

Summerside Presbyterian Church
~ Christmas Day 2022 ~

Our Approach to God

Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
**Those who lived in a land of deep darkness –
on them a light has shined.**

For a child has been born for us, a son has been given;
**And he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting father, Prince of Peace.**

In the spirit of the God who comes to us, let us worship!

Carol: **#153 “Joy to the World!”**

Opening Prayers

Assurance of God’s Love

Hymn: **#143 “Infant holy, infant lowly”**

Listening for God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

Responsive Reading: Psalm 98

Gospel Reading: John 1:1-14

Hymn: **#168 “See amid the winter’s snow”**

Message

Our Response to God’s Word

Offering & Doxology

Hymn: **#136 “The first nowell”**

Declaring our Faith: **A Christmas Creed**

Dismissal Hymn: **#133 “Go Tell It on the Mountain”**

Benediction

Next Week: Rev. Linda Berdan will be leading worship next Sunday.

Ladies’ Breakfast Saturday, Jan 7th at Star Cafe

Psalm 98

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things;
**his right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.**

The Lord has made his salvation known
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

**He has remembered his love
and his faithfulness to Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.**

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;
**make music to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of singing,
with trumpets and the blast of the ram’s horn—
shout for joy before the Lord, the King.**

Let the sea resound, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it.

**Let the rivers clap their hands,
let the mountains sing together for joy;**

let them sing before the Lord,
for he comes to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples with equity.**

A Christmas Creed

I believe in Jesus Christ and in the beauty of the gospel begun in Bethlehem.

I believe in the one whose spirit glorified a little town and whose spirit still brings music to persons all over the world.

I believe in the one for whom the crowded inn could find no room, but who transformed the place by his very presence.

I believe in the one who the rulers of the earth ignored and the proud could never understand; whose life was among common people, whose welcome came from persons with hungry hearts.

I believe in the one whose cradle was a mother’s arms, who looked at persons and made them see what God’s love saw in them, who by love brought sinners back to purity, and lifted human weakness up to meet the strength of God.

I confess my ever-lasting need of God: The need of forgiveness for my selfishness and greed, the need of new life for empty souls, the need of love for hearts grown cold.

I believe in God who gives us the best of himself.

I believe in Jesus, the Son of God, born in Bethlehem this night, for me and for the world.

Amen.xz