



**January 1, 2016**  
**First Sunday After Christmas**  
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](mailto:pastorcarson@summervillechurch.org)

***Pastor's Office Hours: Monday & Wednesdays from 1-3  
Please call ahead.***

***Office Hours for New Year's week: Tuesday, 1/3, 9-3. Wed, 1/4, 8:30-4:30  
Thurs, 1/5, 8:30-noon***

**GREETER:**

**USHER: JULIE GIRON**

**BANK BAG: BARB JAMES**

**Transportation next Sunday, January 8th** is provided by MIKE CUBITT. Please call Mike before 8 pm on Saturday, January 7th, to arrange a ride. (Sunday morning is too late to make a reservation.) His number is 467-3327.



## Order of Worship

\*those who are able, please stand

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #256** ( blue-Presbyterian Hymnal )

SALZBURG

“Let the Whole Creation Cry”

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE**

**CENTERING PRAYER IN SILENCE**

*You bless us, O God. Throughout the ages people have praised you. All creatures that swim, crawl, and fly praise your sustenance of life. The waters, the skies, the mountains, and deserts praise you, God of life. Help us to embody this deep knowing that you sustain us. Stay near, open our hearts to your love as we start a New Year.  
**Amen.***

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

BARB JAMES

One: Whoever you are, and whatever you are carrying in your heart today – joy, stress, grief, anger, loneliness, relief – know that you are welcome here.

**All: Praise God, for we are loved.**

One: We give thanks that Christ is born – the one in whom we put our trust and hope to show us how to live and be. This baby is a sign of God’s love for us.

**All: Praise God, for we are loved.**

One: Today is a new day, this is a new year. The presence of God’s spirit in our lives renews our dreams for a renewed world.

**All: Praise God, for we are loved.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

BARB JAMES

God’s love for us is so amazing, it embraces us and empowers us to be honest about our lives and our need of God’s grace. Pray with me.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

BARB JAMES

One: Holy One, you have accompanied us through the Season of Advent, reminding us of God's intended peace and justice for the world. You have the power to bring joy in unexpected places. You have the power to transform our minds and hearts. Sometimes, in the hype of Christmas we fail to see the miracle of your presence.

**All: A voice is heard, grieving and weeping in great mourning.**

One: God of love, at this time of year, we may not always be mindful of those struggling to get through another stressful family dinner, another holiday alone, another season in the absence of a loved one, another night with an empty stomach.

**All: A voice is heard, grieving and weeping in great mourning.**

One: God of new beginnings, dreams, hope, when Christmas is a busy time for us, we may get preoccupied, overtired, excited, or sad. We might push through the days and not acknowledge our feelings with honesty. Sometimes, we are scared to look deeply inside ourselves, or to reach out to others. We do not always find ways to hold the complexity of our experiences with care and compassion.

**All: A voice is heard, grieving and weeping in great mourning.**

One: Forgive us when we are not open to dreaming new possibilities, new habits, new thoughts, a new world more aligned with your ways. Remind us to pause and remember all the ways we have been blessed.

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

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

Friends, our God is a God of mercy and new beginnings. Even in our brokenness and imperfection, God never leaves us. May our dreams lead us to God and the possibilities of how to live in this new year because we are forgiven and cherished through and through.

**All: Praise God. Amen**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Psalm 148

BARB JAMES

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Matthew 2:13-23

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**SERMON** “Let Everything and Everyone Praise God”

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

**HYMN #274** (blue-Presbyterian Hymnal)

LEONI

“O God of Earth and Space”

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, JOYS AND CONCERNS, LORD’S PRAYER**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY – HYMN NO. 556**

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**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

**We are called to live in the complexity of a world where there is much to be celebrated, and much to be grieved. We know that we do not go alone. Christ is in the world, and orients us towards justice and love. We bring the best of ourselves and our offerings to God’s church and world. Amen.**

**HYMN # 2096 (blue- Sing the Faith) “Rise Up Shepherd , and Follow ”**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DEVOTION FOR THE WEEK:** In this focus scripture, Jesus is baptized by John, the baptizer, not the other way around as scripture tells us John would prefer. Jesus' ministry begins by turning our ideas about him and how God works upside down. God calls us to a deeper relationship with God, a deeper understanding of God, in our baptism. We are called beyond the things we know and understand in the world around us. We are called to imagine how God wants the world to be—how God sees the world. In our own baptism, we bathe in the waters of Kingdom, understanding and truths. *Scriptures: Matthew 3:13-17, Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 29, Acts 10:34-43*

### ***Holiday Office Hours:***

***The office is closed Monday January 2<sup>nd</sup>. The week after New Year's, the office will be open on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9-3, Wednesday, Jan 4<sup>th</sup> (8:30-4:30) and Thursday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> (8:30 to noon). Happy New Year to all.....***



### ***Christmas Decorations:***

We invite you to help us take down, organize, and shelve our Sanctuary Christmas decorations on Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM.



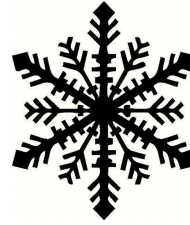
## Youth Group News

(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.



## CALENDAR of EVENTS



### **Sunday, January 1st**

10:00 am

### ***New Year's Day***

Family Worship

### **Monday, January 2nd**

6:30 pm

7 pm

### ***Office Closed***

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SNS Board Meeting

Room 15

Memorial Lounge

### **Tuesday, January 3rd**

6 pm

### ***Office Open from 9-3***

Webelos

Room 14

### **Wednesday, January 4th**

10:30 am

5:30 pm

6:30 pm

6:30 pm

6:45 pm

7 pm

7:30 pm

### ***Office open from 8:30-4:30***

Staff Meeting

Wolf Den

Bell Choir

Troop 127

Troop 79

Pack 203 Committee

Choir

Memorial Lounge

Room 10

Fellowship Hall

Room 14

Room 15

Memorial Lounge

Room 13

### **Thursday, January 5th**

9 am

6:30 pm

7 pm

### ***Office open from 8:30-noon***

Put away Christmas decorations

Bear Den

Property Meeting

Room 14

Memorial Lounge

### **Saturday, January 7th**

5-10 pm

Rochester Birding Society Dinner

Fellowship Hall

### **Next Sunday, January 8th**

10:00 am

10:15 CW

11:30

### ***Communion***

Family Worship

Deacon Meeting

Memorial Lounge