

**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:**

**Tomorrow**

Handbell Concert 4:00pm  
Enneagram 5-7pm

**Tuesday**

Men's Lunch Committees Noon  
7pm

**Wednesday**

Hand bell/Choir Rehearsal 6 & 7pm



Dec 9th 4:00pm Handbell Concert  
Dec. 16th 9:30am Worship Service  
Dec. 23rd 9:30am Worship Service  
With special music from a cantata and selected anthems, narrations and instrumentals.  
Dec. 24th 5 & 7pm Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Services  
Dec. 30th 9:30am Worship Service

Cheryle & Larry Andrews are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary during the coffee hour, Sunday Dec. 16th. Please join them in this celebration.

Don't forget to pick up a tag from the Giving Tree this evening. Attach the tag to the item and bring to the church **BY DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>**.

**PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP**

**Dec 8th Sabbath Saturday**

Preaching: Marci Glass  
Liturgist: TBA  
Greeter: Susan Pohl  
Ushers: Ron & Eli Baker  
Juno Van Ocker  
Robert Hamilton  
Servers: Susan Pohl  
Wilma Luke  
Rebekah Harvey  
Jim Smithers

**Dec 16th**

Preaching: Marci Glass  
Liturgist: TBA  
Greeter: Darleen Brown  
Ushers: Ruth Alm  
Greg & Marie Collier  
Marva Wertz



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

## The Gathering

### Prelude

#### \*Call to Worship

Arise! Shine, for your light has come!

**The glory of God has risen upon us.**

Lead us to walk in the light of your Love, O God.

**Let our hearts always welcome your love.**

Faith is like a candle in the darkness. May we bear your light and your love into the darkness of the night.

**Let us worship in joy and hope.**

#### \*Taizé Songs

*(These songs are from the community of Taizé in France. The simple refrains are sung repeatedly, so the words can become the prayer of our hearts.)*

#### **Lord Jesus Christ**

Lord Jesus Christ your light shines within us.

Let not my doubts nor my darkness speak to me.

Lord Jesus Christ your light shines within us.

Let my heart always welcome your love.

#### **By Night, We Hasten**

By night, we hasten, in darkness

To search for living water.

Only our thirst leads us onwards.

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### Advent Candle Lighting

#### Sung response Hymn 88

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
verse 2**

### Call To Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

God of light, shine in our hearts this night. We confess our hesitation to bring light to the shadowed corners of our hearts, where we hide our hatred, and our greed, and our fears. Shine in our hearts this night. Create in us clean hearts, strengthen our resolve to be kind, reconcile us to one another, bless us with your peace. Shine in our hearts this night. 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 84

**Creator of the Stars of Night  
Prayer request will be received at this time**

## 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

**Isaiah 42:1-9**

#### Sermon

## The Response and the Sending

#### Offering / Offertory

#### \*Sabbath Doxology 582

#### Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

#### Communion

#### \*Hymn #86

**The People Who Walked in Darkness**

#### Benediction

#### Participating in Worship Today

Rev. Marci Glass ~ Sermon

Sean Rogers ~ Sabbath Musician

Dave & Betty Beck ~ Advent Readers