TH,** IS PROVIDED BY JOYCE STIFFLER. PLEASE CALL HER TO ARRANGE A RIDE AT 585-703-7462.

Please join us for Coffee and fellowship immediately following the Service. Your host is BILL CARTER.



## Order of Worship

\*those who are able, please stand



### **\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 263**

“Seek Ye First the Kingdom”

CRANHAM

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE**

**CENTERING PRAYER IN SILENCE**

*May we be reminded of your presence, O God. May we know your presence in our needs, in our weaknesses, in our fear, and in our love. We pray in Christ's name. Amen*



### **PRELUDE**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

ZOE SULLIVAN

- One: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters, and you who have no money, come, buy and eat.  
**All: God, our souls thirst for you, our bodies faint for you, as in a dry and weary land.**
- One: Why do you work and spend your money on the things that don't satisfy?  
**All: We look up and see God in the sanctuary.**
- One: Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good and delight yourselves in rich food.  
**All: Our souls are satisfied with a rich fiesta, and our mouths praise you with joyful lips.**
- One: Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.  
**All: We will bless you as long as we live! We will lift up our hands and call on your name!**

### **\*HYMN #485**

“All Who Love and Serve Your City“

CHARLESTOWN





## CALL TO CONFESSION

ZOE SULLIVAN

God's love for us is so amazing, it embraces us and empowers us to be honest about our lives and our need of God's grace. Pray with me.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

ZOE SULLIVAN

One: God, you have invited us to a feast. You have prepared a place for us at your banquet table where we can praise your name, be nourished by your loving presence, and come to a deeper understanding of your will.

**Men: May we return to your loving presence, O God. Help us draw closer to you.**

One: God, you ask us to listen for you, but we often let the noise and distractions of our modern lifestyles take over. Technology, extravagance, celebrities, and possessions can attract our attention and fill up our time.

**Women: May we return to your loving presence, O God. Help us draw closer to you.**

One: God, you ask us to see your great works, to see the things you have done in our lives and in the lives of all those who have followed you. There are times when we look to self-centered pursuits and achievements of celebrities and media hype for inspiration rather than looking to you.

**Children: May we return to your loving presence, O God. Help us draw closer to you.**

One: God, you ask us to seek after you, to follow you and forsake the things that distract us away from you. You ask us to give up selfish pursuits and seek the common good. You ask us to seek a purpose much higher than our own.

**All: *May we return to your loving presence, O God. Help us draw closer to you.***



## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

Friends, Jesus told a tiny parable about how one person wanted to cut down a seemingly useless tree, but the gardener said, “Leave it alone. We’ll tend to it and see if it will bear fruit.” In the same way, know that God does not give up on us, but tends to us, cares for us, and encourages us to bear fruit.



## OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 55:1-9

ZOE SULLIVAN

## ANTHEM “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

CARY

RATCLIFF

Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
Join the great throng, psaltery, organ and song,  
sounding in glad adoration,

Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth,  
Who, as on wings of an eagle, uplifteth, sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been granted  
in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy here shall ever defend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord. O let all that is in me give praise and adore him.  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him.  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
gladly forever adore him.



**PSALM MEDITATION** Psalm 63:1-8  
Eric Leavitt, Katharine Mayer, Joey Register

**LORD'S PRAYER**



**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

Luke 13:6-9

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**SERMON**

“Meditation on a Psalm“

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**\*HYMN #149**



“Give to the Wind Thy Fears”

ST. BRIDE

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**DOXOLOGY – HYMN NO. 556**

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

**Generous God, we dedicate these gifts and our whole lives to you. You provide for our needs and deepest longings. Take these gifts and help them be the water that quenches others' thirst, and the food that makes a rich feast of justice and peace in today's world. Amen.**



### **\*HYMN #39**

**“God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us” O QUANTA QUALIA**

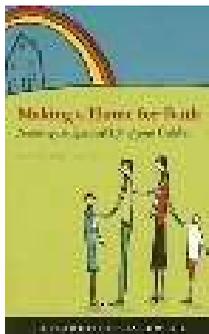
### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

### **POSTLUDE**

This Sunday's Adult Forum is going to be a Family Forum. Debbie Carter, Director of Youth and Education, will be presenting a book review on the book:

Making a Home for Faith: Nurturing the Spiritual Life of Your Children



by Elizabeth F. Caldwell

Whether you are a parent raising your children, a grandparent interacting with your grandchildren, an adult who spends time with children, or a family of one or two adults, Elizabeth Caldwell offers insights on sharing your faith as well as practices to put your faith into action. Children may attend. Toys and coloring materials will be available.

## *Youth Group News* (Grades 6-12)

- Square Dance to Benefit Mission Trip: Sunday, March 6th from 3-5 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- Youth Night Bowling: SATURDAY, March 5th from 8 pm—midnight, details to follow
- Cameron Bowl-a-Thon: Sunday, March 13th from 4-6 p.m. (\*Note time change from 1:30-3:30), cost is \$10/person to bowl 2 games, shoe rental, pizza & beverage.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY:** Join us online from 1-2 pm beginning Tuesday, February 16th to study John's Gospel as we walk with Jesus through his life to the cross and resurrection. Please logon to the meeting using: <https://www.gottomeeting.com/join/195948589> or, you can dial in to listen and speak by calling 1-872-240-3212 and using the access code, 195-948-589.

**DEVOTION FOR TODAY:** Our longing for God may at times find expression in a thirsting for holy and personal encounter. God's steadfast love promises that such yearning will be satisfied. Our lives continually move between those hopes of encounter and their fulfillment by God. At the beginning of the day and at its end, our seeking of God is met by God's seeking of us.

**FLOWERS:** We will continue to provide flowers two Sundays each month. On alternate Sundays we will have a green plant on the altar. We welcome donated flowers and invite you to call Pat Myers at 544-4424 if you would like to donate in memory of family or friends.



**ADULT ED AND MISSION COMMITTEE** invites you to suggest ideas for mission giving, the line designated for Mission Giving in the 2016 budget. They may be directed to Barb Ordway, Stella Megargle, Mike James, Alice Estes, Barb Chamberlin, Doug Caine, and/or Peg Baker. (Please note this is separate from the suggestions for the Ray Nelson memorial monies.)

**FEBRUARY MISSION:** Mission project for February is the donation of old cell phones and eye glasses. Please put your donations in the green barrel in the narthex. Thank you.



## SQUARE DANCE

*Support the mission of the Summerville Mission  
Team for Sandy Hurricane  
Relief Work in Point Pleasant, NJ*



*March 6th from 3-5 pm*

*Caller—Eric Rounds*

*Music by Wild Root String Band*

***PARTNERS NOT REQUIRED!***

*Summerville Presbyterian Church's Fellowship Hall*

*Donations gratefully accepted*

## SARAH CIRCLE INVITES ALL TO.....

BUFFET LUNCH and TOUR on THURSDAY MARCH 10TH 12:00 PM

TASTEFUL CONNECTIONS CATERING FACILITY  
(corner of Whipple Lane and East Ridge Road)

Quiche Lorraine-Vegetarian Asian Lo Mein-Bread/Rolls-Dessert du jour  
Coffee/Tea Wine \$5.00 per glass

\$18.00 for Lunch and Tour of the Catering Facility

RESERVATIONS BY WEDNESDAY MARCH 2ND Alice Estes 544-0854

Come join us— limited to 30 people

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### Sunday, February 28th

10:00 am	Intergenerational Worship	Sanctuary
11:15 am	Adult Forum: Deb Carter discusses <u>Making a Home for Faith</u>	Fellowship Hall

### Monday, February 29th

6:00 pm	AA	Rooms 10/14
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### Tuesday, March 1st

6:00 pm	Bear Den	Room 14
6:30 pm	Tiger Den	Room 3
7:00 pm	SNS Board Meeting	Memorial Lounge

### Wednesday, March 2nd

10:30 am	Staff Meeting	Memorial Lounge
6:30 pm	Bells Practice	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Troop 127	Room 14
6:45 pm	Troop 79	Room 15
7:30 pm	Choir	Room 13

### Thursday, March 3rd

5:30 pm	Wolf Den	Room 14
7:00 pm	Property Meeting	Memorial Lounge

### Saturday, March 5th

8-12 pm	Youth Bowling Night
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### Next Sunday, March 6th

10:00 am	<b><i>Communion and Lily Order</i></b>	
10:15 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:30 am	Children's Workshop	
1:30-5 pm	Deacons	Memorial Lounge
	AEM Square Dance	Fellowship Hall