

Invitation to the Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Fred Barnes

Offertory

Do You Hear What I Hear?
Emma Golebie, Vocal
Crossings Musicians

Children's Christmas Pageant

Touch of an Angel
Overture/Processional
The Touch of an Angel
Elijah Rock
You Won't Talk, Zechariah
Beautiful Angel
Joseph, Dear Joseph
Born Is the King
Finale/Theme Song Reprise
Recessional

Jenn Stampfel

Christmas Prayer

Jenn Stampfel

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Lighting the Christmas Candles

* Candlelight Carol Sing

Words are printed on the back page of the bulletin.

* Benediction

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Please extinguish all candles following the Benediction.

* Postlude

Hallelujah Chorus
H.K. Hilner, Marilee Kline, Tyler Dean

Carols at the South Door

The Southminster Ringers

** If you are able, please stand.*

If you are visiting with us this evening, WELCOME! Please complete a CONNECT Card so that we can be in touch with you.
Thank you for sharing Worship with us this morning

THE CANDLELIGHT CAROLS

(Let us celebrate the coming of the *Light of the world*
by raising our candles during all verses in italics.)

Joy to the World

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders, of His love.

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, *The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.*

The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky, *And stay by my side until morning is nigh.*

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, *And fit us for Heaven to live with Thee there.*

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Silent Night! Holy Night!

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 24, 2023

WELCOME: In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to this Celebration of Worship. May we, each one, by the power of the Holy Spirit experience a *close communion* with God and a *warm fellowship* with one another.

WE THANK the *Crossings Musicians* and *Southminster Ringers 2*, for sharing their ministry of music in worship this evening.

WE THANK *Craig Dobbins*, for sharing his ministry of music in worship this evening.

DECEMBER 31 WORSHIP: On *Sunday, December 31, 2023*, there will be one Combined Worship Service at 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. There will be NO Café, Sunday School, or Childcare.

THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED on *Monday, December 25* and *Tuesday December 26*, for the Christmas holiday and *January 1* for the New Year's holiday. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

OUR NEW INTERIM PASTOR: Rev. Dr. Doug Marshall will preach his first services with us on Sunday Jan. 7! Please join us to welcome him at Meet and Greet sessions following both services: For Crossings, we will convene after the service in Fellowship Hall and after the I am service, there will be a light luncheon served. Hope to see you there!

YEAR-END GIVING: As 2023 quickly ends, please assist the SPC "family" to finish the year on solid financial footing. Is your pledge completed? Have you been especially blessed this year and can make an extra gift? This might be a fine time to make a generous gift of stock to the mission and ministry of SPC. SPC is prepared to handle any and all kinds of transactions; please contact the Church Office or info@spchurch.org. SPC will "close" our 2023 financial books on *Friday, January 5*. All gifts received by then and dated 2023 will help the SPC "family" finish strong. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

ADULT INTEREST CENTER: The **Adult Interest Center** will be taking the month of January 2024 off. However, we will continue through June 21. Here are the entertainers/speakers through March:

- * **February 2:** *Rick Purcell – Singer/Keyboard*
- * **February 16:** *Courtney Lynn – Singer*
- * **March 1:** *Curtis Franciscus - Singer*
- * **March 15:** *Kateryna Boiko - Singer*
- * **March 29:** *Closed – Good Friday*

NAME TAGS! More name tags will be ordered in January! Please let the Church Life Committee know if you would like one! Email your name, as you would like it to appear on your name tag, to SPChurchLife@gmail.com! OR fill out the form at any Get to Know Your Church Family information table at the church entrances! Our deadline is January 14!

FAT TUESDAY: Fat Tuesday Dinner February 13, 2024, from 6 pm to 7:30 in Fellowship Hall. All ages are invited to enjoy a pancake dinner and, of course, donuts! No cost to attend but a free will offering will be taken. For entertainment, Crossings band will be playing rock oldies for a sing-a-long! Please RSVP to info@spchurch.org or by calling the church office at 412-343-8900.



CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING: A cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s, the Christmas Joy Offering is one of the four special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Whether providing financial assistance to current and former church workers and their families or providing opportunities for deserving students to attend Presbyterian-related racial ethnic colleges and schools, your generous gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering will shine the One True Light of Christ's love.

We will receive the Christmas Joy Offering on **Christmas Eve**.

CAST LIST

Mason Biggs – Zechariah and Shepherd
Noah Biggs – Sheep
Cecily Cantine – Mary
Quinton Cantine – Melchior
Evelyn Costello – Angel 4
Josephine Costello – Angel 9
Lillian Costello – Angel 8

Jack DeFurio – Joseph
Jocelyn Erskine – Angel 2
John Groff – Narrator and Balthazar
Elaina Groff – Angel 1
Ezra Pople - Shepherd
Alfie People - Sheep
Luke Schwilm - Elijah

Tyler Schwilm - Sheep
Ella Svitek – Narrator and Angel 10
Simon Svitek – Narrator and Gaspar
Oliver Tracy - Shepherd
Anne Wallander – Angel 7
Genevieve Wallander – Angel 3
Clara Wallander – Elizabeth and Angel 6

Amelia Neemes – Art and Set Design
Elisabeth Charles - Director
Nancy Karras - Accompanist

Samantha DeFurio – Administrative Support
Cecile Usner - Costumes



CROSSINGS MUSICIANS

Becky Rickard – Vocals
Emma Golebie, Vocals
Chris Edwards – Vocals, Guitar
Robert Wagner – Vocals, Guitar
Paul Valley – Guitar
Armando Camillo – Guitar
Marilee Kline – Flute
Tyler Dean – Trumpet
Jeremy Kosmac - Percussion
H.K. Hilner – Piano, Keyboard



CHURCH STAFF

Mr. Frederic D. Barnes, Pastoral Care Associate & Director of AIC
Ms. Jennifer Stampfel, Director of Children’s Ministry
Mr. H.K. Hilner, Crossings Music Director
Ms. Trish O’Connell, Bookkeeper
Mrs. Sue Remely, Church Hostess
Mrs. Cheryl Polito, Wedding Coordinator
Mr. Raymond Clayton, Facilities Superintendent
Ms. Eileen Kinner, Coordinator of Communication Technologies & Facilities Associate
Mr. Anthony Maiorano, Facilities Associate
Mrs. Lori Guenther, Director Southminster Early Learning Academy
Ms. Bonnie Kline, Director Southminster Child Care Center