



December 11, 2016

Third Sunday of Advent

Summerville Presbyterian Church

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Ministers - Every Member of this Congregation

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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: ANGELA HALL

BANK BAG: TODD HAYES

Transportation next Sunday, December 18th is provided by JOYCE STIFFLER. Please call Joyce before 8 pm on Saturday, December 17th, to arrange a ride. (Sunday morning is too late to make a reservation.) Her number is 663-7462.

Please join us for fellowship after worship service.
Your host is STEVE HALL.



Order of Worship

*those who are able, please stand

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #184** (red-Rejoice Hymnal)

VENI IMMANUEL

“O Come, O Come, Immanuel”

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE

CENTERING PRAYER IN SILENCE

Loving and awesome God, in you all things are possible. We join in Mary’s song and lift our praise and hope to you. You do not abandon us. May your transforming grace and promise of justice live in our hearts this Advent as we align our hearts with yours. Amen.

PRELUDE "Fugue in f minor"

J.S. BACH

CALL TO WORSHIP

ERIC ROUNDS

One: Holy one, you created the heavens and Earth and all that is.

All: Happy are those whose help is in God.

One: You bring justice for the oppressed, food to the hungry and set the prisoners free.

All: Happy are those whose help is in God.

One: God, you lift up the humble and watch over all who are vulnerable.

All: For all generations, praise God.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING: Adult Education & Mission Committee

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE insert, p.9 “You Are a Child” (vs 1-3 and refrain)

CALL TO CONFESSION

ERIC ROUNDS

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)

ERIC ROUNDS

Holy One, we do not always see the joy in the ordinary. We may mistake gaining power, possessions, status, or wealth for true joy. Sometimes despair and emptiness overshadow the joy. Sometimes we forget to say, “thank you” and we overlook simple things in our lives that are cause for gratitude and joy. Sometimes we say “yes” and give of ourselves from a place of guilt rather than a place of joy, or sense of justice. We give of ourselves until there is no joy left inside us.

Silent Reflection.

Help us to find the balance, courage and deep, abundant joy that is so needed in a hurting world.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

One: Friends, God is hopelessly in love with each of us. Even in our brokenness and imperfection God never leaves us. May we sing praise as Mary does, steeped in the assurance of this truth: We are forgiven and cherished through and through.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 35:1-10

ERIC ROUNDS

CONTEMPLATIVE SILENCE

ANTHEM "Advent Carol"

DALE WOOD

Drop down dew, O gracious heaven! Let the clouds rain down the Just!
Let the earth bud forth the Savior! In Thy promise, Lord, we trust.
Thus the patriarchs were crying, when the earth in bondage sighing
Sought in vain for heaven's gate, closed by sin and Satan's hate.

God the Father in His mercy planned to save our fallen race,
Whilst the burden of our sinning God the Son deigned to embrace.
God the Spirit gave His token through the Virgin who had spoken:
'Lo, Thy handmaid, Lord, has heard; work in me Thy wondrous word.'

Then the Son took man's frail nature, was made flesh and dwelled on earth.
Life and Light with grace abundant He bestowed of priceless worth.
Earth, rejoice, exult with gladness, a new Sun dispels our sadness,
Let us then our voices raise, let us sing our Savior's praise.

WORDS WITH CHILDREN/ LORD'S PRAYER

BILL CARTER

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 1:47-55

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SERMON "Sing of Joy and Justice"

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***HYMN #204** (red-Rejoice Hymnal)
"Lo, How a Rose"

EST IS EIN' ROS'

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY – HYMN NO. 556**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

O Lord of Life, you call us to strengthen our hearts because the coming of Christ is near. Let us live in the light of God, that we may abound in joy and act for justice. We bring the best of ourselves and our offerings to God's church and world. Amen.

***HYMN #198**(red—Rejoice Hymnal)
"Joy to the World"

ANTIOCH

***BENEDICTION CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE "Joy to the World"

IMPROVISATION" BY GARVUE

DEVOTION FOR THE WEEK: As Advent draws to a close, we focus on the birth of Jesus. Joseph's role in the birth and life of Jesus is often speculated on, but one thing is sure—he trusted God's will and stood by Mary during a difficult time in her life. Joseph provides a home and family for Jesus, an example that all of us can learn from today. And Joseph's trust in God's message from a dream shows us how God can communicate with us and give us direction and guidance. As we welcome our Savior in to the world, may we also welcome God's guidance in our lives. *Scriptures: Isaiah 7:10-16, Psalm 180:1-7, 17-19, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-25.*

Children's Workshop

(Preschool through Grade 7)

"Gift of Jesus"



December 11th and 18th

(no Children's Workshop on Christmas Day)

Memorial Lounge

Teachers: Mr. Mike Giron & Mrs. Sue Smith

Youth Group News

(Grades 6-12)

- Baking at Ronald McDonald House & Dinner at Carters' Home: Today, 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 whether or not you will attend.
- Bagel & the Bible: Sunday, December 18th, meet at church at 10:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR'S STUDY: Please join Pastor Carson for a one hour study of “The Theological Declaration of Barman”. You can choose from the following times:
Monday, December 12th: 10 AM in Room 2 or 7 PM in Memorial Lounge
Monday, December 19th: 10 AM or 7 PM in Memorial Lounge

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.

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.



CALENDAR of EVENTS

Sunday, December 11th

10:00 am	Worship	
10:15 am	Children's Workshop	
11:15 am	Adult Forum	Fellowship Hall
	Christmas Carols, led by Julian Garvue	
1:30 pm	Youth—Bake cookies at Ronald McDonald; Dinner with Carters	

Monday, December 12th

10 am	Shawl Gathering	Memorial Lounge
10 am	Pastoral Study	Room 2
6:30 pm	AA	Room 15
7 pm	AEM	Room 3
7 pm	CYED	Room 2
7 pm	Pastoral Study	Memorial Lounge

Tuesday, December 13th

6 pm	Webelos	Room 14
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Wednesday, December 14th

5:30 pm	Wolf Den	Room 10
6:30 pm	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Troop 127	Room 14
6:45 pm	Troop 79	Room 15
7 pm	MPP	Memorial Lounge
7:30 pm	Choir	Room 13

Thursday, December 15th

6:30 pm	Bear Den	Room 14
6:30 pm	Pack 203	Fellowship Hall
7 pm	Finance	Memorial Lounge

Saturday, December 17th

10:30 am	Phyllis Woods Memorial	Fellowship Hall
5:30-8	Live Nativity	

Next Sunday, December 18h

10:00 am	<i>Bell Choir</i>	
10:15 am	Worship	
	Children's Workshop: Gift of Jesus; Bagel & Bible Group	