



November 27, 2016
First Sunday of Advent
Festival of Trees and Intergenerational Worship

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Worship at 10 AM

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 & Wednesdays from 1-3
Please call ahead.
Office Hours are 8:30-4:30 on Monday & Wednesdays and
8:30-noon on Thursday***

GREETER:

USHER: SUSAN CONNOR

BANK BAG: RUTH MCNAMARA OR MARY HAVERFIELD

Transportation next Sunday, December 4th is provided by JULIE GIRON. Please call Julie before 8 pm on Saturday, December 3rd, to arrange a ride. (Sunday morning is too late to make a reservation.) Her number is 303-827-4814.

Please join us for fellowship after worship service.
Your host is JULIE GIRON.



Order of Worship

*those who are able, please stand

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #183** (red– Rejoice Hymnal)

STUTT GART

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE

CENTERING PRAYER IN SILENCE

*Holy One, you urge us to wake up! Help us to be present during this time of waiting. Remind us to give thanks for simple, everyday things that we may take for granted. Travel with us on this inward journey of attentiveness, that our hearts may know your peace; and your peace will flow through our words and actions. **Amen.***

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

KATHARINE MAYER

One: Awaken us, O God.

All: We are waiting for someone special, let us keep watch.

One: Prepare us to embark on this journey.

All: May peace be within each of us.

One: As we travel your path of peace together.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING: WORSHIP COMMITTEE - BARB JAMES AND SUE SMITH

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Insert p.11 “You Are a Child” (vs1 and refrain)

CALL TO CONFESSION

KATHARINE MAYER

God’s love for us is unconditional and cannot be lost, freeing us to be honest about our lives. Pray with me.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

KATHARINE MAYER

God of peace, we ask for your guidance during this time of waiting for the birth of Jesus, our great teacher of love. Sometimes when we wait, we lose patience, and wish time would pass quickly. Other times, we are preoccupied with worries and distractions, and it seems we are sleeping through life. Sometimes we ignore ourselves or hurt those around us; we become numb to the suffering of others.

Silent Reflection.

We have learned ways of violence, sometimes revealed to us in our judgmental thoughts, prejudices, hurtful words, and careless actions. Help us to unlearn ways that harm, and lead us toward your ways of peace and life. Help us to wake up to your love and presence. Forgive us for the times when we hurt ourselves and others.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

Holy One, you are always giving yourself to us. You never leave us. We are forgiven and cherished again and again. Awaken us to this knowledge, that our hearts may know your peace. That your peace will flow through our words and actions.

*HYMN #577 (blue—Presbyterian Hymnal) “Gloria Patri”

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 2:1-5

KATHARINE MAYER

CONTEMPLATIVE SILENCE

ANTHEM “Savior of the Nations, Come”

CARY RATCLIFF

1) Savior of the nations, come!
The Virgin’s Son, make here your home.

2) Wondrous birth!
Oh, wondrous child of the virgin
undefiled;

Marvel now, both heaven and earth,
that the Lord has chosen such a birth.

Mighty God and Mary’s son,
Eager now his race to run.

ANTHEM, *continued*

3) Savior of the nations, come!
Virgin's Son, make here your home.
Marvel now, both heaven and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.

WORDS WITH CHILDREN/ LORD'S PRAYER

DOUG CAINE

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 13: 11-14

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

SERMON "The Deep Longing For Life"

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

***HYMN #491** (red– Rejoice Hymnal)
"Oh God of Love, O King of Peace"

QUEBEC

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, JOYS AND CONCERNS
CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY – HYMN NO. 556**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

Friends, we are called to travel on God's paths, with people from every nation. Let us live in the light of God that we may unlearn war and learn peace. We bring the best of ourselves and our offerings, to God's church and world.

***HYMN #368** (blue– Presbyterian Hymnal)
"I've Got Peace Like a River"

AFRICAN

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

DEVOTION FOR THE WEEK: The prophet shares a hope-filled vision with us—a vision of harmony and understanding—and presents an unlikely subject for leading us toward this vision—“a little child”. Even more unlikely, Isaiah explains that animals who are enemies will lie down together. They will reconcile and be adversaries no more. These verses seem unbelievable, but longing for their fulfillment is the stuff of hope. Isaiah’s vision pushes us to re-think the way we understand power dynamics today and show us that no matter what, peace inside ourselves and in the world is possible. ***Scriptures: Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12.***

GIFT OF APPRECIATED SECURITIES GUIDELINES:

- Please have your broker transfer the shares to the church account with that broker
- Notify Connor Holly of Sage Rutty at 512-2342 to inform him that you have contacted your broker. Include the date of the transaction and the name and number of shares being transferred.
- Contact Mary at the church office (342-4242) with the information from #2.
- For advanced pledge payments by stock transfer to be recorded and received in the current year, it is recommended that the order be placed with your broker no later than 12/15.

PLEASE NOTE: WHEN TRANSFERRING STOCK, our Depository Trust Company number is 0141. You will need this number for electronic transfer of stocks.

Also, inform your broker that the transfer should further credit Summerville Presbyterian Church Sage Rutty Account#7628-0417.

Children's Workshop

(Preschool through Grade 7)

November Schedule

November 13th



Filling Shoeboxes

November 20th



Thanksgiving Lesson

November 27th

First Sunday of Advent

Intergenerational Worship

Teachers: Mr. Doug Caine & Mrs. Paula Cummings

Youth Group News

(Grades 6-12)

- Baking at Ronald McDonald House & Dinner at Carters' Home: Sunday, December 11th, lunch at church at noon, leave at 12:30 for RMH, dinner following and ending at 7:00 p.m., bring a white elephant gift (used or new for about \$5) Please let Mrs. Carter know **by Monday, Dec. 5th** whether or not you will attend.
- Bagel & the Bible: Sunday, December 18th, meet at church at 10:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BELLS CONCERT: The Roc City Ringers will present 3 local holiday concerts:

December 13: 7 pm with the Irondequoit Chorale at Irondequoit UCC on Titus Ave

December 17: 2 pm at the Fairport Public Library

December 18: 2 pm at the Pittsford Public Library.

Tuesday, November 29, is Roc the Day, the annual 24-hour, on-line Day of Giving to non-for-profits in the nine-county Greater Rochester area. Visit **ROCtheDay.org** where you can give to one or multiple organizations to support the non-for-profit organizations doing outstanding work in our communities.

Sunday, December 4, at 3 p.m. the **Rochester Oratorio Society** sponsors the third annual **community holiday celebration of music and dance** at the Sibley Building atrium (228 E. Main St., Rochester). Admission is free. Donations of food items, cash and personal care items will be accepted at the door to benefit RAIHN (Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network). **Performing** this year are the **Hochstein Youth Singers, the Dunwoody Dancers, the Mount Vernon Missionary Baptist Male Chorus, and ROC-Music Collaborative.** (See further details on the Mission Bulletin Board)

Tuesday, December 6, 5-9 p.m. at Pittsford Plaza on Monroe Avenue ... **Shop 'til You Drop and Dining** to benefit Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network (RAIHN). Participating businesses include **One World Goods**, a fair trade gift store selling quality items from around the world, and **Benucci's Italian Ristorante Wine Bar and Pizzeria** where you can tell them you're dining for RAIHN (reservations suggested: 264-1300).

SARAH CIRCLE will be meeting at Keenan's for the annual Christmas Luncheon at noon on December 8. We will have a gift exchange at the luncheon.

CALENDAR of EVENTS



Sunday, November 27th

10:00 am	Worship	
10:15 am	Children's Workshop	
11:15 am	Decorate Sanctuary	Fellowship Hall

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Monday, November 28th

6:30 pm	AA	Room 15
7 pm	Lakeside Neighborhood Assoc.	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 29th

5:30 pm	Wolf Den	Room 15
6 pm	Webelos	Room 14

Wednesday, November 30th

6:30 pm	Bell Choir	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Troop 127	Room 14
6:45 pm	Troop 79	Room 15
7:30 pm	Choir	Room 13

Thursday, December 1st

6:30 pm	Bear Den	Room 14
7:00 pm	Property Meeting	Memorial Lounge

Next Sunday, December 4th

10:00 am	Worship	
10:15 am	Children's Workshop	
11:15 am	Deacons Meeting	Memorial Lounge

Communion and Poinsettia Orders