Third Sunday in Advent Family Sunday December 16, 2018 10:00 AM

Tower Bells

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

The Gathering

(The Worship Service begins with the prelude. Let us silently prepare our hearts and allow others the same opportunity.)

Prelude O Come to Us, Emmanuel Martin

The Lighting of the Advent Candles Charlie, Belle, Brandon & Alex Barkley & Faith Finne

*Call To Worship (from Luke 1:46-55)

One: Our souls magnify the Lord, and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

All: God has looked with favor on the lowliness of God's servant.

One: God's mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

All: God has shown strength with God's arm. God has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

One: God has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

All: God has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

One: Come, for God is doing a new thing! Come, let us worship God!

*Hymn "Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers"

No. 15

Prayer of Confession (Seated)

Gracious God, we come to you as a child comes to a loving parent. We know that your deepest desire is to forgive us, to free us to live and grow to reflect your light. In these moments we give to you the things we have done that we wish we hadn't. We give to you those things we should have done but did not. Let your Spirit wash over us like a refreshing rain shower, your love like an ever-flowing stream. In your mercy grant us the only peace that truly fills us. We pray in the name of Christ our Savior, amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

*Contemporary Gloria Patri (No. 2011) Supplemental Hymnal

*The Peace

Leader: God sent the world the only Son. Because God loves us so much, we are able to love one

another.

People: LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER, SINCE LOVE COMES FROM GOD.

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

(Greet those about you, sharing signs of peace and reconciliation)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 12: 2-6 (Blue Bible p. 603; Black Bible p. 641)

Hymn "This Is the Day" "This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made. We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made."

A Time For Children "Let All the Little Children" as children & leaders leave for Sunday School

Let all the little children – praise the Lord, Let all the little children – praise the Lord

Let all the little children – praise the Lord, Little children love to praise the Lord.

Nursery is Available for young children

New Testament Lesson Philippians 4: 4-7 (Blue Bible p. 187; Black Bible p. 198)

Communion Meditation "Letter From A Roman Jail" The Rev. Dr. Peter Kelley

Moment for Reflection

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*Hymn "You Are Mine" No. 2218

*Affirmation Of Faith

One: Because the world is poor and starving,

All: go with bread.

One: Because the world is filled with fear,

All: go with courage.

One: Because the world is in despair,

All: go with hope.

One: Because the world is living lies,

All: go with truth.

One: Because the world is sick with sorrow,

All: go with joy.

One: Because the world is under judgment,

All: go with mercy.

One: Because the world will die without it,

All: go with love. Amen!

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Contemporary Doxology (#593) and Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

The Words of Institution
The Great Thanksgiving
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD. Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE.

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Sung Response: "Let Us Be Bread" No. 2266

Distribution of the Elements

Sharing Bread and Cup (Please hold until all are served; the bread in the center cup of the bread tray is gluten free; the bread in the outside is multigrain. The cups contain grape juice.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn "Carol of the Epiphany" No. 2094

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

*(Those who are able may stand.)

Liturgist: Susan Russell

Music Team: George Moravek and Mary Mraz Ushers: Linda Fasbach and Karen Murray

Greeter: Carol Brewer

Communion Servers: Liz Burns, Jan Falkowski, Faith Finne.

Marla Koster, Fred and Karen Lee

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL THIS MORNING are given to the Glory of God and in Memory of Her

Husband, Richard Winters by Penny Winters and Family.

For those worshiping with children under the age of 3, our downstairs Nursery is a clean, safe space and is staffed with a qualified and trained Nursery Care Giver. Ask an Usher or Greeter for instructions.

Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church of Southold! Our identity can be seen in our most recent vision statement: "We rejoice in the variety of talents, experience, and concerns each individual brings to this congregation through the Holy Spirit. We will gain strength from this diversity as we strive to be nurturing, relevant, and vibrant disciples of Jesus Christ." If you would like more information about our church, please indicate this in the Attendance Registration. Rev. Kelley or one of the members of the Church Growth Committee will be glad to speak with you.

In Times Of illness or need, please inform the Church Staff. It is not safe to assume that they will hear of it any other way. Privacy laws make it difficult for us to "find you" in hospitals; in the event of a hospitalization, please give the information to Jan or Carol in the office (765-2597).

| THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH | | |
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| TODAY | 11:00 AM | Fellowship Time |
| | 4:00 PM | Youth Group Christmas Caroling |
| MON., | 5:30 PM | Zumba meets in C. E. Building |
| | 7:00 PM | AA Meets in the 1836 Manse |
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| TUES., | 10:00 AM | Prayer Group meets in the 1836 Manse |
| | 12:30 PM | AA Meets in the 1836 Manse |
| | 7:00 PM | Session Meeting |
| WED., | 6:00 PM | Maureen's Haven |
| | 7:30 PM | AA Meeting |
| THURS., | 3:00 PM | SALT |
| FRI., | 5:00 PM | Wedding Rehearsal |
| | 6:00 PM | Overeaters Anonymous (more information 631-407-5177) |
| SAT., | 9:30 AM | Pageant Rehearsal |
| | 10:30 AM | Women's AA Meeting |
| | 2:00 PM | Beardsley/Caputo Wedding |
| SUN., | 8:45 AM | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 9:00 AM | Bible Talk Micah 5: 2-5a; Luke 1:46b-55 or Ps. 80: 1-7; |
| | | Heb. 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45 (46-55) |
| | 10:00 AM | Christmas Pageant followed by Cookie Walk |

Casserole Club Did you know that the Casserole Club delivers approximately 10 home cooked meals to some of our friends in the Community? Our recipients welcome a warm meal and love from us every Thursday all year long. We are looking for help cooking these dinners. Our cooks prepare about 3-4 meals a year – perhaps you can contribute one meal a year or team up with someone else...whatever you feel moved to do. If you feel the Spirit calling...please contact the Church Office to learn more about it.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Donations are now being received for Christmas Flower Memorials. Send contributions to the Church Office with the name of the Donor as well as the name(s) of the person(s) in whose honor/memory the gift is given. Donations must be received before December 19th

Advent - Christmas Activities at Southold Presbyterian Church

* Sunday, December 16 at 4:00 PM Youth Group Christmas Caroling

- * Sunday, December 23 in Worship "Camel Lot" Christmas Pageant, followed by the Annual Cookie Walk
- * Monday, December 24 4:00 PM Family Christmas Eve Worship; 8:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
- * Tuesday, December 25 at 4:00 PM Christmas Dinner Reservations are now being accepted
- * Sunday, December 30 at 10:00 AM "6th Day of Christmas Worship"