

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.

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

If you purchased a Poinsettia for the church decorations, please take it home with you tonight.



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PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TONIGHT:
REV. MARCI AULD GLASS ~ MESSAGE
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SUSAN POHL & KIRAN SPEES ~ SPECIAL MUSIC
KEM CLARK-TANNER ~ GREETER

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

TWAS IN THE MOON OF WINTERTIME
—ARR. N. HASCALL

*CALL TO WORSHIP FROM ISAIAH 52

HOW BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS ARE THE FEET OF THE MESSENGER WHO ANNOUNCES PEACE, WHO BRINGS GOOD NEWS, WHO ANNOUNCES SALVATION!

YOUR SENTINELS LIFT UP THEIR VOICES. TOGETHER THEY SING FOR JOY AS THEY SEE THE RETURN OF THE LORD TO ZION!

BREAK FORTH INTO SINGING, YOU RUINS OF JERUSALEM, FOR THE LORD HAS COMFORTED AND REDEEMED YOU!

ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH SHALL SEE THE SALVATION OF OUR GOD!

*HYMN 133

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O HEAVENLY LIGHT, ON THIS DAY THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND MOVED INTO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. WE RISE TO GREET YOU, BUT WE DO NOT OFFER THE SAME HOSPITALITY TO ALL OF YOUR CHILDREN. WE ARE EAGER TO SING PRAISES TO YOU, BUT SLOW TO SERVE YOU BY SERVING OTHERS. DRAW US INTO YOUR ABUNDANT MERCY, AND GRANT US YOUR GRACE, THAT WE MIGHT SHARE YOUR LOVE WITH OUR NEIGHBORS, AND WELCOME THE STRANGERS IN OUR MIDST.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

HEAR THE GOOD NEWS: IN JESUS CHRIST, GOD CALLS US TO NEW LIFE. BEFORE WE ANSWER, GOD ALREADY CLAIMS US, AND BY THE HOLY SPIRIT CLEANSSES US AND DRAWS US INTO COMMUNITY. FRIENDS, BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL: IN JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN! BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN RECONCILED TO GOD IN CHRIST, WE CAN ALSO BE AT PEACE WITH ONE ANOTHER. THE PEACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH YOU.

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

*HYMN 143

ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 52: 7-10

*HYMN 128

INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY

SECOND READING

HEBREWS 1:1-12

*HYMN 145

WHAT CHILD IS THIS

THIRD READING

JOHN 1:1-14

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE HILLS ARE BARE AT BETHLEHEM

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

THE HANDS THAT FIRST HELD MARY'S CHILD
—TROEGER/ D. FORREST

*DOXOLOGY HYMN 134

JOY TO THE WORLD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 136

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION