

January 8, 2016
Second Sunday After Christmas
Communion

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

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 : Monday and Wednesday, 8:30-4:30, Thursday, 8:30-noon

GREETER:

USHER: JIM VERNI

BANK BAG: BARB JAMES

Transportation next Sunday, January 15th is provided by Julie Giron. Please call before 8 pm on Saturday, January 14th, to arrange a ride. (Sunday morning is too late to make a reservation.) Her number is 303-827-4814.

Join us for fellowship after Worship. Your host is BETSY STRYKER.



Order of Worship

*those who are able, please stand

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #67** (blue-Presbyterian Hymnal)
“Brightest and Best of the Stars of Morning”

MORNING STAR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE

CENTERING PRAYER IN SILENCE

Loving God, you breathe your spirit into us to remind us that we are your beloved. Guide us to live as your beloved, spirit-filled children, streaming into the world as witnesses to Christ’s power and love. Amen.

PRELUDE “Gymnopedie No. 1”

ERIC SATIE

CALL TO WORSHIP

RUTH MCNAMARA

One: When we are reluctant to dip our toes into faith’s river,

All: Jesus comes, to teach us how to swim.

One: When we are hesitant to cup our hands to drink from the fountain of grace,

All: Jesus comes, to reach in and splash our faces with God’s joy.

One: When we are unwilling to be the pipeline of hope,

All: Jesus comes, to turn on the faucets God has installed in our hearts.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

RUTH MCNAMARA

The psalmist tells us that the One whose voice can knock trees to the ground listens to our hesitant prayers which speak how we have hurt others, as well as God. Join me, as we pray to the One who will bless us with peace and forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

RUTH MCNAMARA

You would have all people hear of your grace, servant God, but we hinder your efforts by hoarding the word for ourselves. You would have hope flow through our neighborhoods, but we thwart your plans by damming up hope in our hearts. You would have us skip into your realm, but we frustrate your future by clinging so tightly to those grudges we have carried for so long.

Silent Reflection

Have mercy on us, shaker of our wildernesses, and unlock the shuttered doors of our hearts. Remind us that at our baptism you touch us with the waters of life, promise to be with us always, and call us your beloved, even as you sang your joy to Jesus the Christ at the waters of the Jordan.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

One: You know the good news God has proclaimed to you: we are called to let go of the past, and to walk, hand in hand with the Spirit, into the reign of God.

**All: God forgives us, accepts us, and sends us forth to do good, and to testify about the Lord who baptizes us in the water and the Spirit.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 42:1-9

RUTH MCNAMARA

ANTHEM "Come Thy Fount of Every Blessing"

WILBERG

Come thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
I'll praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of thy redeeming love.

ANTHEM *continued*

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by thy help I come
And I hope by thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home

Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wondering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above

WORDS WITH CHILDREN/ LORD'S PRAYER

BILL CARTER

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 3:13-17

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SERMON "See How God Sees"

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HYMN insert p.12 "When Jesus Came to Jordan"

MUNICH

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Invitation

Bread and wine silently speak of a new realm. The Lord's 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)

By your grace, God of the waters, we can open our eyes to see those in need around us. By your abundance in our lives, what we offer can bring hope and healing to more people than we can ever imagine. By your blessing, others are invited to the waters of life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

HYMN # 423 (blue– Presbyterian Hymnal)

DUKE STREET

“Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun”

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE “Gymnopedie No. 3”

ERIC SATIE

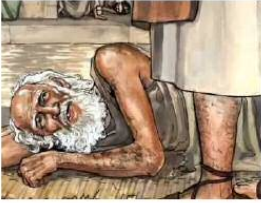
DEVOTION FOR THE WEEK: The prophet speaks a message of hope to a community in exile. Being separated from all that they know, the people of Judah are defeated and depressed. They are waiting for better tomorrows. The prophet shares God's message of reassurance and affirmation that not only will their lives be restored—they will be a “light to all nations”. Given their current situation, that seems pretty unbelievable, but God's vision for the people of Judah is more than they can see and understand on their own. God continues to work in these ways in our lives today. *Scriptures: John 1:29-42, Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 40:1-11, Corinthians 1:1-9*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR CARSON INVITATION: The Neighborhood Group of Presbyterian churches of which we are a member has been given a grant of \$50,000 by Duke Divinity School to explore a joint mission project. I have been attending the early meetings and I have taken a leadership role in this grant project, but I would like to invite any Summerville member who is interested in collaborating with other Presbyterian churches in local mission to join me in representing Summerville. This is an opportunity to broaden our mission and ministry and be strongly connected to other Presbyterian churches in Rochester. If you are interested in participating or learning more about the grant project, please send me an email or talk with me after worship this week.

PEW PALS: It's that time again! Pew Pals runs from January 15th until February 12th. There is a sign up sheet for both children and adults in the foyer outside the sanctuary. Our breakfast kick off is at 9:15 on January 15th and the closing brunch will be after worship on February 12th. If you have any questions, you can call Patty Mayer (342-1487) or Janet Smith (503-9731).

JANUARY MISSION



Children's Workshop

"Man Beside the Pool"



Date

Teachers

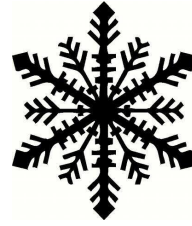
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| January 8th | Mrs. Debbie Carter, Mrs. Allison Cubitt & Mrs. Janet Smith |
| January 15th | Mrs. Allison Cubitt & Mrs. Janet Smith |
| January 22nd | Mrs. Allison Cubitt & Mrs. Janet Smith |
| January 29th | Intergenerational Worship Service |

Youth Group News

(Grades 6-12)

- Youth Group Card Night: Friday, January 27th at church, playing card games from 7:30-11 p.m.
- Bagel & the Bible: Sunday, January 29th following the Intergenerational Worship Service, meet at 11:15 to go to I-Square

CALENDAR of EVENTS



Sunday, January 8th

10:00 am
10:15 CW
11:30 am
5 pm

Communion

Family Worship
Man Beside the Pool
Deacon Meeting
Mission Team Meeting

Memorial Lounge
Memorial Lounge

Monday, January 9th

6:30 pm
7 pm
7 pm
7 pm

AA
AEM
Worship
CYED

Room 15
Room 3
Memorial Lounge
Room 2

Tuesday, January 10th

6 pm

Webelos

Room 14

Wednesday, January 11th

5:30 pm
6:30 pm
6:30 pm
6:45 pm
7:30 pm

Wolf Den
Bell Choir
Troop 127
Troop 79
Choir

Room 10
Sanctuary
Room 14
Room 15
Room 13

Thursday, January 12th

12 Noon
6:30 pm

Sarah Circle
Bear Den

Memorial Lounge
Room 14

Next Sunday, January 15th

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

Bell Choir/ Blanket Fund/ PEW Pals

Worship

AF "Moral Injury in Veterans "
Bill Gibson

Fellowship Hall