

**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:**

**Tuesday**

Men's lunch Noon  
Deacons 7:00pm  
Committees various times

**Wednesday**

Handbell/Choir rehearsal 6&7pm

**Thursday**

**Church office open 9-11:30**

SAGES 11:30  
Brian Savage will inform us on what he does with the firefighters.

**Saturday**

Sabbath Service 5:00pm  
Chili Cook-off after the service  
Sign up sheet is in Narthex

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.

Pastor Marci is out of the office on Study Leave this week and will be back in the office on January 15. Please contact your deacon or the church office if you are in need of pastoral care.

What do we really know about Islam? How is Islam different from what we hear on the news? What can Islam teach us about our own faith? If you are curious about any (or all) of these questions join us on January 20 after coffee hour as we begin a study: Islam and Christianity – Engaging each other/Engaging ourselves.

Culture of Generosity Workshop - Saturday January 26th  
and Legacy Giving Workshop, Sunday January 27th  
with Rev. Dr. Rob Hagan

Sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex for both of these events.

**PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP**

**Jan 6th—Star Words**

Preaching: Carolyn Blackhurst  
Liturgist: Kathryn Nicholas  
Greeter: Harlene Blair  
Organist: Susan Pohl  
Choir Director: Claudia Sutherland  
Ushers: Andy & Helen Winkle  
Martha & Gabriella Daltoso  
Servers: Denise Smithers  
Rebekah Harvey  
Kiran Spees  
Communion: Liz Ryder  
Presider

**Jan 12th Sabbath Saturday**

Preaching: Liz Ryder  
Liturgist: Noreen Pusey  
Greeter: Carla Middleton  
Ushers: Carol Town  
Judy Varvel  
Gloria Levis  
Rich Anderson  
Servers: Susan Pohl  
Genny Crume  
Liz Leonardson  
Dawn Phillips

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

## The Gathering

### Prelude

### Opening Prayer

### Video Meditation

### \*Call to Worship

Let us sing with gladness

**For the love of God has come to dwell on earth.**

Let us shout with joy,

**For the grace of God is at work in our lives.**

Let us praise God, the giver of all blessings,

**For the very heart of God is given to us.**

Let us call out to God,

**For redemption is God's gift to us.**

### \*Hymn 151

verses 1, 2, and 5

### Call To Confession

### Prayer of Confession

God of glory, you send your love like a star, that all may find their way to you.

Yet all too often, we see only our own shadows. Remind us to look to you, our light, rather than turning again and again, away from you.

We have gifts to share, yet we confess that we sometimes hoard our gifts. Other times we don't consider our gifts worthy of sharing. Remind us, that all of our gifts are from you and remind us of our call to share them.

Help us to see the gifts in others as well, that they may better use and share what you have given them. And help us to understand that we have each received different gifts.

Keep us from turning your good gifts into exhibitions of our own self importance.

Lift our heads, O God, that we may follow your light. Take away our fear and fill us with wonder, that we too may worship Christ with all who follow the star. Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

God's grace is abundant. God's love is never ending. Friends, the gospel affirms that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

### **We Three Kings**

- Bethany K. Smith

### **We Three Kings of Orient Are**

## Announcements

### Time with Children

### \*Hymn 154

### Anthem

Evelyn Cafes—Accompanist

### **Jesus Entered Egypt**

Prayer request will be received at this time

### **Carols For Seekers**

-arr. By Joseph M. Martin

## The Word

### Prayer for Illumination

**Dear God, your people are listening. May the words we hear today be your Word.**

**May your Spirit open our hearts, minds, and souls to receive you now. Amen**

### Scripture

**Matthew 2:1-23**

### Sermon

## The Response and the Sending

### Offering / Offertory

**That Boy Child of Mary's**

R. A. Nelson

### \*Doxology 607

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

### Communion

### \*Hymn 769

verses 1, 3, and 5

**For Everyone Born, A Place at the Table**

### Benediction

### Postlude

**As With Gladness Men of Old**

- arr. Janet Linker

**\*Please rise in body or spirit**