



December 25, 2016

Christmas Day

Summerville Presbyterian Church

585-342-4242

Ministers - Every Member of this Congregation

The Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser— Pastor

Julian Garvue—Director of Music

Jacqueline Anderson—Director of Bell Choirs

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.***

***Holiday Office Hours are 9-3 on Wednesday, December 28th
9-noon on Thursday, December 29th.***

GREETER: CRAIG VANNOSTRAND

USHER:

BANK BAG: TODD HAYES

There will be no transportation provided on New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1st.

Fellowship resumes on Sunday, January 8th.



Order of Worship

*those who are able, please stand

***GATHERING HYMN #194** (red-Rejoice Hymnal)

ST. LOUIS

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE

CENTERING PRAYER IN SILENCE

On this day of days, loving God, we gather to celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ. Born long ago and still today, Child of the universe present among us. May we, in the things we do and say, continue to give birth to the presence of the living Christ in our world today and always. Amen.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

CRAIG VAN NOSTRAND

One: Come, and sing a new song to God!

All: for God has done wonderful things!

(Instrumental “Joy to the world the Lord is come.”)

One: God brings justice and salvation,

All: God’s faithful love is for everyone.

(Instrumental “Let earth receive her king.”)

One: Tell everyone to sing songs of joy in praise of God!

All: Make music and celebrate!

(Instrumental “Let every heart prepare a room.”)

One: For to us a child is born:

All: Jesus, the light of the world

CHRISTMAS WREATH LIGHTING:

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Insert p. 6 “You Are a Child” (all verses)

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

What causes us to stop singing? What causes us to stop being amazed? Why must we be reminded to sing, marvel, and remember love and faithfulness?

Silent Reflection.

Forgive us, God, for the times we easily forget Christ born amongst us. Help us to remember Christ's peace, love, compassion, and justice born and growing to the ends of Earth; for all to see, to sing about, and to respond to in love.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

Let all Earth praise God. The seas roar, the hills sing together in joy, for God has come. All of you on Earth, make a joyful noise. Break forth in joy, for the God of peace has come to Earth. Amen.

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

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 62:6-12

CRAIG VAN NOSTRAND

CONTEMPLATIVE SILENCE

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 57:7-10

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

HYMN#195 (red-Rejoice) "O Come All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELES

THIRD LESSON

Psalms 98

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEVOTION FOR THE WEEK: In the days after Christmas—when much of the commercial hype related to the season has passed—we can exhale a “We made it” sigh. What we’ve been waiting and preparing for—both the spiritual and the practical—has arrived. As we enjoy the respite from some of the hustle and bustle of the past four weeks, the focus scripture summons us to praise. We are reminded of the greatness of God’s creation. And no matter how overwhelmed we may have felt with Christmas details, God is bigger than all of that. And now, in the Season of Christmas, we can celebrate God’s great gift to the world—God’s son. Christmas might be “over” in the secular sense, but we’ve only just begun to celebrate. *Scriptures: Psalm 148, Isaiah 63:7-9, Hebrews 2:10, Matthew 2:1-3, 23*

Holiday Office Hours: The office is closed on Monday, December 26th and Monday January 2nd. The office is open on Wednesday, December 28th (9-3) and Thursday, December 29th (9-noon). The week after New Years, the office will be open on Tuesday, January 3rd from 9-3, Wednesday, Jan 4th (8:30-4:30) and Thursday, Jan. 5th (8:30 to noon). Merry Christmas to all.....

Youth Group News

(Grades 6-12)

- Bagel & the Bible: Sunday, January 29th, meet at church at 10:00 a.m. **Please note this has been changed from January, 22nd
- Youth Night: Friday, January 27th at church, Card Game Night!! Please contact Mrs. Carter by Tuesday, Jan. 24th if you plan to attend. I will need a parent chaperone. Please let me know if you can help.



*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Your staff is grateful for all of you!*

Poinsettia Remembrance



Given by

Doug & Karen Angold
Peg & Bruce Baker
Douglas, Dorothy, Ed & Maeve Caine
Bill & Debbie Carter

Allison & Mike Cubitt
Susan Connor
Jen & Jim DeVoe
Marilyn Drumm
Alice Estes
Angela & Steve Hall
Linda & Todd Hayes
Eric & Mary Hauptmann
Bob & Stella Megargle
Hal Schindler
Marilyn Schindler
The Shares Family
Fred & Joyce Stiffler

Betsy & Dave Stryker
The Westman Family

Given By

Jen & Jim DeVoe
Alice Estes
Mary Haverfield
Bob & Stella Megargle
The Westman Family

in Loving Memory of

Our Parents
Jack Hogestyn
Audra Claire Caine, Meghan Emily Wiesner,
Our Parents, Curly & Jean Ann Carter,
Jack & Dorothy Huse
Loved Ones
Parents, Bob & Dorothy White
Robert R. Whitman
Loved Ones
Husband, William Estes
Jimmy Catalano
Our Loved Ones
Amy Hauptmann
Grace Hulsberg & Amy Hauptmann
In loving memory of Gretchen
Loved Ones
Loved Ones
Don & Norma Palmateer, SR.
Ralph & Margaret Stiffler
Fred & Helen Aeschbacher
Joe & Barb Westman

in Honor of

Harvey & Bette DeVoe, Carol Whitman
Granddaughter, Sgt. Andrea Estes-Conklin
Katie, Elizabeth, Mike and baby Flora
Summerville Presbyterian Church Staff
Shirley VanDenBergh
Joyce & Bob Rude

CALENDAR of EVENTS



Sunday, December 25th

10:00 am

Christmas Joy Offering

Family Worship

Monday, December 26th

6:30 pm

AA

Room 15

Tuesday, December 27th

6 pm

Webelos

Room 14

Wednesday, December 28th

5:30 pm

Wolf Den

Room 10

6:30 pm

Troop 127

Room 14

6:45 pm

Troop 79

Room 15

7:30 pm

Choir

Room 13

Thursday, December 29th

6:30 pm

Bear Den

Room 14

Saturday, December 31st

New Year's Eve

Next Sunday, January 1st

10:00 am

Worship