

**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.

**What's Happening** THIS WEEK AT SOUTHMINSTER

Monday 16th

Merry Martha Circle 7:30am

Tuesday 17th

Men's breakfast 6:30am  
Session 7:00pm

Wednesday 18th

Naomi & Ruth Circles 9:30am  
Rachel Circle 1:00pm  
Bell/Choir Rehearsal 6 / 7 pm

**Brewed & Thought**

Sunday, January 22nd ~ 6:30  
At Louie's in Meridian

Please plan on staying after worship on Jan 29 for the Annual Congregational Meeting.



Per Capita for 2017 is \$26.00 per person.

**PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

REV. MARCI GLASS ~ PREACHING  
SEAN RODGERS ~ SABBATH MUSICIAN  
KIRAN SPEES ~ LITURGIST  
MARVA WERTZ ~ GREETER  
PRISCILLA OJA, MIKE ZELLER, HARVEY & ELEANOR PITMAN ~USHERS  
SUSAN POHL AND MARVA WERTZ ~ SERVERS

# Welcome to Southminster Presbyterian Church

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, GOD CALLS US.

**GOD SETS US APART WITH A MEANING AND A PURPOSE.**

WE COME UP WITH EXCUSES TO AVOID OUR CALLS, FOR WE ARE AFRAID.

**BUT GOD REASSURES US IN MANY AND VARIOUS WAYS THROUGH THE COURSE OF OUR DAYS.**

EVEN IF WE ARE BROUGHT TO THE EDGE OF A CLIFF,

**GOD IS WITH US AND SUSTAINS US.**

### \*HYMN 301

**LET US BUILD A HOUSE**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION IN UNISON

**“WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?” JESUS ASKED HIS NEW DISCIPLES.**

**“WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?” HE ASKS US STILL TODAY.**

**GRACIOUS GOD, WE CONFESS THAT WE ARE UNCERTAIN. SO MANY THINGS THAT SEEMED SURE AND GOOD HAVE LED US ASTRAY AND EXHAUSTED US. SO MUCH OF WHAT WE HAVE TRIED TO DO HAS DISAPPOINTED THOSE WE LOVE, FAILED TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED, AND EMPTIED US OF CONVICTION AND HOPE. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR. WE CONFESS THAT WE ARE TOO RELUCTANT TO SPEAK AND TO LIVE ACCORDING TO YOUR TRUTH. WE GROW COMFORTABLE WITH THE WAY THINGS ARE, PASSIVELY CONDONING INJUSTICE. WE SEE OURSELVES AS “INSIDERS,” EXCLUDING THOSE WE CONSIDER “OUTSIDERS.” WE FIND IT EASIER TO PLUCK UP AND PULL DOWN, TO DESTROY AND OVERTHROW, THAN TO BUILD AND TO PLANT. FORGIVE US, O GOD, FOR BEING TIMID DISCIPLES. EMPTY US OF FEAR AND SHAME, AND FILL US WITH LOVE THAT IS HUMBLE AND PATIENT AND KIND. WE PRAY THIS IN THE NAME OF THE ONE WHO HUMBLED HIMSELF, JESUS THE CHRIST.**

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

HEAR THE GOOD NEWS! GOD’S MERCY IS POURED OUT LIKE A MIGHTY RIVER; GRACE FLOWS LIKE A NEVER-ENDING STREAM. BELIEVE THE GOSPEL, AND GIVE THANKS! IN JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN. AND NOW, LET US SHARE THE GRACE WE HAVE RECEIVED, PASSING THE PEACE AND GREETING ONE ANOTHER. THE PEACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH YOU ALL.

**AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*HYMN 726

**WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME (THE SUMMONS)**

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**ENTER OUR HEARTS, LORD, THAT HEARING YOUR WORD WE MIGHT BE CAPTIVATED, ONCE AGAIN AND IN A NEW WAY, BY THE EXPECTATION OF YOUR PRESENCE IN OUR MIDST. AMEN.**

## SCRIPTURE

**LUKE 4:14-30**

## SERMON

## OFFERING/OFFERTORY

## \*SABBATH DOXOLOGY

## 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.**

## COMMUNION AND RENEWAL OF BAPTISM

## \*CLOSING HYMN

**GO IN PEACE**

## BENEDICTION