

Service for the Lord's Day

First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2009 – 10:00 A.M.
Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Call to Worship (CTW)

To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls.

In you, we put our trust.

For you guide the humble in what is right,

and teach the lowly your ways of love.

Bless the Lord!

Let us worship God!

† Gathering Hymn #790

“We Gather Together”

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Chorus *“Light one candle for hope One bright candle for hope
He brings hope to every heart He comes! He comes!”*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (CTW)

Coming Lord,

As we wait and watch and yearn and ache, we look around for signs of your presence. But what we see mostly are indications of our sinfulness. The needy are overlooked. Selfishness has the upper hand.

Hatred and violence triumph over peace and reconciliation.

Our commitments waver; our resolve weakens; and we find ourselves further away from the path for which you have marked us in Christ.

We long for a word of forgiveness and direction, and for a sense of purpose and meaning. Come quickly, Lord.

(Silent Prayer) With mercy and grace, come quickly Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

† Gloria Patri (Hymn #812)

The Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

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

And also with you.

Proclaiming the Word

The Prayer for Illumination

The Word Read

Old Testament: Zephaniah 3: 14-20 (page 722)

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16 (page 753)

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

A Special Time for Children

Anthem

“And the Father Will Dance”

The Word Proclaimed

It's a Wonderful Life

*The Invitation

Responding to the Word

† Sermon Hymn #245

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

† The Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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.

Our Offering to God

† Doxology (Hymn #815)

† Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

† Sending Hymn #140

“Great Is the Lord”

† Charge

† Benediction

Postlude

† All who are able please stand.

(*) **An Invitation to Discipleship** Our mission at Southminster is to be a living witness for Jesus Christ, making disciples both near and far. In fulfillment of that mission, we invite everyone who worships with us to respond with faith, trusting Jesus Christ to be Lord and Savior in every part of life. Sometimes this invitation to discipleship is extended by the pastor at the close of the sermon, or in a special appeal afterwards. If you desire to speak to someone about responding to this invitation, or about joining the Southminster family as we follow Christ together, please contact the pastor or one of our elders. We will be glad to pray with you about any concerns you might have and to welcome you warmly as a member of this congregation.

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Director of Children's Ministries and Christian Education, Ms. Janet Ingle

Choir Director, Mrs. Beth Glover

Instrumentalist, Kristina Wilcher

Participating in Worship

Liturgist	Don Rockey
Acolytes	Logan Straber / Alex Gill
Greeters	Hospitality Team

Our assisting elder for November 2009 is Ethel Pfendler

Our deacon servers for November 2009 Chris Myers, John Rockey, Sarah Pitts

Nursery Helpers for this Sunday:

SS Crib Rm.	Debbie Rockey / Ashleigh Brower
Crib Room	Debbie Jones / Claire Coons
Toddler/Preschool	Ron & Dottie Smith

Participants for Sunday, December 6, 2009

Liturgist	Roger Walter
Acolytes	Communion #3 and 1
Greeters	Hospitality Team

Nursery Helpers for Sunday December 6, 2009:

SS Crib Rm.	Sarah Pitts / Claire Coons
Crib Room	Dennis Pitts / Marilyn Calvert
Toddler/Preschool	Katy Gildea / Susan Young

Current Church Officers:

	<u>Session</u>	
<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Rick Brewer	Bill Clark	Jan Albert
Ethel Pfendler	Mike Coons	John Koeller
Glenn Brower	Larry Hanni	Michelle Straber

	<u>Board of Deacons</u>	
<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Randy Gill	Richard Calvert	Sharon Davis
Debbie Reeder	Sarah Pitts	Dave Green
Christina Myers	John Rockey	Brent Walter

Last Week Attendance: 11/22/2009 123

Last Week Offering: 11/22/2009 \$ 3,482.70

Capital Campaign 11/22/2009 \$ 1,979.50

Welcome to Southminster Presbyterian Church

Visitors are invited to:

1. Join with us in a time of fellowship, coffee, juice or milk and cookies immediately after the service in the fellowship hall, the room across from the sanctuary.
2. Take a copy of our newsletter from the table in the narthex.
3. If you are interested in becoming a member, please talk with the pastor or one of the elders.

Large print bulletins and children's bulletins are available on the table in the narthex or from any deacon.

We value your attendance, praises, prayer concerns and suggestions.

Prayer Cards are available in the pews. Please take a moment prior to the start of service to fill out the prayer card with prayer requests you wish to bring to the attention of the pastor, elders, deacons and congregation. Please print or write legibly **and pass the cards to the side aisle prior to the first hymn** at which time the deacons will collect the cards and deliver all cards with prayer requests to the pastor. All cards collected from the worship service will be taken to the pastor's office for recording prayer requests.

Assistive Listening System devices are now available for the hearing impaired. Please see Conrad Rockey or Mike Coons before worship service.

Sunday Service Recordings Now Available on CD. If you would like to borrow a CD for yourself or a shut-in, they are located in the library. Please record your name on the check-out list. Please contact Conrad Rockey for a copy of a particular service you wish to keep.

Remember in Prayer... Please inform the church of deletions or updates.

Remember shut-ins with cards, phone calls and visits (phone first) (Shut-ins): Bea Snyder, Nancy Rabourn.

Other prayer concerns:

November 15, Lucille Morgan (Sarah Pitts); Marvin Gunn, **November 11,** John Butler in the hospital (Hazel) Stephanie Roberts (Sister of Lori Green); **October 18,** Ruth Morgan (Sarah Pitts)

All Church Congregation Christmas Project

Thank you to everyone who so generously donated items for Family Readiness Program. Our next project will be Westminster Christmas Baskets. We will be collecting toys, please pick up a brochure by the tree!

Collection will only be accepted until December 7th!!!!

All kids' ages 4 years through 3rd grade are invited to come to Kids' Hour every Sunday afternoon from 3:00p.m.-4:00p.m. The hour consists of 30 minutes of kids' choir and 30 minutes of Bible stories, crafts, games, and snacks. This year our theme will be Journeys with Jesus. Questions? Call Beth Glover at 883-1247.

Remember to bring in your "One Month to Live" materials if you no longer want them. We have a buyer for them. We have 6 of the hardbacks and need the leader DVDs and the individual's booklets.

Yoga Class in January - we still have space for a few more - sign up sheet is in the Gathering Place.

Youth Group- please come and help with the "**Hanging of the Green**" this evening instead of the regular meeting. The time will be announced today. There will be no regular meeting today. Next Sunday, December 6th, a guest teacher will be candidating for the position of Youth Minister.

Southminster Presbyterian is hosting a "**Parent's Night Out**" on Saturday night December 5th. All parents - this is a chance to get out for dinner, shopping or just a night alone. The staff of Loving Hearts will baby sit for your children - infant through 5th grade from 5 PM to 10 PM. The cost is just \$10.00 per child and your child will have loving care, a movie, and a meal or snacks. Pre registration will be accepted through December 1st. Call LHLP office at 862-1191, register on line on our website, or see Kathy Walter, Janet Ingle or Ethel Pfendler. If you would like to help with the kids on that night, see Kathy, Janet or Ethel.

Thank You

To the wonderful Women of Southminster Presbyterian Church, Thank you so very much for your outpouring of assistance after the funeral of my father Dave Albert. It was truly overwhelming the way you served us with food, drink, and caring. You are a wonderful representation of agape love – “the hands and feet” of Jesus. At a time when we were hurting the most you were there. We will never forget your kindness. Karen, Shari, Dave Albert

OUR WORK AND WORSHIP

November 29, 2009 – December 6, 2009

Today 11/29	9:00am	Sunday school for all ages
	10:00am	Worship Service
	11:00am	Fellowship
	3:00-4:00pm	Kids' Hour
Sunday 12/06		No Youth Groups
	6:00 pm	Hanging of the Greens
	9:00 am	Sunday school for all ages
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Fellowship
	Kids' Hour	No Kids' Hour
	3:00 – 4:00	Jr. High
	4:00 – 5:00	Sr. High

Thank You

Thank you to my church family and friends for the lovely planter I received during my recent bout with pneumonia. I love my church and its people.
Judy Adams

Prepare for Worship

<u>December 6th</u>	Second Sunday of Advent What Rudolph the Red Knows Isaiah 9:2-7, John 1:1-18
<u>December 13th</u>	Third Sunday of Advent Sympathy for the Grinch Isaiah 53: 1-5, Luke 1: 67-79
<u>December 20th</u>	Fourth Sunday of Advent Santa's Cause is Something Profound Isaiah 60: 1-7, Matthew 2: 1-12
<u>December 24th</u>	Christmas Eve A Charlie Brown Christmas Eve Isaiah 9:2-7, Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)