



**December 16, 2018**

***Third Sunday of Advent***

**Summerville Presbyterian Church**

***Scott Woods Memorial Bell Choir and Senior Choir***

***342-4242***

***Ministers - Every Member of this Congregation***

*Rev. James Widboom*

*Jacqueline Anderson, Director of Bell Choirs*

*Jing Tian Ngiaw, Director of Music*

*Kate Fady, Christian Educator*

*Janet Smith, Youth Group Leader*

*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.

**MISS A WORSHIP SERVICE?** Services are recorded every week. A CD-R is available upon request by contacting the church office at 342-4242.

You can reach Rev. Jim Widboom at 727-1295 or jamescarlwidboom@gmail.com.

***Fall Office Hours***  
***Monday and Thursdays from 8:30-4, Wednesdays, 9-1***

**GREETERS:** SARAH GUERESCHI

**BANK BAG:** CINDY SMITH

**USHER:** JIM VERNI

**MUSIC:** JING TIAN NGIAW

To arrange transportation for next Sunday, December 23rd, please call Susan Connor at 360-7253 before noon on Saturday, December 22nd.

Please join us after Worship in Fellowship Hall.  
Your host is SARAH GUERESCHI.



## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

\*those who are able, please stand

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #41** (blue-Presbyterian Hymnal)

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ADESTE FIDELES

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** Clementi's Sonatina in C Major, "II. Un poco Adagio"

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Isaiah 12: 3-6*

PATTY MAYER

**Leader:** With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day, “ Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.”

**People:** Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.

**All:** **Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy one of Israel.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

PATTY MAYER

Almighty God, you send your Son into a world where the wheat must be winnowed from chaff and wickedness clings even to what is good. Let the fire of your Spirit purge us of greed and deceit, so that, purified, we may find our peace in you and you may delight in us. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Let us confess our sins.

## **CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

PATTY MAYER

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith, and are themselves forgiving. In silence let us call to mind our sins.

### **Silence**

Let us confess our sins.

## **PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (UNISON)**

PATTY MAYER

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *2 Corinthians 5:17*

REV. JIM WIDBOOM

**Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**

## **THE PEACE**

REV. JIM WIDBOOM

Leader: Since God has forgiven us, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**ALL: And also with you.**

**SCOTT WOODS MEMORIAL BELL CHOIR**

**WORDS WITH CHILDREN/ LORD'S PRAYER**

SUE SMITH

**SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM**

"Christ was Born on Christmas Day "

BY PAT MESSICK

Christ was born on Christmas Day  
in a manger filled with hay  
sheep and cows around him lay,  
Christ was born on Christmas Day.

Shepherds heard the song that night  
as angels all around them bright  
told them of a wondrous sight.  
Shepherds heard the song that night.

Wise men came with gifts to bring  
and bowed down to the baby king.  
Guided by a star they'd seen,  
wise man came with gifts to bring.

Noel! Sing we Noel!

## **LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES**

### ***Reader 1:***

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming. We are preparing ourselves for the days when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

### ***Reader 2:***

The wolf shall Dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

### ***Reader 3: Sunday, December 16***

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom, like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

### ***Light Candles 1,2 and 3***

**Congregation: Let us walk in the light of the Lord**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Zephaniah 3:14-20      PATTY MAYER

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Luke 3:7-18      REV. JIM WIDBOOM

**SERMON** “Winnowing Fork”

REV. JIM WIDBOOM

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

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**CALL TO OFFERING** *Acts 30:35b*

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY** – HYMN NO. 556 (Rejoice Hymnal)

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)**

**Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of you kingdom.**

**\*HYMN #40** (blue-Presbyterian Hymnal)

“Joy To The World”

ANTIOCH

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE** Prelude in C major, Book 2 No. 1

BY J.S. BACH

CHILDREN'S WORK-  
SHOP  
December 16, 2018  
**Christmas Messengers**

Teacher: Jen Devoe  
Assistant: Miss Kate



**Grades Pre K- 7**

*Youth Group News*  
*(Grades 6-12)*



## Announcements

### ADULT FORUMS FOR DECEMBER:

*I will lead Adult Forum on Sundays after worship during Advent. We will read together and reflect on the stories of Jesus' birth in the gospels of Matthew and Luke. Matthew's gospel tells the story from Joseph's point of view, and Luke's gospel from Mary's point of view. I am giving the study the title, "What do the stories of Jesus' birth in Matthew and Luke's gospel mean for our spiritual lives and our life in Christ? A question to think about as we read together is "What is the 'current of Christ' that runs through these stories that will guide and assist SPC in mission and life together. Jim Widboom*

***There is no Bible Study on December 16th***

**DEC: 23rd: "Mary, the Willing Servant of the Lord."**

*Thank  
you*

**..... to all who planned, set up, baked, sent food, acted, carried, served and cleaned up. The Live Nativity could not happen without each of you.**



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

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

The cost this year will be \$10  
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 17th .**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

**# of red poinsettia** \_\_\_\_\_ **@ \$ 10 each for a TOTAL of** \_\_\_\_\_

**# of white poinsettia** \_\_\_\_\_ **@ \$10 each for a TOTAL of** \_\_\_\_\_



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **Sunday, December 16th**

10:00 am

11:15 am

### ***Bell Choir and Senior Choir***

Worship

Deacons

Memorial Lounge

### **Monday, December 17th**

6:30 pm

AA

Room 15

### **Wednesday, December 19th**

6:30 pm

Bell Choir

Sanctuary

6:30 pm

Troop 127

Room 14

6:45 pm

Troop 79

Room 15

7:30 pm

Senior Choir

Room 13

### **Thursday, December 20th**

6:30 pm

Pack 203

Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm

Session Meeting

Memorial Lounge

### **Next Sunday, December 23rd**

10:00 am

### ***Christmas Joy Offering***

Worship

11:15 am

Advent Bible Study

Fellowship Hall