

Visitors.....if you are joining us today for the first time, and would like more information about Southminster, please fill out the **Connection Card** that can be found in the pew and place it in the offering plate.

Chili/soup cook off after the **January 9th** 5:00 Sabbath service. Then we will watch Trigger (a movie on gun violence) at 7pm

All year end financial gifts need to be in to the church office by 3:00, December 31st.



Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex to help out during the coffee fellowships after our worship services.

It's photo directory time! For this edition, you can email your own photo to Andy.Dahlke@gmail.com before Jan. 31st, or let us take an informal photo of you. Sign-up sheets are available in the foyer and we'll take pictures on the 17th and 24th after church. "Directory Information Forms" are also available in the foyer if you would prefer not to complete an online survey.

2016 Pledge envelopes are ready to be picked up in the Narthex. Per Capita for 2016 is \$26.00 per person.

What's Happening

THIS WEEK AT SOUTHMINSTER

MONDAY ~ 28TH

BOOK CLUB

7:00PM

MARCI WILL BE ON VACATION DECEMBER 30TH THRU JANUARY 3RD. IF YOU HAVE A NEED DURING THIS TIME PLEASE SEE YOUR DEACON OR THE CHURCH OFFICE.

Annual Reports are due in to the church office by January 10th.

Congregational Meeting January 31st

LITURGIST, GREETER, & USHERS

December 27th

Liturgist: Kathryn Nicholas

Greeter: Judy Varvel

Ushers: Harvey Pitman
Eleanor Pitman
Rex & Lindy Reagan

January 3rd

Liturgist: Noreen Pusey

Greeter: Kem Clark-Tanner

Ushers: Carol Town
Judy Varvel
Glen McConaughy
Rich Anderson

Servers: Kate Savage
Carol Town
Liz Leonardson
Carrie Lillard

Welcome to Southminster Presbyterian Church

December 27, 2015

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An open and affirming community, seeking a caring and just society.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

SWEET LITTLE JESUS BOY
-ARR. M. BOBER

OPENING PRAYER

VIDEO MEDITATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAISE THE LORD! PRAISE GOD IN THE HEAVENS.

PRAISE THE LORD FROM THE EARTH!

YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE,

MEN AND WOMEN TOGETHER. PRAISE THE LORD!

*HYMN # 133

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALMIGHTY GOD, WE CONFESS THAT OUR HEARTS HAVE NOT BEEN OPEN TO ALL THAT YOU HAVE REVEALED TO US IN THE NATIVITY OF YOUR SON. YOU SENT CHRIST TO BE BORN AS A HELPLESS CHILD, AND YET WE HAVE NOT ATTENDED TO SUFFERING OF CHILDREN. YOU CHOSE HUMBLE MARY TO BE MOTHER OF OUR LORD JESUS, AND YET WE HAVE NOT ATTENDED TO THE STRUGGLES OF WOMEN. THE HOLY FAMILY COULD FIND NO ROOM IN BETHLEHEM BUT A STABLE, AND YET WE HAVE NOT ATTENDED TO THE CRY OF THE HOMELESS. YOU ANNOUNCED YOUR BIRTH TO LOWLY SHEPHERDS, YET WE IGNORE THOSE WHO TEND OUR FARMS AND FIELDS. FORGIVE OUR LACK OF ATTENTION, AND FREE US FOR JOYFUL COMPASSION, THAT WE MAY KNOW CHRIST IN SERVING OTHERS. THOUGH JESUS CHRIST WE PRAY. AMEN.

CONGREGATION SPEAKS TOGETHER THE **BOLD-FACED** TYPED WORDS
*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

ISAIAH FORETOLD THE GOOD NEWS THAT IS NOW PROCLAIMED TO US: THE LORD HAS COMFORTED THE PEOPLE AND REDEEMED JERUSALEM. IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN.

THE PEACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH YOU.

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

FEEL FREE TO MOVE AROUND THE SANCTUARY AS YOU GREET ONE ANOTHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC

GESU BAMBINO
BY PIETRO A. YON

*HYMN #145

WHAT CHILD IS THIS
PRAYER CARDS WILL BE COLLECTED

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

(CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO COME FORWARD AT THIS TIME. AFTERWARDS, ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO REMAIN IN WORSHIP. THEY ARE ALSO INVITED TO QUIETLY USE THE PRAYER CENTER AT THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY. THERE IS NURSERY CARE UPSTAIRS FOR PRE-SCHOOL AGED AND YOUNGER CHILDREN.)

SUNG PRAYER

JESUS IS THE HEALER

JESUS IS THE HEALER OF OUR HEART AND SOUL.

HE SHOWS HIS LOVE TO EVERY ONE.

HIS WORDS ARE LIKE SEED THAT FALL DOWN ON THE GROUND.

THANK YOU, GOD, FOR SENDING US YOUR SON.

JESUS WAS BAPTIZED BY JOHN ONE DAY

GOD SAID, "MY BELOVED SON."

HIS WORDS ARE LIKE SEEDS THAT FALL DOWN ON THE GROUND.

THANK YOU, GOD, FOR SENDING US YOUR SON.

SCRIPTURE

MARK 1:1-20

SERMON

THE BEGINNING OF THE GOOD NEWS

***HYMN 123**
VS 1, 3, AND 5

IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

THAT BOY - CHILD OF MARY
-ARR. D. LASKY

*DOXOLOGY

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 NATURE SING.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

*HYMN #138

WHO WOULD THINK THAT WHAT WAS NEEDED

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN
-ARR. C. UEHLEIN

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

MARCI GLASS ~ PREACHER
SUSAN POHL ~ ORGANIST
SHARON BANCROFT & EVELYN CATES ~ SPECIAL MUSIC