



December 18, 2016
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Scott Woods Memorial Bell Choir
Summerville Presbyterian Church

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Ministers - Every Member of this Congregation

The Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser— Pastor

Julian Garvue—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

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: JULIE GIRON

BANK BAG: TODD HAYES

There will be no transportation provided on Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th.

Please join us for fellowship after worship service.
Your host is BILL CARTER.



Order of Worship

*those who are able, please stand

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #188** (red-Rejoice Hymnal)

PICARDY

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE

CENTERING PRAYER IN SILENCE

O God, we await your presence among us in the form of our great teacher and healer, Jesus. Give us courage, like Joseph, to live according to your will and dream for the world. Grant us patience and open our hearts as we receive Christ’s presence in our lives. Amen.

PRELUDE “I Wonder as I Wander”
Bell Choir

CATHY MOKLEBUST

CALL TO WORSHIP

CRAIG VAN NOSTRAND

One: In a time of waiting and anticipation...

All: God is with us.

One: As close as the air we breathe...

All: God is with us.

One: From generation to generation...

All: God is with us.

One: Hear the good news...

All: God is with us

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING: Property Committee— Earl Repp and Eric Rounds

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

CRAIG VAN NOSTRAND

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)

CRAIG VAN NOSTRAND

Holy One, sometimes we act with pride, ignorance, pettiness, shame, guilt, and cruelty. Sometimes we mock and judge others when we should seek to understand. Sometimes we are quick to jump in with solutions when we should wait and listen. Sometimes, we ignore hurt and suffering when we should shine a light on those places with compassion and courage. Sometimes we are angry and seek to get revenge when we should pause, breathe, let go.

Silent Reflection.

Holy One, restore us. Let your face shine on us, that our hearts may be illumined by your grace

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

One: Friends, our God is a God of love. Even in our brokenness and imperfection, God never leaves us. Like Joseph, may our dreams lead us to the wisdom of God. May angels guide our hearts and minds. 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 7:10-16

CRAIG VAN NOSTRAND

CONTEMPLATIVE SILENCE

ANTHEM "Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming"

ARRANGEMENT BY JAN SANDSTRÖM

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung.
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;
Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior,
When half spent was the night.

The shepherds heard the story proclaimed by angels bright,
How Christ, the Lord of glory was born on earth this night.
To Bethlehem they sped and in the manger they found Him,
As angel heralds said.

This Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere;
True man, yet very God, from sin and death He saves us,
And lightens every load.

WORDS WITH CHILDREN/ LORD'S PRAYER

SUE SMITH

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 1:18-25

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

SERMON “What is a Faithful Response?”

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

***HYMN #12** (blue—Presbyterian Hymnal)
“People Look East”

BESANCON

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY – HYMN NO. 556**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

Friends, we are called to bear witness to the fragility of our human story and follow God to a manger. May we live in the light of God, that we may abound in compassion and love. We bring the best of ourselves and our offerings to God’s church and world. Amen.

***HYMN #15** (blue-Presbyterian Hymnal)

LLANGLOFFAN

“Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers”

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE “Away In A Manger”

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)

- Bagel & the Bible: Today, December 18th, meet at church at 10:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BELLS CONCERT: The Roc City Ringers will present their last holiday concert:

December 18: 2 pm at the Pittsford Public Library.

DEVOTION FOR THE WEEK: On this Christmas Day, we hear the call for all creation to witness God’s saving action, and take up the song to praise God. This crescendo of celebration sings of awe of God who comes to us in Jesus to bring a new kind of justice – one of mercy, and fair, compassionate judgment. Joy to the world! Originally recorded as a hymn of praise within ancient Hebrew liturgy, Psalm 98 calls the people to praise God with a new song and to shout for joy in response to God’s acts of creation and steadfast love.

In Isaiah 52:7–10 the prophet describes the arrival of a messenger with an important message for the exiled people of Judah: “Your God reigns.”

Hebrews 1:1–4, (5–12) considers old and new ways that God has made God’s self known. In Jesus, we see the “reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being” (v. 3). This firstborn of God is the heir of God’s awesome attributes.

The coming of God’s word into the world is celebrated in John 1:1–14. With no nativity or birth story, this gospel writer presents a unique Christmas story; affirming the pre-existence of “the Word” which has become flesh and blood, and is the divine agent of creation in the world – a clear declaration of God’s incarnation. God is intentionally at work in the context of our lives. For that we can sing new songs of joy.

CALENDAR of EVENTS



Sunday, December 18th

10:00 am

10:15 am

Bell Choir/ Last Day of Festival of Trees

Worship

CW: Gift of Jesus &
Bagel and Bible Group

Memorial Lounge

Monday, December 19th

10 am or 7 pm

6:30 pm

Poinsettia Order due

“The Theological Declaration
Of Barmen”

Memorial Lounge

AA

Room 15

Tuesday, December 20th

6 pm

7 pm

Webelos

Session

Room 14

Memorial Lounge

Wednesday, December 21st

10:30 am

5:30 pm

6:30 pm

6:30 pm

6:45 pm

7:30 pm

Staff Meeting

Wolf Den

Bell Choir

Troop 127

Troop 79

Choir

Memorial Lounge

Room 10

Sanctuary

Room 14

Room 15

Room 13

Thursday, December 22nd

6:30 pm

Bear Den

Room 14

Saturday, December 24th

7 pm

Christmas Eve/ Joy Offering

Worship

Next Sunday, December 25h

10:00 am

Christmas/ Joy Offering

Family Worship