



December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

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: JERI POWELL
BANK BAG: RUTH MCNAMARA

USHER: JIM VERNI
MUSIC: TERESA SHYR

To arrange transportation for next Sunday, December 17th, please call the office at 342-4242 before noon on Wednesday, December 13th.

Please join us after Worship in Fellowship Hall.
Your host is Linda Verni.



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*those who are able, please stand

***GATHERING HYMN #308** (blue– Presbyterian Hymnal)
“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

KINGSFOLD

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE

CENTERING PRAYER IN SILENCE

While others are making lists of things we already have enough of, you come to offer us salvation, the one gift we cannot purchase. As the world prepares to entice us with more and more, you come to fill our hearts with all the hopes you have dreamed for us forever.

PRELUDE “Sonatina”

BY CLEMENTI

CALL TO WORSHIP

BETSY STRYKER

One: You come to us, alive and present in that Word clothed in human flesh,

All: so we might hear those songs about forgiveness, echoing with joy.

One: You come to us, Shepherd of God’s people, feeding us with your peace,

All: so we might go out and offer the bread of hope to all the lost.

One: You come to us, Spirit of comfort, welcoming us into the reign,

All: where righteousness is our best friend, where justice lives right next door.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING: Singles Group

Congregational Response #2157 (blue–Sing the Faith) “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

BETSY STRYKER

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

BETSY STRYKER

You call us into a relationship with you, comforting God, but we are too busy right now to listen. We flock to the stores run by temptation and seduction, seeking the best prices. We rush to judge everyone around us, but ask you to be more patient with our repeated errors. We feast at the table piled high with broken promises and drink from the cup of fading dreams. You continue to cry out to us, speaking to us of your love.

Silent Reflection

Forgiveness is the gift for every moment, not just one day; hope is our constant companion as we journey with Jesus the Christ, who is your messenger of mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

One: At the beginning, at the end, and in every time between, the good news speaks to us of God's tender mercy and love for us.

All: **God comes! Not to punish, but to give us peace, not to judge, but to save us. Thanks be to God. Amen**

***HYMN #579** (blue-Presbyterian Hymnal) "Glory to God" GLORIA PATRI

PASSING THE PEACE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-11

BETSY STRYKER

SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM “Holy, Holy, Holy”

FRANZ SCHUBERT

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord
Holy, Holy, Holy, He's to be adored
He without beginning, we do ever love
Holy, Holy, Holy, Praise to Him above

Holy, Holy, Holy, Unto Thee we sing
Holy, Holy, Holy, Praise to Thee our King
Merciful and mighty, Everywhere adored
Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord

WORDS *with* CHILDREN, THE LORD’S PRAYER

ALLISON CUBITT

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Mark 1:1-8

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

SERMON “Advent: God’s Love is Forever”

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

***HYMN #4** (blue-Presbyterian Hymnal)
“Creator of the Stars at Night”

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY – HYMN NO. 556

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

May the gifts we offer smooth the way for those who struggle, rebuild the lives of those who have fallen, and bring grace and comfort to all your people, loving God, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #14** (blue– Presbyterian Hymnal)
“Savior of the Nations, Come”

NUN KOMM. DER HEIDEN HEILAND

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE “II. Voiles (Sails)”

DEBUSSY

DEVOTION December 17—Joy: Every Advent we remember that we live in an in-between time: the “already not yet” time between God’s definitive revelation in Jesus the Christ and the ultimate fulfillment of God’s reign. Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection showed the world that God defeats sin and death and brings redemption to all creation. Yet we still wait with longing to see this new reality unfold. Just as God’s people in Jesus’ day longed for a Messiah, we long for the ultimate reign of God’s love, justice, and peace. Images of water cutting through dry land (Psalm 126) and a path in the wilderness (John 1) remind us that there is not place or situation God cannot redeem, and we shout with joy!

Scriptures: Isaiah 64:1-4, 8-11, Psalm 126, John 1:6-8,19-28, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Guidelines for Gifts of Appreciated Securities:

1. Please have your broker transfer the shares to the church account.
2. Notify Connor Holly of Sage Rutty 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 Rutty 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.



Tax reform legislation is working its way through the House and Senate. Current proposals could substantially limit the amount of itemized deductions available to many taxpayers. **If you plan on itemizing deductions for 2017 (rather than simply claiming the standard deduction), you should consider prepaying your 2018 pledge by making a payment in 2017.** This could be a substantial tax benefit to you, as your contribution to SPC would be deductible for you on your 2017 income tax return, but it may not

be deductible at all if your contribution is made in 2018. **You may wish to review your recent tax returns (or consult your tax professional) to see how this might affect you.** If you decide to make your contribution early, **please include some notation to identify it as a "2018 pledge"** so that we can keep our records straight. **Thank you!**

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.**

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 tlldhayes@aol.com (738-6685) or Debbie , dcarter309@gmail.com



ROC CITY RINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERTS:

Saturday, December 9	2 pm at Irondequoit Library
Monday, December 11	7 pm at Brighton Library
Saturday, December 16	2 pm at Webster Library
Sunday, December 17	3 pm at Pittsford Library

CALENDAR of EVENTS



Sunday, December 10th

10:00 am	Worship	
10:15 am	Children's Workshop, Bagel & Bible	
11:15 am	Adult Forum	Fellowship Hall
	"The Feast of St. Nicholas: Celebrating the Real St. Nick"	
12:00 pm	Youth to Ronald McDonald	

Monday, December 11th

6:30 pm	AA	Room 15
7:00 pm	AEM	Room 3
7:00 pm	CYEd	Room 2

Wednesday, December 13th

6:30 pm	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Troop 127	Fellowship Hall
6:45 pm	Troop 79	Room 15
7:30 pm	Senior Choir	Room 13

Thursday, December 14th

Noon	Sarah Circle	Christmas Lunch offsite
6:30 pm	Pack 203	Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 16th

5:30-8:30 pm	Live Nativity	Fellowship Hall
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Next Sunday, December 17th

	<i>Bell Choir and Senior Choir</i>	
10:00 am	Worship	
10:15 am	Children's Workshop	
11:15 am	Deacons	Memorial Lounge
11:15 am	Adult Forum "Why Theotokes?"	Fellowship Hall

*If you would like to order a Poinsettia
in Memory or in Honor of a special someone, please ...*

- place the tear off in the offering plate*
- or return the tear off sheet to the office*
- or call the office 342-4242 and place your order*

The cost this year will be \$ 9.75
checks made payable to the
SPC Flower Fund
(payment in advance would be appreciated)

The flowers will be on display on Christmas Eve

Orders must be received by noon on Monday, December 18th .

Name _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

of red poinsettia _____ **@ \$ 9.75 each for a TOTAL of** _____

of white poinsettia _____ **@ \$9.75 each for a TOTAL of** _____