



First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

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Communion

Summerville Presbyterian Church

585-342-4242

Ministers - Every Member of this Congregation

The Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser— Pastor

Jacqueline Anderson—Director of Bell Choirs

Teresa Shyr—Director of Music

Deborah Carter— Director of Youth & Education

Mary Keller - Office Manager

Rod Cutler - Director of Maintenance

Stephanie Desmore - 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 & Wednesdays from 8:30-4, Thursdays 8:30-noon

GREETERS:

BANK BAG: RUTH MCNAMARA

USHER: JULIE GIRON

MUSIC: TERESA SHYR

To arrange transportation for next Sunday, December 10th, please call the office at 342-4242 before noon on December 6th.

Please join us after Worship in Fellowship Hall.
Your host is Susan Connor.



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*those who are able, please stand

***GATHERING HYMN #183** (red– Rejoice Hymnal)

STUTT GART

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE

CENTERING PRAYER IN SILENCE

In this season when our rush to Bethlehem keeps us from seeing you in everyone we push past, come to us. God-who-is-our-Gift, come to us, to fill us with your grace.

PRELUDE “Sonata”

BY HAYDN

CALL TO WORSHIP

MIKE JAMES

One: In every season of life,

All: God is always with us, even when we believe otherwise.

One: In this season of waiting,

**All: Jesus reminds us that Bethlehem is the beginning of our discipleship,
not the end of the journey.**

One: In this season of Advent anticipation and hope,

All: the Spirit opens our ears to the songs of the angels.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING Joan Frenzel and Ruth McNamara

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE “Come and Fill Our Hearts”

Come and Fill Our Hearts with Your Peace
You Alone, O Lord. Are Holy
Come and Fill Our Hearts with Your Peace
Alleluia

CALL TO CONFESSION

MIKE JAMES

God’s love is so amazing because it is out of this steadfast love that God reaches out to embrace us as beloved sons and daughters coming home, assuring us we can tell the truth about our need of grace. Pray with me.

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

MIKE JAMES

One: Holy God of Advent, you come near to us, yet we continue to seal our hearts with indifference to a suffering world.

All: Tear open our hearts so we might be more compassionate.

One: You approach us with bundles of mercy to kindle our hope, but we continue to build our lives with the bricks of bitterness.

All: Tear open our anger, so we might become more forgiving.

One: You draw near, longing to embrace us, but we fold our arms, closing ourselves off from those all around us.

All: Tear open our souls, so we might become children of Advent.

One: God, shaper-of-our-lives,

All: have mercy.

One: Jesus, Word-which-does-not-pass-away,

All: fill us with your grace.

One: Holy Spirit, Giver-of-the-light-of-peace,

All: shine through our lives.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

One: Even now, God approaches us, mercy transcending anger, hope overcoming despair, life triumphing over death. This is good news, my friends; this is news of great joy for each of us.

All: Enriched in every grace, blessed with joy and hope, transformed by love, we will live as people of Advent. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***HYMN #579** (blue-Presbyterian Hymnal)

“Glory Be to the Father”

GLORIA PATRI

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 64:1-9

MIKE JAMES

SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM: “Such a Solitary Star”

MARY E. CALDWELL

Such a solitary star to light the endless reaches of eternity
Such a lowly town to be the center of the world that night
Such a humble birthing place to be so sanctified
Such a tiny child to be the hope of the world.

WORDS *with* CHILDREN, THE LORD’S PRAYER

SUE SMITH

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

SERMON “Advent—What is Our Hope?”

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

***HYMN #157** (red-Rejoice Hymnal)

“All My Hope on God Is Founded”

MICHAEL

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Invitation

Bread and wine silently speak of a new realm. Table and followers silently speak of a new community. Breaking and pouring silently speak of rebirth. Sharing and communing silently speak of rebuilding life.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Come now, God. As you 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. Gather up the good news in the bread and wine.

Come now, God. 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 this humanity, is waiting for life.

Breaking the Bread, Pouring the Wine

Communion of the People

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, God for this our daily bread, for the food which delights and nourishes us and for the companionship that sustains us. We thank you, too, for clean, cool water to quench our thirst, and for the living water with which you surprise, enrich, and transform our lives. May we go into your world sharing your blessings with all we meet along the way. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY – HYMN NO. 556

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

May we be alert enough to watch for the opportunities we will have to serve others in this season of holiness, as well as the ways in which we can offer those intangible gifts of our presence. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #190** (red– Rejoice Hymnal)

DIVINUM MASTERIUM

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE “Sonata #5 ”

MOZART

DEVOTION December 10th “Love”: One of those “scarlet threads” woven in the tapestry of scripture which means loving kindness, unwavering commitment and social solidarity— that love of God which is constant in times of uncertainty is eternal even when we are limited by time and space. The readings for this day are reminders of the love of God which is always with us, always for us; whether we find ourselves in the grip of exile or wonder if we should continue the journey to Bethlehem. How do us recipients of this constant love discover ways to share it with those around us? *Scriptures: Isaiah 40:1-11, Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13, Mark 1:1-8, 1 Peter 3:8-15*

Guidelines for Gifts of Appreciated Securities:

1. Please have your broker transfer the shares to the church account.
2. Notify Connor Holly of Sage Ruty at 512-2342 to inform him that you have contacted your broker. Include the date of the transaction and the name and number of the shares being transferred.
3. Contact Mary Keller at the church office (342-4242) with the information from #2.
4. For advanced pledge payments by stock transfer, to be recorded and received in the current year, it is essential that the order be placed with your broker no later than December 15, 2017.
5. Inform your broker that the transfer should further credit the Summerville Presbyterian Church Sage Ruty Account #7628-0417

PLEASE NOTE: When transferring stock, our Depository Trust Company number is 0141. You will need this number for electronic transfer of stocks.



The Christmas season is fast approaching and so is the SPC Drive-Thru Live Nativity! The date is Saturday, **December 16 from 5:30-8:30pm**.

You won't want to miss out on this annual holiday tradition of the retelling of the story of the birth of Jesus Christ complete with live actors, live animals, realistic sets and holiday music!!!

Cast positions are filling up so make sure to contact Linda Hayes soon! Additionally, **two people are needed for traffic control (1 per shift) and we're in need of a post production clean-up crew**. We just need a few people for 1 hour after the event to make sure what needs to be put away that night is put away.

Please consider participating in this wonderful community event and don't forget to tell your family and friends to put it on their calendar!!!

Contact

Linda Hayes tldhayes@aol.com (738-6685)

Debbie Carter, dcarter309@gmail.com

Children's Workshop



Journey to Bethlehem

<u>Date</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Room</u>
December 3	Mrs. Debbie Carter & Mr. Jim DeVoe	12
December 10	Mr. & Mrs. DeVoe	Memorial Lounge
December 17	Mr. & Mrs. DeVoe	Memorial Lounge
December 24	Mr. & Mrs. DeVoe	Kitchen
December 31	Out-of-the-Box Worship For all ages	

Youth Group News (Grades 6-12)

- Bagel & the Bible: Sunday, December 10th, meet at church at 10 to go over to I-Square
- Ronald McDonald House to Bake Cookies: Sunday, December 10th, meet in Memorial Lounge at 11:30 for lunch prior to our leaving at 12:30
- Christmas Celebration Dinner at the Carters: Sunday, December 10th after leaving Ronald McDonald House, potluck (we provide the ham), ending at 7 p.m.
- Where's Waldo Youth Night: Friday, January 5th at Greece Ridge Mall, meet at church at 7:30 p.m.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Sunday, December 3rd

10:00 am	<i>Communion</i>	
10:15 am	Worship	
11:15 am	Children's Workshop	
	Town Hall Meeting	Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 4th

6:30 pm	AA	Room 15
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Tuesday, December 5th

6:00 pm	Bear Den	Room 15
6:00 pm	Wolf Den	Room 3
6:00 pm	AOL Den	Room 14

Wednesday, December 6th

10:30 am	Staff Meeting	Memorial Lounge
6:30 pm	Bell Choir	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Troop 127	Room 14
6:45 pm	Troop 79	Room 15
7:00 pm	Pack 203 Committee	Memorial Lounge
7:30 pm	Senior Choir	Room 13

Thursday, December 7th

6:00 pm	Lion Den	Room 15
6:00 pm	Tiger Den	Room 3
6:00 pm	Webelos Den	Room 14
7:00 pm	Property	Memorial Lounge

Saturday, December 9th

8:30– 1 pm	SNS Christmas Party	Fellowship Hall
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Next Sunday, December 10th

10:00 am	Worship	
10:15 am	Bagel & Bible, Children's Workshop	
11:15 am	Adult Forum "The Real St. Nick"	Fellowship Hall
	Pastor Carson	
12 noon	Youth to Ronald McDonald	