

<b><u>This Week at Southminster:</u></b>	
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	
Men's Breakfast & Study	6:30am
Deacons	7:00pm
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	
PW Gathering	11am
Bell/Choir Rehearsal	6 & 7 pm
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	
Sabbath Service	5pm
Dinner & Lights Tour after the service	
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	
Handbell Concert	4pm

The church is scheduled to get new flooring in the Narthex area the week of December 11th. **The church office will be closed during this time.** Please have all bulletin information for the 17th in to Susan by the 6th of December.

**Church Office Hours**  
**For this week:**  
 Tuesday & Wednesday 9—12  
 Thursday 9—4

Reverse Advent Reminder! Don't forget to set aside one new or good condition used item each day of advent for local charities. Bring your donations to the church on or before Sunday, January 7th.

Do you have a quilt rack or small drying rack you'd be willing to donate to the church so that prayer shawls can be stored correctly. If so, contact Kiran Spees or Susan Pohl.

**PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP**

**December 3**

Preaching: Marci Glass  
 Liturgist: Steve Smith  
 Greeter: Andy Winkle  
 Ushers: Gloria Levis  
 Helen Winkle  
 Evan & Nina Chambers  
 Servers: Genny Crume  
 Kem Clark-Tanner  
 Jill Gertje  
 Dave Stokes  
 Advent Readers:  
 Martin & Mary Lou Downey

**December 9 Saturday Sabbath**

Preaching: Marci Glass  
 Liturgist: Deanna Watson  
 Greeter: Kristy Wymond  
 Ushers: Priscilla Oja  
 Greg & Marie Collier  
 Mike Zeller  
 Servers: Evelyn Cates  
 Dawn Phillips  
 Kathryn Nicholas  
 Phil Woodford  
 Advent Reader:  
 Ann Dearson

# Welcome to Southminster Presbyterian



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

The Gathering

Prelude

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People  
Arr D. Lasky

Opening Prayer

To You, O Lord (Psalm 25)  
by Marty Haugen

Advent Candle Lighting

The poet, Emily Dickinson, wrote: "Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul." The psalmist declared: "I put my hope in You all day long." Hope is more than wishful thinking. Hope is the Spirit of God dwelling within us, reminding us we are never alone. Hope is our active commitment to be God's faithful people, whether we walk an easy path or face fiery trials. When we light the candle of Hope, we embrace God's presence among us, yesterday and today and always.

Whatever we face in life, we will put our hope in God.

\*Hymn 89  
Vs 1 & 2

For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits

Responsive Prayers of Confession

Holy One, Sometimes we are like Nebuchadnezzar, wanting to be in charge, desperately and destructively trying to control everyone around us.

**God of freedom, forgive and transform us.**

Sometimes we are like the Chaldeans, jealous of those who seem more successful, malicious toward people who do not do things the proper way.

**God of grace, forgive and transform us.**

And we are not sure if we could, if we would, be like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, trusting you despite all odds, devoted to you even in the face of death.

**God of salvation, transform our fear into faithfulness.**

Assurance of Pardon and Sharing of the Peace

You servants of the most high God, do not be afraid. For with God there is great mercy to forgive and there is great power to transform. So may the peace of Christ dwell within you. Amen. Let us share the grace we have received. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Feel free to move around greeting new friends and old

Announcements

\*Hymn 88  
Vs 1 - 4

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
Prayer requests will be collected

Time with Children

Cnancel Choir Anthem

Come, Emmanuel!  
Pepper Choplin

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

God of newness, we want to be ready...we want to make room for you...we want our lives to be changed by your advent. So speak to us in our busy-ness and our quietness...our uneven-ness and our level-ness...our roughness and our smoothness... so that, either way, your glory might be revealed to us. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Daniel 3

Sermon

The Response and the Sending

Offering and Offertory

Fantasy on "His name will be called Emmanuel"  
C. Uehlin

\*Doxology 609

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Communion

\*Hymn 99

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

Benediction

Postlude

Prepare the Way, O Zion  
Arr R. Lau

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.