

# Southminster Presbyterian



*December 24, 2018~ 5:00 p.m.*

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

## Merry Christmas from the staff at Southminster Presbyterian

Marci Auld Glass, Pastor  
Susan Dunn, Administrative Assistant  
Claudia Sutherland, Director of Music  
Susan Pohl, Organist  
Sam Davila, Custodian  
Phyllis Tincher, Handbell Director  
Sean Rogers, Sabbath Musician

Please join us for Worship next Sunday at 9:30 am. Most weeks, we worship at 9:30 am. The second Saturday of each month we worship at 5:00 pm.

Please visit [www.spcboise.org](http://www.spcboise.org) for more information about our schedule and other ministries.

### PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TONIGHT:

REV. MARCI AULD GLASS ~ MESSAGE  
SUSAN POHL ~ ORGANIST  
PAM O'CONNOR ~ LITURGIST  
LEE & JOANN PETRIDGE ~ ADVENT READERS  
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**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 as it passes by.

Is your 2018 Pledge up to date? All year end giving will need to be in to the office by December 31st.

**The church office will be closed Christmas and New Years Day**

If you purchased a poinsettia for Christmas, please take it home with you this evening after the worship service.

**Please remember** to contact the church office, your deacon, or Pastor Marci if you or a loved one are in need of pastoral care during an illness or hospitalization.

**Hearing assist devices** are available for use during the service. They are available at the soundboard in the back of the sanctuary. Please see an usher if you need help with this.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

EVELYN CATES, PIANO

### CHRISTMAS TUNE ARRANGEMENTS ANGEL CAROLS

- ARR. L. SMITH

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

### \*HYMN 115

Vs 1 & 2

### AWAY IN A MANGER

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP ~ FIRST COMING BY MADELEINE L'ENGLE

GOD DID NOT WAIT TILL THE WORLD WAS READY, 'TIL THE NATIONS WERE AT PEACE.

**GOD CAME WHEN THE HEAVENS WERE UNSTEADY, AND PRISONERS CRIED OUT FOR RELEASE.**

GOD DID NOT WAIT FOR THE PERFECT TIME. GOD CAME WHEN THE NEED WAS DEEP AND GREAT.

**GOD DINED WITH SINNERS IN ALL THEIR GRIME, TURNED WATER INTO WINE. GOD DID NOT WAIT 'TIL HEARTS WERE PURE.**

IN JOY GOD CAME TO A TARNISHED WORLD OF SIN AND DOUBT.

**TO A WORLD LIKE OURS OF ANGUISHED SHAME GOD CAME, AND GOD'S LIGHT WOULD NOT GO OUT.**

GOD CAME TO A WORLD WHICH DID NOT MESH, TO HEAL ITS TANGLES, SHIELD ITS SCORN.

**IN THE MYSTERY OF WORD MADE FLESH THE MAKER OF THE STARS WAS BORN.**

WE CANNOT WAIT 'TIL THE WORLD IS SANE TO RAISE OUR SONGS WITH JOYFUL VOICE, FOR TO SHARE OUR GRIEF, TO TOUCH OUR PAIN,

**GOD CAME WITH LOVE: REJOICE! REJOICE!**

## LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

### \*HYMN 110

### LOVE HAS COME

### JESUS IS BORN IN BETHLEHEM

LUKE 2:1-7

### \*HYMN 121

Vs 1 & 2

### O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

### PUPPETS

AT THIS TIME, INFANTS AND TODDLERS ARE INVITED TO EITHER REMAIN IN WORSHIP OR TO GO UPSTAIRS TO OUR NURSERY . CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO QUIETLY COLOR IN THE PRAYER CENTER AT THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY.

### THE ANGELS APPEAR TO THE SHEPHERDS

LUKE 2:8-20

### \*HYMN 119

### HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

### SPECIAL MUSIC

KIRAN SPEES

### GESU BAMBINO

### THE WORD APPEARS TO THE WORLD

JOHN 1:1-18

### MEDITATION

### \*HYMN 145

### WHAT CHILD IS THIS

### OFFERING/OFFERTORY

### 'T WAS IN THE MOON OF WINTERTIME

- ARR. D. LASKY

## \*DOXOLOGY

JOY TO THE WORLD, THE LORD IS COME!  
LET EARTH RECEIVE HER KING;  
LET EVERY HEART PREPARE HIM ROOM,  
AND HEAVEN AND NATURE SING,  
AND HEAVEN AND NATURE SING,  
AND HEAVEN, AND HEAVEN AND NATURE SING.

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (IN UNISON)

GIVE US, O GOD, SUCH LOVE AND WONDER THAT WITH SHEPHERDS AND MAGI, AND PILGRIMS UNKNOWN, WE MAY COME TO ADORE THE HOLY CHILD, THE PROMISED ONE. WITH OUR GIFTS WE WORSHIP JESUS BORN IN BETHLEHEM, AND CHRIST WHO REIGNS WITH YOU AND RULES IN OUR HEARTS. AS YOU CAME AT NIGHT WHEN ALL WAS STILL, SO ENTER OUR LIVES THIS NIGHT. ILLUMINE OUR PATHS WITH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST'S PRESENCE, THAT WE MAY CLEARLY SEE THE WAY BEFORE US, AND BEAR WITNESS TO YOUR LOVE FOR THE WORLD. AMEN.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

### \*CANDLELIGHT CAROL #122 SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT

(CANDLES WILL BE LIT DURING THE HYMN. USHERS WILL BRING THE CANDLE LIGHT TO EACH ROW. PLEASE TIP THE UNLIT CANDLE TO LIGHT SO THE LIT CANDLES CAN REMAIN UPRIGHT - AND NOT LEAK HOT WAX.)

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

### ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

- ARR. C. UEHLEIN

\*PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT

CONGREGATION SPEAKS TOGETHER THE WORDS IN **BOLD**