

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.



This Week at Southminster:

Today

Larry & Cheryl Andrews 50th anniversary celebration after the service
Puppet practice Noon

Monday

Merry Martha Circle 7:30am

Tuesday

Men's Breakfast & Study 6:30am
Session @ Rebekah Harvey's home 6:30pm

Wednesday

Ruth & Naomi Circle 9:30am
Rachel Circle 1:00pm



Dec. 23rd 9:30am Music Sunday
Special music from a cantata and selected anthems, narrations and instrumentals.

Dec. 24th 5 & 7pm Christmas Eve
Candlelight Services

Dec. 30th 9:30 Worship Service
Rev. Glass, Preaching

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - 20TH

The Annual Meeting is set for January 27th. For those of you who head up a committee, your annual report is due by January 15th.

Can you bake up cookies for the Mission committee to share with the staff at Borah High School this week, while they work through finals? See Leila Inlow this morning for more information.

Just a reminder that your Giving Tree donations need to be at the church by December 20th.

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP

Dec 16th

Preaching: Marci Glass
Liturgist: Pam O'Connor
Greeter: Darleen Brown
Ushers: Ruth Alm
Greg & Marie Collier
Marva Wertz
Organist: Susan Pohl
Choir Director: Claudia Sutherland
Handbell Director: Phyllis Tincher
Advent Candle: Laura Klepper

Dec 23rd

Music Sunday
Liturgist: Genny Crume
Greeter: Joanne Wiggins
Ushers: Bruce & LeAnn Mohr
Evan & Nina Chambers



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

The Gathering

Prelude

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

arr. Anna Laura Page

*Call to Worship

We come into your holy place, O God, hoping for a glimpse of your presence.

Silence us when we allow our voices to drown out yours. Silence us when our words in the sanctuary and our actions outside do not line up. Into that silence, speak again your word of life and your call to live the gospel.

Help us to be still and know that you are God. Make space in our hearts and minds to trust your word—and not just our hearts and minds, but also our choices and actions.

Tune our voices to sing of your glory, to share your good news. And then open our lips, and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

*Hymn 107

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

Advent Candle Lighting

Sung response Hymn 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel verse 3

Call To Confession

Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God,
in this season of Advent,
we welcome the coming of your light
in a world filled with darkness.

We confess to you the ways in which we have added to that darkness
rather than obeyed our call to live as children of the light.

We ask your forgiveness:

for times when we worship violence and belittle peace,
for times when we fight amongst ourselves,
for times when we forget that we are all children of God,
for times when we do not stand up for the helpless among us.

By your tender mercy,
may the dawn from on high break upon us,
and give light to those of us that sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

Listen to what God says through the prophet Isaiah, "I am the Lord, that is my name. ...See, the former things that have come to pass, and new things I now declare."

In the name of the Lord, I declare forgiveness. I declare mercy. I declare love that is stronger than sin and death. And I declare these things to you.

Sisters and brothers, siblings in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

As you greet one another, feel free to move around the sanctuary welcoming new friends and old.

Announcements

*Hymn 108

Of the Father's Love Begotten
Prayer request will be received at this time

Time with Children

Special Music

Fun, Fum, Fum
rr. by Valerie Stephenson

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Holy One, through your Holy Spirit instruct us by the light of your prophets. Illumine our hearts so we may hear your call to become your path into the world. Amen

Scripture

Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon

The Response and the Sending

Offering / Offertory

Evelyn Cafes Accompanist

Prepare the Way

-Hal H. Hopson

*Doxology 607

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn #138

Who Would Think That What Was Needed

Benediction

Postlude

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

arr. Craig Penfield