



Third Sunday *of* Advent

December 17, 2017

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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.***

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GREETERS: SUE SMITH

BANK BAG: RUTH MCNAMARA

USHER: KAREN ANGOLD

MUSIC: TERESA SHYR

To arrange transportation for next Sunday, December 24th, please call the office at 342-4242 before noon on Wednesday, December 20th.

Please join us after Worship in Fellowship Hall.
Your host is Sarah Guereschi.



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*those who are able, please stand

***GATHERING HYMN #2** (blue– Presbyterian Hymnal)
“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus ”

HYFRYDOL

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE

CENTERING PRAYER IN SILENCE

Giver of joy, fill our hearts with praise as we gather to worship you. As your light fills the room, pushing out the darkness, so, too, let your light shine within us that there is no shadow of fear left within us in this hour. Remind us of your presence and your faithfulness in all times and all places. Let your light shine through us, illuminating your way in this not-yet-perfected world. Amen.

PRELUDE “Sonata ”

BY MOZART

CALL TO WORSHIP

ABBY LEAVITT

One: The spirit of God is on me because God anointed me,

All: sent me to bring good news to the poor,

One: heal the heartbroken, and

All: announce freedom to all captives.

One: I will sing for joy in God,

All: explode in praise from deep in my soul.

One: Come, we worship God.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

The Doug Caine Family

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 RECONCILIATION

ABBY LEAVITT

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

ABBY LEAVITT

We hear the instruction to rejoice and praise you, gracious God, in every situation; yet, there are many times when joy and praise do not percolate from our hearts. When have you been too busy or tired to praise God? When has your situation been so bad that the last thing you were going to take the time to do was to thank and praise God?

When have you looked at the suffering of others and wondered why God has seemingly forgotten to love justice, righteousness, and peace? Maybe it was a time when a family friend was struggling with illness. Maybe it was a time when you had knowledge of a child whose needs were not being met. Maybe it was a time when a conflict in a foreign land had victims who have suffered more than is fathomable.

Silent Reflection

Our hearts want to lament. We weep. We feel angry. We do not rejoice, and we do not praise you. Forgive us.

Forgive us for expecting your justice and your peace to blossom when we see the suffering in the world. Remind us that you are always at work, bringing good news to the oppressed, binding up the broken-hearted, and proclaiming liberty to the captives. Help us see what others cannot see. Help us see the tendrils of your justice sprouting up. Help us rejoice and do justice even when our spirits are weak.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances.

All: We rejoice, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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

GLORIA PATRI

“Glory Be to the Father”

PASSING THE PEACE

SCOTT WOODS MEMORIAL BELL CHOIR

“Wexford Carol”

ARRANGED BY JASON KRUG

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 126

ABBY LEAVITT

SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM “Hodie Christus Natus Est”

BY MICHAEL BEDFORD

Hodie christus natus Est!

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Alleluia!

The angels sang to the shepherds three, as they knelt on bended knee

"Christ is born this holy morn! Hurry to Bethlehem and see!"

The shepherds left the hillside bare, traveled over the meadows fair

Till in awe the Child they saw, lying in a manger there

May we, like those three shepherds poor, come, the Christ Child to adore

May we here, ev'ry year, worship within the church's door

Then may we, with joyful call, carry the news outside this hall;

Thus we'll share, ev'rywhere, God's great gift to one and all.

WORDS *with* CHILDREN, THE LORD'S PRAYER

SARAH GUERESCHI

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 1:6-8, 19-28

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

SERMON "Shout for Joy"

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

***HYMN #237** (blue-Presbyterian Hymnal)
"When God Delivered Israel"

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY – HYMN NO. 556 (blue Presbyterian Hymnal)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

The prayers we offer, the gifts we give, are like seeds shown in trust that God's love will water these seeds and bring new life, hope, and joy to those who weep.

***HYMN #464** (blue– Presbyterian Hymnal)
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

HYMN TO JOY

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE "Impromptu by Schubert"

HAYDN

Devotion for December 24th: “Peace” The readings for this week announce that God gives birth to grace, hope, new possibilities, and salvation for everyone. On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we are invited to wonder about God’s purpose, even as we hope and trust that this purpose is unfolding in our lives. Our rejoicing this Advent season expresses confidence that God continues to make things happen—a confidence in God’s promise to reshape and restore in unexpected ways. We respond with faith and praise, as did Mary, David, and Paul. How will you respond to God’s promise that continues to be born among us this Advent season?
Scriptures: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16, Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26, Luke 1:26-38, Romans 16: 25-27

Prepare Ye
the Way
of the Lord

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)

- Where's Waldo Youth Night: Friday, January 5th at Greece Ridge Mall, meet at church at 7:30 p.m.

ADVENT FESTIVAL OF TREES 'WISH LISTS'

Thank you for making the lives of others more joyful during the 2017 Christmas season. Summerville's generosity ALWAYS exceeds all expectations!

The Advent Festival of Trees supports six non-profits in the Rochester area. Gifts from the 'Wish List' may be placed under the designated tree in Fellowship Hall at any time, concluding with Sunday, December 24.

NOTE: December 10 was the deadline date for Kirkhaven, Cameron Community Ministries (CCM), and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). These gifts are delivered early for their Christmas parties. With the exception of CASA, all gifts should be placed under the trees unwrapped.

RAIHN (Rochester Interfaith Hospitality Network)

Shower curtains and holders, bathmats
Mops, brooms, cleaning buckets
Toilet brushes, plungers
Sponges, cleaning cloths
Cleaning supplies of any kind

Paper towels, tall kitchen bags
Disinfecting wipes, baby wipes
Hand soap
Dish racks

SUNSET HOUSE

Gift cards (Wegmans, Staples)
Paper towels, toilet paper
Laundry detergent
Winter salt for sidewalks
Wrapped snacks
K-Cups: coffee, hot cocoa
Copy paper
Lined 3 ring notebook paper

IRONDEQUOIT FOOD CUPBOARD (For the Backpack Program)

Small containers of fruit
Individual soup – chicken noodle, tomato
Canned pasta meals
100% juice boxes
Instant oatmeal
Nutra-grain bars
Jif-to-Go peanut butter

ANNOUNCEMENTS



MISSING: One of a set of 4 matching straight back chairs with decorative metal backs is missing. The 4 chairs, left over from the fall Garage Sale, were temporarily located in the back corner of Fellowship Hall after the sale. **Does anyone know where the chair might be?** If so, please contact Mary in the office at 342-4242. Thank you. The other 3 chairs have been donated to No One Left Behind, but recovering the 4th chair would complete the set.



It Takes A Village

With gratitude to all of you who planned, participated in, donated food, set up and put away the Live Nativity. Once again, you are awesome!

CALENDAR of EVENTS



Sunday, December 17th

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

Bell Choir and Senior Choir

Worship
Children's Workshop
Adult Forum: "Why Theotokes?"
Deacon Meeting

Fellowship Hall
Memorial Lounge

Monday, December 18th

6:30 pm
7:00 pm

AA
Session Meeting

Room 15
Memorial Lounge

Tuesday, December 19th

6:00 pm
6:00 pm
6:00 pm

Bear Den
Wolf Den
AOL Den

Room 15
Room 3
Room 14

Wednesday, December 20th

10:30 am
6:30 pm
6:30 pm
6:45 pm
7:30 pm

Staff Meeting
Bell Choir
Troop 127
Troop 79
Senior Choir

Memorial Lounge
Sanctuary
Room 14
Fellowship Hall
Room 13

Thursday, December 21st

6:00 pm
6:00 pm
6:00 pm

Lion Den
Tiger Den
Webelos Den

Room 15
Room 3
Room 14

Next Sunday, December 24th

10:00 am
10:15 am
7:00 pm

Christmas Eve and Christmas Joy Offering

Family Worship
Children's Workshop
Christmas Eve Worship