

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.

LAST CHANCE

Today is the last day to order Christmas cards or receive cards in appreciation of a donation to the Haiti Education Foundation (HEF). Donations to HEF are, of course, welcome at any time. You just won't get the "bonus gift" of cards designed by Southminster artists if you donate after today. Cards will be available for pick-up on Dec. 4th. Order forms are available in the narthex.

What's Happening

Wednesday ~ 30th
Bell & Choir Rehearsal **6/7pm**

Special invite to the women of Southminster:
 You're invited to Presbyterian Women's
 Annual Christmas Tea
 Saturday, December 3rd at 2:00pm at Lindsay Hall



Hosting today's coffee fellowship is:
 Nancy Amell, Pricilla Oja, Carol Town, and Loleeta Gwin

Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

First Sunday of Advent



December 4th	9:30am	Worship Service
December 10th	5:00pm	Sabbath Service
December 11th	4:00pm	Handbell Concert
December 18th	9:30am	Worship Service
December 24th	5 & 7	Christmas Eve Service
December 25th	5:00pm	Worship Service

LITURGIST, GREETER, & USHERS

<u>November 27th</u>		<u>December 4th</u>	
Liturgist:	Deanna Watson	Liturgist:	Pam O'Connor
Greeter:	Darleen Brown	Greeter:	Carla Middleton
Ushers:	Larry Chase Patsy Chase Pete Cavey Judy Farnsworth	Ushers:	Andy Winkle Helen Winkle Martha Daltoso Gabriella Daltoso
		Servers:	Dave Stokes Jim Smithers Carla Middleton Andy Winkle

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE

-ARR. D. LASKY

OPENING PRAYER

INTROIT

SOON AND VERY SOON

-ANDRE CROUCH, ARR. BY JACK SCHRADER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

OH LORD, OUR LORD; WE AWAIT YOUR COMING.

COME LORD JESUS AND GIVE US HOPE.

OH LORD, OUR LORD; WE AWAIT YOUR COMING.

COME LORD JESUS AND GIVE US PEACE.

OH LORD, OUR LORD; WE AWAIT YOUR COMING.

COME LORD JESUS AND RECEIVE OUR PRAISE.

*HYMN 83

COME THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

CONFESSION AND CANDLE LIGHTING

TO TAKE A LIGHT INTO THE DARK IS TO KNOW THE LIGHT, TO KNOW THE DARKNESS, GO INTO THE DARK. UNTIL WE ARE WILLING TO BRING EVEN OUR DARKNESS AND SIN BEFORE GOD, WE WILL NOT KNOW OUR SELVES.

NOW IS WHEN WE BRING OUR STORIES BEFORE GOD, KNOWING ONLY IN THE LIGHT OF GOD'S LOVE CAN WE FIND FORGIVENESS AND REDEMPTION.

HERE IS A TIME FROM MY LIFE WHEN I KNEW A DARKNESS.....
A LIGHT SHINED IN MY DARKNESS AND THE DARKNESS DID NOT
OVERCOME ME. LET US PRAY TOGETHER.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

MERCIFUL GOD, ALL THAT WE HAVE AND ALL THAT WE ARE COME FROM YOU, YET WE PREFER TO FOCUS OUR SIGHT IN THE WRONG DIRECTIONS. WE POINT OUT THE SHORTCOMINGS OF OTHERS RATHER THAN EXAMINE OUR OWN WAYWARDNESS, WANTING TO MAKE OURSELVES LOOK BETTER BEFORE OTHERS, AND MAYBE EVEN BEFORE YOU. FORGIVE US, LORD. OPEN OUR EYES TO OUR NEED FOR YOUR INDISCRIMINATE AND UNCONDITIONAL LOVE. OPEN OUR EYES TO YOUR GOODNESS, SO WE MAY RECOGNIZE THE BLESSINGS WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED, AND GUIDE US AS WE WELCOME THE FULLNESS OF YOUR LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

..... FRIENDS, HEAR THE GOD NEWS: CHRIST IS COMING TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW. MAY WE OPEN TO THE LIGHT.

ONE CANDLE SHINES AS SHADOWS LENGTHEN AND CHAOS ROARS-
THE DAWN OF GOD'S KINGDOM IN OUR MIDST.

COURAGE AWAKENS IN US, A SPARK TO BRIGHTEN THE WAY.

RADIANT FLASH AND FEEBLE FLAME BREAK THROUGH; A LONG TIME COMING, YET UNEXPECTED. WATCHING AND WAITING, WE PREPARE HIM ROOM.

CHRIST IS COMING TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW, AND WE ARE OPENING TO THE LIGHT.

LET US SHARE THE PEACE WE HAVE RECEIVED.
MAY THE PEACE OF CHRIST BE WITH YOU.

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHOIR ANTHEM

OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

- ARR. BY GILBERT M. MARTIN

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 FOR ILLUMINATION

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

PRAYER CARDS WILL BE COLLECTED

HYMN 28

VERSES 1-4

SCRIPTURE

DANIEL 6:1-27

SERMON

OFFERING/OFFERTORY HIS NAME WILL BE CALLED EMMANUEL

- C. UEHLEIN

*DOXOLOGY

HYMN 609

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 105

PEOPLE, LOOK EAST

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

- ARR R. MOSER

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

RANDY MARSHALL ~ PREACHING

SUSAN POHL ~ ORGANIST

CLAUDIA SUTHERLAND ~ CHOIR DIRECTOR