



**December 23, 2018**

***Fourth Sunday of Advent***

**Summerville Presbyterian Church**

**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:** ALICE ESTES

**USHER:** JOYCE STIFFLER

**BANK BAG:** CINDY SMITH

**MUSIC:** JING TIAN NGIAW

To arrange transportation for next Sunday, December 30th, please call Joyce Stiffler at 703-7462 before noon on Saturday, December 29th.

Please join us after Worship in Fellowship Hall.  
Your host is JIM VERNI.



## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*\*those who are able, please stand*

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

BRANDON, JOHNIA, SUE SMITH

#### ***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:***

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.

#### ***Reader 4: Sunday, December 23***

The Lord will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel (God is with us).

### *Light Candles 1,2 , 3 and 4*

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

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #31 (blue-Presbyterian Hymnal)**

*"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

MENDELSSOHN

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE "The First Noel"**

ARR. LAUREL HUNT PEDERSEN

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Luke 1:46-55*

ERIC LEAVITT

**Leader:** And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

**People:** **Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.**

**Leader:** His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

**All:** **He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever”.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY (in unison)**

ERIC LEAVITT

**God of grace, you chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Savior. Now fill us with your grace, that with her, we may rejoice in your salvation, and in all things, embrace your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION** *1 John 1:8,9*

ERIC LEAVITT

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.

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION** *(continued)*

**Silence**

Let us confess our sins.

**PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION** *in unison*

ERIC LEAVITT

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.**

**In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

**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 will you all.

**ALL: And also with you.**

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

BILL CARTER

**SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM "Christmas Lullaby"**

BY JOHN RUTTER

Clear in the darkness a light shines in Bethlehem;  
Angels are singing, their sound fills the air.  
Wise men have journeyed to greet their Messiah;  
But only a mother and baby lie there.

Ave Maria, ave Maria,  
Hear the soft lullaby the angel hosts sings.  
Ave Maria, ave Maria,  
Maiden, and mother of Jesus our King.

Where are his courtiers, and who are his people?  
Why does he bear neither sceptre nor crown?  
Shepherds his courtiers, the poor for his people,  
With peace s his sceptre and love for his crown.

What though your treasures are not gold or incense?  
Lay them before him with hearts full of love.  
Praise to the Christ child, and praise to his mother  
Who bore us a Saviour by grace from above.

Ave Maria, ave Maria,  
Hear, O hear the lullaby angels sing  
Ave Maria, ave Maria,  
Maiden, and mother of Jesus our King.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Micah 5:2-5a

ERIC LEAVITT

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Luke 1:39-45

REV. JIM WIDBOOM

**SERMON** “Blessed Are You Among Women”

**\*HYMN #44** (blue– Presbyterian Hymnal)

“O Little Town of Bethlehem ”

ST. LOUIS

**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)**

**Loving God, through all our years, let the church be a place where we learn about love and practice it, where we envision peace and work to build it, where we meet partners in faith and cherish them, where we discover our gifts and offer them. May your Spirit guide us toward joy and generosity. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #23** (blue-Presbyterian Hymnal)

“Angels We Have Heard On High”

GLORIA

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE** Clementi's Sonatina in F major, Op. 55 No. 44,  
"II. Andantino con espressione"

CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP  
December 23, 2018  
**Christmas Messengers**

Teacher: Miss Kate  
Assistant: Brian Leavitt

Grades: Pre-K– 7  
Christmas message and  
celebration



Youth Group News  
(Grades 6-12)

*Happy holidays to you all!!!*

*Enjoy your friends and family!*





**Continual Prayers**

Barbara Parker, Marian Black, Pam Shares, Paul White, Kay Victorsen, Charles Lupica, David Wilkinson, Cynthia Powers, Marge Reber, Tom Mulford, Phyllis Register, Wendy Morris-Mills, Mary Jane Angelone, Hannah Verni, Tage Brown

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***Holiday Office Hours:***

Monday, December 24th: 9-12

Closed Wednesday

Thursday, December 27th 9-4

Will resume regular hours after Christmas week.  
Merry Christmas to all....



## **Poinsettia Remembrance (2018)**

### **Given by**

Doug & Karen Angold  
Bruce and Peg Baker  
The Caines  
Susan Connor  
Marilyn Drumm  
Alice Estes  
Eric & Mary Hauptmann  
Linda & Todd Hayes  
Mike & Barb James  
Bob & Stella Megargle  
Jeri Powell  
Hal Schindler  
Marilyn Schindler  
Kay and Pamela Shares  
Fred & Joyce Stiffler  
  
The Westman Family

### **Given By**

Alice Estes  
Mike & Barb James  
Bob & Stella Megargle  
Fred & Joyce Stiffler  
Barbara Martyanik Westman

### **in Loving Memory of**

Our Parents  
Milt Shares; Jack Kinsella  
Audra Claire Caine and Megan Wiesner  
My parents, Bob & Dorothy White  
Loved Ones  
My husband, William Estes  
Amy  
Our beloved family members, no longer with us  
Henry, Margaret, & Susan Heck  
Amy Hauptmann  
Parents and Grandparents  
In loving memory of Gretchen  
George, family and friends  
Milt Shares and Loved Ones  
Don & Norma Palmateer  
Ralph & Margaret Stiffler  
Joe and Barbara Westman

### **in Honor of**

Granddaughter, Sgt. Andrea Estes-Conklin  
Isabel James  
SPC Staff  
Bill Stiffler and Donald Palmateer  
Joyce and Bob Rude

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**Sunday, December 23rd**

10:00 am

11:15 am

***Christmas Joy Offering***

Worship

Advent Bible Study

Fellowship Hall

**Monday, December 24th**

7:00 pm

***Christmas Eve***

Worship

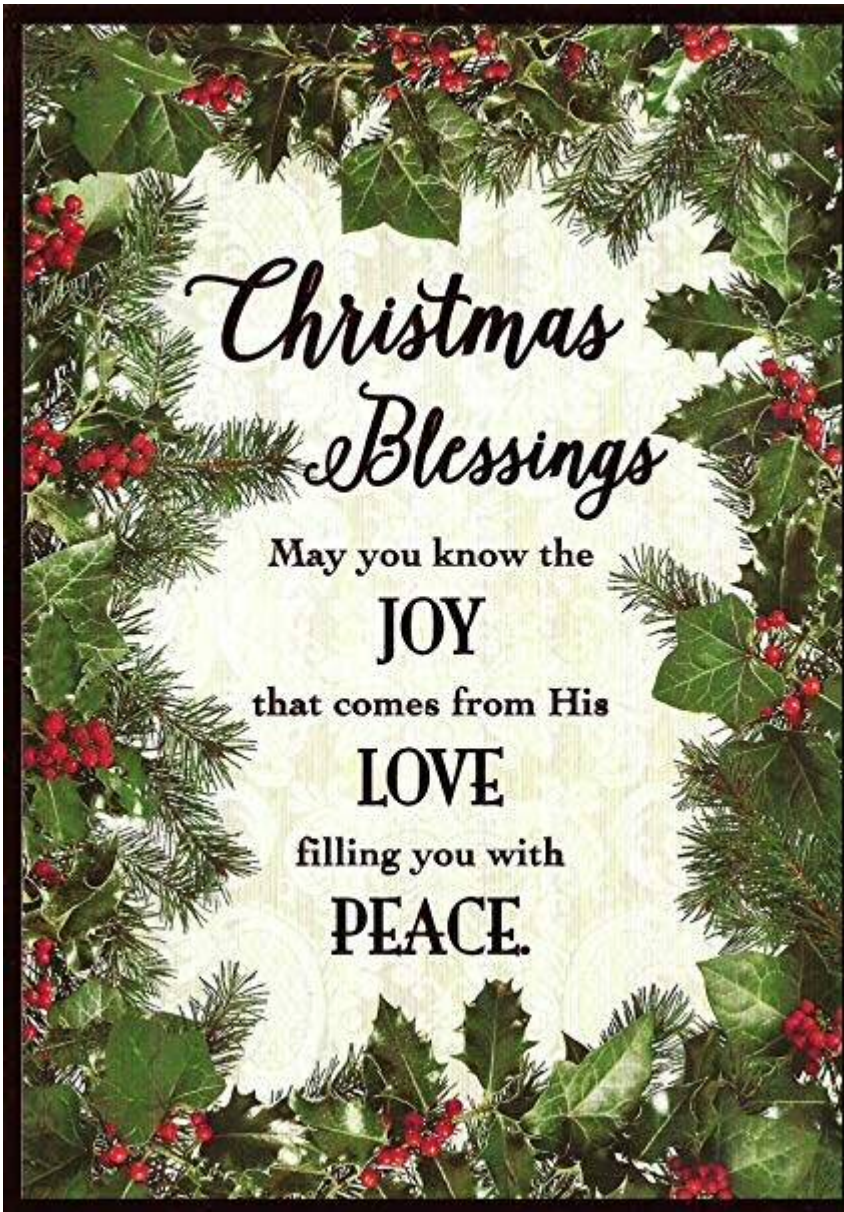
**Tuesday, December 25th**

***Christmas Day***

**Next Sunday, December 30th**

10:00 am

Worship



*Christmas  
Blessings*

May you know the

**JOY**

that comes from His

**LOVE**

filling you with

**PEACE.**