

Advent

*A Season of Hope
& Expectation*

December 4, 2016
Second Sunday of Advent
Communion

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Ministers - Every Member of this Congregation

The Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser—Pastor
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Mary Keller - Office Manager
Rod Cutler - Director of Maintenance
David Ellis - Housekeeper

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: MIKE CUBITT

COMMUNION: TODD HAYES, JEN DEVOE, MARY HAVERFIELD

BANK BAG: TODD HAYES

Transportation next Sunday, December 11th is provided by SUSAN CONNOR. Please call Susan before 8 pm on Saturday, December 10th, to arrange a ride. (Sunday morning is too late to make a reservation.) Her number is 360-7253.

Please join us for fellowship after worship service.
Your host is JEN DEVOE.



Order of Worship

*those who are able, please stand

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #20** (blue– Presbyterian Hymnal)

ABERYSTWYTH

“Watchman, Tell Us of the Night”

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE

CENTERING PRAYER IN SILENCE

You love us, O God. Open our hearts to face, with courage, a broken world in need of healing and justice. Our fragility reminds us that we need you, and we need each other. Help us tune into the best parts of ourselves and our child-like qualities, as you accompany us to surrender to your deep vision of peace. Amen.

PRELUDE “Prelude in E major “

J.S. BACH

CALL TO WORSHIP

TODD HAYES

One: We are all welcome to this place. Just as you are, whatever hopes or worries are on your mind, you are welcome.

All: Prepare the way of the Lord, make the paths straight.

One: Young or old, tall or small, we are all part of God’s vision.

All: Prepare the way of the Lord, make the paths straight.

One: Let us welcome one another, just as Christ has welcomed us.

All: Prepare the way of the Lord, make the paths straight.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING: *CYED - Debbie Carter and Todd Hayes*

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Bulletin, p. 12) “You Are a Child” (vs 1-2 and refrain)

CALL TO CONFESSION

TODD HAYES

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)

TODD HAYES

Holy One, there are times when we are filled with despair, boredom, apathy, and not hope. We get tired and protect ourselves from hoping, afraid that we might get hurt or disappointed. We ask your forgiveness when we create walls around ourselves, when we hurt ourselves, others, and your planet. You know that sometimes we can be mean and sometimes too passive. Sometimes we see only our differences, and do not take the time to listen and understand one another. Though we may strive for balance, we often fail to be open-hearted and welcoming of one another.

Silent Reflection.

Holy One, we humbly expose our shortcomings to the immensity of your wisdom and love.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

One: Friends, God is always with us. Just as a shoot can grow out from a tree stump, so too can God's love grow within us from the dry, shadowed places. We are truly and deeply loved.

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 11:1-10

TODD HAYES

CONTEMPLATIVE SILENCE

ANTHEM "A Prayer for Peace" JOHN MICHAEL TALBOT, WITH TEXT BY ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

ANTHEM *continued*

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.

WORDS WITH CHILDREN/ LORD'S PRAYER

CECELIA MANULI

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 3:1-12

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SERMON "New Shoots of Perspective"

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***HYMN #38** (blue—Presbyterian Hymnal) "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

CAROL

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Invitation

Bread and wine silently speak of a new realm. Table and followers silently speak of a new community. Breaking and pouring silently speak of rebirth. Sharing and communing silently speak of rebuilding.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

You have entered this place, O God, and in your holy shadow, heaven tangles with earth in the bread and wine, and the promise of flesh is realized. Come now, God, as you once came to us in a stable in Bethlehem. Come now and be with us in the bread of Christ's body in this world that hungers and waits for truth. Come now, God, as once your Spirit poured forth life upon the earth come now and pour the wine of Christ's blood for this creation, waiting for renewal.

Be present in our hope in this holy time: in the silence of power and the power of silence; in the throne rooms of the rich and the shanties of the poor; in overfed communities and underfed souls; gather up hope in the bread and wine.

Break open the good news of your incarnation: on parched farmlands and frightened cities; in the hearts of the proud and the longings of the lowly.

Come now, God, as where once we ate the bread of tears nourish us now with the abundance of your love made real in a small child born long ago and far away yet real and living now in our midst. For humanity is waiting and longing for life. **Amen.**

Breaking Bread, Pouring the Cup, Communion

Prayer After Communion

God, our Shepherd, your steadfast love present in this sacred meal sustains and restores us. Open our hearts to trust your presence to guide us into the place of promise and grant that we, who have heard words of hope, tasted the bread of life and the cup of peace may be messengers of hope to others. Amen

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY – HYMN NO. 556**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

O God, just as you welcomed us in Christ, so we hear your call to welcome one another. We seek to walk in your light, O God, that we may abound in hope and peace. We bring the best of ourselves and our offerings to be used in ministries of hope and peace. Amen.

***HYMN #189 (red—Rejoice Hymnal)**

NUNN KOMM

“Savior of the Nations Come”

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE "The Girl with the Flaxen Hair"

CLAUDE DEBUSSY

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.

GIFT OF APPRECIATED SECURITIES GUIDELINES:

- Please have your broker transfer the shares to the church account with that broker
- Notify Connor Holly of Sage Ritty 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 Ritty Account#7628-0417.

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.

DEVOTION FOR THE WEEK: Mary proclaims her devotion to God and God's liberation in her Magnificat. She's carrying the very one who will continue the work of liberation in the lives of the poor and marginalized. Mary herself becomes a prophet, declaring God's vision of a world where God has "brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly... filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty." Mary turns toward God in faith and follows the path before her. She takes on the role of bringing liberation to the world. Will we follow her example? ***Scriptures: Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 146:1-10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 1:47-54.***

Today, 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 ROCMusic 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, December 4th

10:00 am
10:15 am
11:15 am

Communion and Poinsettia Orders

Worship
Children's Workshop
Deacons' Meeting

Memorial Lounge

Monday, December 5th

6:30 pm
7 pm

AA
SNS Board Meeting

Room 15
Memorial Lounge

Tuesday, December 6th

6 pm

Webelos

Room 14

Wednesday, December 7th

10:30 am
6:30 pm
6:30 pm
6:45 pm
7 pm
7:30 pm

Staff Meeting
Bell Choir
Troop 127
Troop 79
Pack 203 Committee
Choir

Memorial Lounge
Fellowship Hall
Room 14
Room 15
Memorial Lounge
Room 13

Thursday, December 8th

Noon
6:30 pm

Sarah Circle Christmas Lunch
Bear Den

Keenans
Room 14

Saturday, December 10th

8:30 am—2 pm

Nursery School Christmas Party

Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, December 11th

10:00 am
10:15 am
11:15 am
1:30 pm

Worship
Children's Workshop
AF: "Moral Injury in Veterans"
Youth—Bake cookies at Ronald McDonald House
Carters' for dinner

Fellowship Hall