

# Service for the Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 20 2009 -10:00 A. M.  
Gathering around the Word

## Prelude

### Call to Worship (CTW)

Hear us, O Shepherd of your people!

Restore us, O God of hosts!

Shine the light of your presence upon us,  
and we shall be saved.

From ancient days, God has promised this:

**the woman in labor will give birth  
and her little one will come to reign.**

He will stand in the majesty of the Lord  
and feed his flock with strength.

**His name will be known in all the earth:  
he will be the giver of peace.**

My soul magnifies the Lord;  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

**The Mighty One has done great things for me.**

**Holy is God's name!**

Bless the Lord!

**Let us worship God!**

**Gathering Hymn #245** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (vs. 1, 2, 3.)

**Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle** "Kennedy Family"

**Chorus** "Light One Candle for Peace"

*Light one candle for peace. One bright candle for peace. He brings peace to every heart. He comes! He comes!*

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (CTW)

Great God, we behold the gift of the child yet again, yet we are also mindful of how we have failed to receive the fullness of that gift. The story of this day points us to your glory, yet we struggle daily to join in the angels' song. We are distracted and confused, so focused on things that matter little that we have overlooked the good news of great joy.

Tell us again that the Savior is born.

Tell us again that we are forgiven.

Tell us again that life can be abundant in faith and hope and love, not because of who we are, but because of what you have given us in Jesus Christ. (Silent Prayer) 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:**

Isaiah 60:1-7 (page 570)

**Gospel:**

Matthew 2:1-12 (page 738)

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## A Special Time for Children

**Anthem**

**Arise and Shine for Your Light has Come**

**The Word Proclaimed**

**Santa's Cause is Something Profound**

\*The Invitation

### Responding to the Word

† Sermon Hymn #281

"What Child is This?"

† 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

### Kids' Hour Choir Singing

† Doxology (Hymn #815)

† Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

### Bearing and Following the Word into the World

† Sending Hymn #2091

“The King of Glory Comes” (vs. 1, 2)

† 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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Seminarian/Business Administrator, Mr. Ronald L. Rockey

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

Choir Director, Mrs. Beth Glover

Instrumentalist, Kristina Wilcher

### Participating in Worship

Liturgist Randy Gill  
 Acolytes Lauren Straber / Zachary Pitts  
 Greeters Hospitality Team

**Our assisting elder for December 2009 is Mike Coons**

**Our deacon servers for December 2009 Brent Walter, Sharon Davis, Richard Calvert**

### Nursery Helpers for this Sunday:

SS Crib Rm. Debbie Reeder / Maddie Reeder  
 Crib Room Candy Kennedy / Stephanie Kennedy  
 Toddler/Preschool Brent Walter / Avis Woods

### Participants for Sunday, December 27, 2009

Liturgist Karen Mitseff-Medlen  
 Acolytes Joshua Pitts / Logan Straber  
 Greeters Hospitality Team

### Nursery Helpers for Sunday December 27, 2009:

SS Crib Rm. Janet Ingle / Janice Rockey  
 Crib Room Andrea Lane / Janet Coons  
 Toddler/Preschool Ed Burton / Gayle Burton

### Current Church Officers: Session

#### 2009

Rick Brewer  
 Ethel Pfendler  
 Glenn Brower

#### 2010

Bill Clark  
 Mike Coons  
 Larry Hanni

#### 2011

Jan Albert  
 John Koeller  
 Michelle Straber

### Board of Deacons

#### 2009

Randy Gill  
 Debbie Reeder  
 Christina Myers

#### 2010

Richard Calvert  
 Sarah Pitts  
 John Rockey

#### 2011

Sharon Davis  
 Dave Green  
 Brent Walter

**Attendance:**

12/13/2009

112

**Offering:**

12/13/2009

\$ 3,787.00

**Capital Campaign**

12/13/2009

\$ 2,386.00

## 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,** Dennis Morgan & family passing of his wife Ruth (Sara Pitts) Lucille Morgan (Sarah Pitts); Marlin Gunn, **November 11,** John Butler in the hospital (Hazel) Stephanie Roberts (Sister of Lori Green);

MISSION OPPORTUNITY - ALL CHURCH - There is a large red Christmas stocking hanging on the wall just inside the education wing. Southminster has been asked to fill it with socks to warm cold feet for the Christmas season. Actually new socks or slippers of all sizes would be a welcome Christmas gift for those less fortunate at this time of the year. LHLP (the preschool) will take care of distributing them to those who need them. If possible we would like to have the stocking full by December 18th. (Wednesday)

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

**Family Movie Night!**

Join us at Kerasotes Movie Theater on the evening of December 20<sup>th</sup> to enjoy "A Christmas Carol" together. All are welcome. Cost is approximately \$8 if you are a member of the \$5 buck club with Kerasotes if not the cost will be \$11. Time TBA see Michelle Straber

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY**

Today during the worship service, just after the children's talk, the younger SS classes- 5th grade and younger, are invited to attend a "**HAPPY BIRTHDAY BABY JESUS**" PARTY in the toddler room.

**YEAR-END COMMITTEE REPORTS**

All year-end Committee reports due in the office on or before December 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Roger

How do we say thanks for all you have done for us? Our hearts are overflowing with your caring, Christian love and support. How would we make it without you? We especially thank Richard Calvert who was in charge of building the ramp (for John to be able to get into the house), his helpers, Tom Jones, Mike O'Brian (Steve Pfendler's employee), Randy Gill, Roger Walter and others that I didn't see. Also a big thanks to Debbie Reeder and son, Sam, for raking leaves in our backyard. Also thanks to Avis and Joe Woods who brought some great food. The planter the church sent is so very beautiful and so very much appreciated. John really loves getting the cards and visits from our church family. We truly do feel so very blessed and cared for by all of you and can't believe there is another church family as great as you are! We love and cherish all of you.  
John & Hazel Butler

**To The All Church Carolers,** (you know who you are!) A great big thank you! You made our day with your caroling and treats, So Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to you.  
Carley & Flo

**OUR WORK AND WORSHIP**

**December 20, 2009 – December 27, 2009**

Today 12/20	9:00am	Sunday school for all ages
	10:00am	Worship Service
	11:00am	Fellowship
	4:00 – 5:00pm	Kids' Hour
		Jr. & Sr. High Movie Night
Sunday 12/27	9:00 am	Sunday school for all ages
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Fellowship
	3:00 - 4:00pm	Kids' Hour
		No Sr. or Jr. High Youth Group

**Slumber Party**

Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup> – 8 pm to 8 am – Home of Terry Rockey  
Attention ALL GIRLS – (Grades 6 thru 12)

Come enjoy a night of fun, food and fellowship.

This will kickoff our session II bible study *Living as a Woman of God* beginning on January 12, 2010, 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. For details and to sign up call: Claire Coons @ 796-9754 or Terry Rockey @ 627-5576

*Prepare for Worship*

December 24<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Eve  
A Charlie Brown Christmas Eve  
Isaiah 9:2-7, Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

December 27<sup>th</sup>

First Sunday after Christmas  
1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 2: 18-20, 26, Psalms 148,  
Colossians 3:12-17, Luke 2:41-52

January 3<sup>rd</sup>

Second Sunday after Christmas  
Jesus Revealed  
Jeremiah 31:7-14, Ephesians 1:3-14,  
John 1: (1-9), 10-18

January 10<sup>th</sup>

Baptism of the Lord  
Jesus Revealed: The Challenge of Naming  
Jeremiah 31:1-9, 31-34, Matthew 1:1-2, 6-7,  
11-12, 17-24