

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.

What's Happening **This Week at Southminster**

Tuesday	
Men's Breakfast & Study	6:30am
Pastors Bible Study	2:00pm
Deacons	7:00pm
Wednesday	
PW Gathering	11:00am
Bell/Choir Rehearsal	6 & 7pm
Thursday	
SAGES	11:30am
Saturday	
Sabbath Service	5:00pm
Chili Cook-off	

Per Capita for 2020
\$27.40 per member

Remember Chili Cook off is Saturday the 11th after Sabbath, sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

Our Adult Ed topic today will be Star Words: why do we love them so? Join us for a discussion of Star Words past and present, how they have or have not impacted our years and influenced our spiritual practices, and how we may be guided by our words for 2020.

It's not too late to join in on the online Chronological Bible Study, we are reading through the Bible in a year - text or email Liz Leonardson for the details: 907 957 0285, liz.leo55@gmail.com.

If you head up a committee at SPC your annual report is due January 15th.

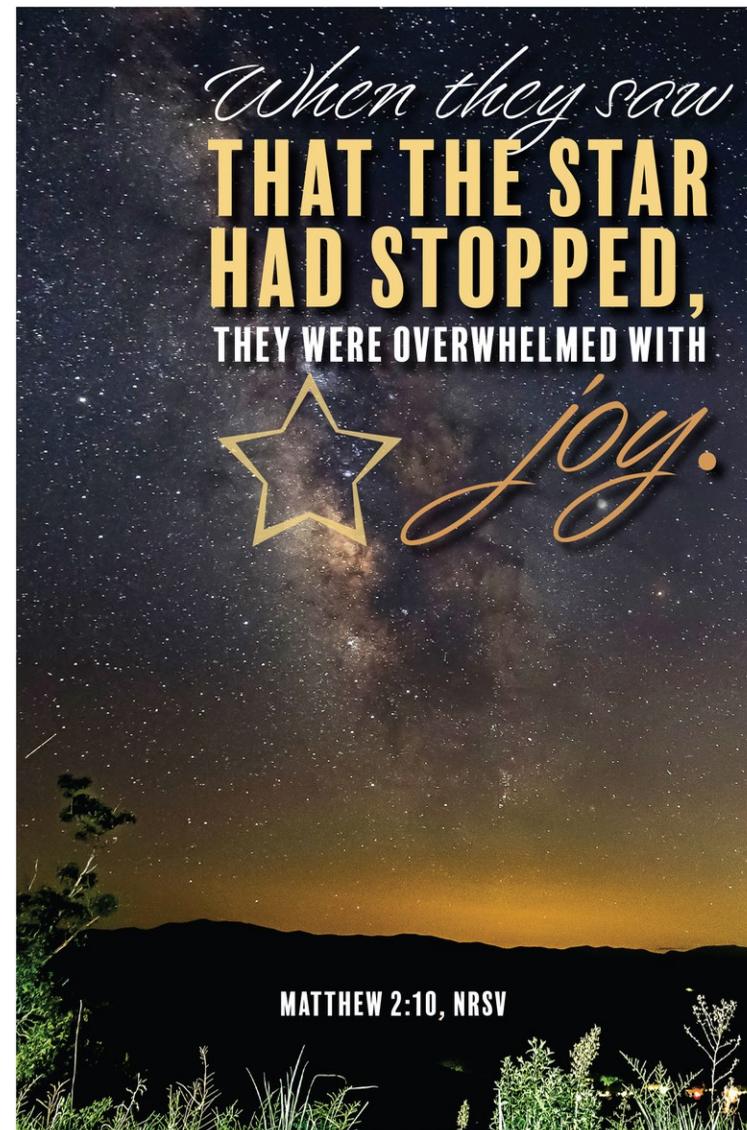
PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP

January 5th—Epiphany

Preaching: Marci Glass
Liturgist: Kathryn Nicholas
Greeter: Darleen Brown
Ushers: Bruce & LeAnn Mohr
Evan & Nina Chambers
Servers: Wilma Luke
Genny Crume
Evelyn Cates
Chris Dahlke

January 11th Sabbath Saturday

Preaching: Marci Glass
Liturgist: Noreen Pusey
Greeter: Denise Smithers
Ushers: Priscilla Oja
Mike Zeller
Harvey & Eleanor Pitman
Servers: Denise Smithers
Susan Pohl
Jim Smithers
Kiran Spees



MATTHEW 2:10, NRSV

January 5, 2020
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An open and affirming community, celebrating God's love for all by seeking a caring and just society: there is a place for you here.

The Gathering

Prelude

We Three Kings
-arr. C. Uehlein

*Call to Worship

The wise men came from far in the east to see this child.

We have come from east and west, north and south to see again the Christ who has been born.

They brought him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

We bring the gift of our very selves, offering our lives to the one who is the light of the world.

Light has broken into the shadows of our world! Kindle that light in your heart, that it may shine for others.

There is a star beckoning us to follow. Let's go and see where it leads us today.

Let's see where it leads us tomorrow as we go about our day, our week, and the rest of our lives.

Open the eyes of our hearts, Lord. We want to see you. Let us worship God!

*Hymn 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Prayer request cards collected during this hymn

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Ever-patient God, we are a people who live in thick darkness. We stumble around bombarded by news of war and poverty, famine and genocide, injustice and oppression. The maelstrom of shadows and troubles and fears can overwhelm and paralyze us. Help us be people of the light, shining your light of righteousness, peace, and joy into all the shadowed places of our lives and world. Unlock the mystery and glory of the babe born in Bethlehem. Turn our aimless wanderings into a journey of purpose guided by your star. Let your light break into our lives and our world, and transform us into people of the light.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

As certain as the dawn follows the night, so is the promise of God's forgiveness and love for us all. Arise and Shine. Follow the star. Find the light of the world born in Bethlehem and be transformed into light. Lift your eyes and look around. The light of the babe of Bethlehem shines from the face of each one here. Let us now greet that light, rejoice that we are here together, and pass the peace of Christ, our joy and our hope. May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Congregation speaks together the **BOLD-FACED** words

Announcements

Choir Anthem

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

**Isaiah 60:1-6
Matthew 2:1-12**

Sermon

The Response

Offering / Offertory

My Gift To You
-J. Wood

*Doxology 607

*Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Communion and Epiphany Star Words

*Hymn 744

Arise, Your Light is Come!

Benediction

Postlude

We Three Kings
-arr. B. Smith

Participating in Worship

Marci Glass- Preaching

Susan Pohl ~ Organist

Claudia Sutherland ~ Choir Director