

Merry Christmas from the staff at
Southminster Presbyterian

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Please join us for Christmas Day Worship tomorrow at 5:00pm. Most weeks, we worship at 9:30am Sunday. The second Saturday of each month we worship at 5:00pm.

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PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TONIGHT:

REV. MARCI AULD GLASS ~ MESSAGE

SUSAN POHL ~ ORGANIST

EVAN CHAMBERS & WILL SWENSON ~ SPECIAL MUSIC

KIRAN SPEES ~ LITURGIST

CAROL TOWN ~ GREETER

LIZ LEONARDSON ~ ADVENT READER

DENISE SMITHERS, IAN BOTT, LEILA & JIM INLOW ~ USHERS

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 as it passes by.

The church office will be closed Monday & Tuesday.
Susan & Marci will be back in the office Wednesday.

IF YOU PURCHASED A POINSETTIA FOR CHRISTMAS,
PLEASE TAKE IT HOME WITH YOU THIS EVENING AFTER
THE WORSHIP SERVICE.

Southminster Presbyterian

The Joy
of CHRISTMAS
CELEBRATE THE SEASON

December 24, 2016 ~ 5:00 p.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

MEDLEY OF CHRISTMAS TUNES

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN 115

AWAY IN A MANGER

Vs 1 & 2

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

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 RESPONSIVELY...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O GOD, YOU SEARCH US OUT AND KNOW US, AND ALL THAT WE ARE IS OPEN TO YOU. WE CONFESS THAT WE HAVE SINNED.

IN YOUR MERCY, LORD, FORGIVE US AND HEAL US.

WHEN WE MAKE NO ROOM FOR CHRIST, AND FAIL TO WELCOME HIM INTO OUR LIVES, WHEN WE FOLLOW SHOOTING STARS AND SQUANDER OUR GIFTS IN HEROD'S COURT, WHEN WE SEEK TO CUT DOWN THOSE WHO MIGHT RISE ABOVE US, WHEN WE SANITIZE YOUR BIRTH PLACE AND ERASE FROM MEMORY THE POOR AND DISPLACED, WHEN WE SING SWEET SENTIMENTS OVER CHRIST'S BIRTH, AND FAIL TO REJOICE OVER HIS EVERY-DAY PRESENCE,

IN YOUR MERCY, LORD, FORGIVE US AND HEAL US.

CONGREGATION SPEAKS TOGETHER THE WORDS IN **BOLD**

WE TURN TO YOU, O CHRIST, PERFECT UNION OF SPIRIT AND FLESH;

WE CLAIM YOUR LOVE; WE CHOOSE TO BE MADE WHOLE. IN YOUR MERCY, LORD, FORGIVE US AND HEAL US.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

... FIVE CANDLES SHINE AS GOD'S PURPOSE IS REVEALED IN WORD AND FLESH.

POSSIBILITY 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.

PLEASE MOVE AROUND THE SANCTUARY, SHARING THE PEACE AND GREETING ONE ANOTHER

*HYMN 110

LOVE HAS COME

JESUS IS BORN IN BETHLEHEM

LUKE 2:1-7

*HYMN 121

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

Vs 1 & 2

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRESCHOOL AGED AND YOUNGER CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO EITHER REMAIN IN THE SERVICE OR CHOOSE TO GO TO THE NURSERY AFTER THE TIME WITH THE CHILDREN.

*HYMN 119

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

THE ANGELS APPEAR TO THE SHEPHERDS

LUKE 2:8-20

SPECIAL MUSIC

CHRISTMAS MEDLEY

MEDITATION

*HYMN 145

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

IN NIGHT'S SILENCE

-ARR. C. UEHLEIN

*DOXOLOGY #134

JOY TO THE WORLD

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (IN UNISON)

GIVE US, O GOD, SUCH LOVE AND WONDER THAT WITH SHEPHERDS AND MAGI, AND PILGRIMS UNKNOWN, WE MAY COME TO ADORE THE HOLY CHILD, THE PROMISED ONE. WITH OUR GIFTS WE WORSHIP JESUS BORN IN BETHLEHEM, AND CHRIST WHO REIGNS WITH YOU AND RULES IN OUR HEARTS. AS YOU CAME AT NIGHT WHEN ALL WAS STILL, SO ENTER OUR LIVES THIS NIGHT. ILLUMINE OUR PATHS WITH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST'S PRESENCE, THAT WE MAY CLEARLY SEE THE WAY BEFORE US, AND BEAR WITNESS TO YOUR LOVE FOR THE WORLD. AMEN.

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.

*CANDLELIGHT CAROL 122

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT

(CANDLES WILL BE LIT DURING THE HYMN. USHERS WILL BRING THE CANDLE LIGHT TO EACH ROW. PLEASE TIP THE UNLIT CANDLE TO LIGHT SO THE LIT CANDLES CAN REMAIN UPRIGHT - AND NOT LEAK HOT WAX.)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

-ARR. A.L. PAGE