

Service for the Lord's Day

Third Sunday of Advent
December 13 2009 -10:00 A. M.
Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Call to Worship (CTW)

Sing praises to our God,
who has done marvelous things!

**Let God's saving deeds be known
throughout all the earth.**

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O people of God!

For great is the Holy One in our midst.

Bless the Lord!

Let us worship God!

† Gathering Hymn # 2092

“Like a Child”

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

“I can't wait”
Advent Drama

Chorus “Light One Candle for Joy”

Light one candle for joy One bright candle for joy He brings joy to every heart He comes! He comes!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (CTW)

Gracious God, we are told that this is supposed to be a joyful time, so why do we often feel joyless? We hear the summons to rejoice, but why do we struggle so to respond? Absorbed in the needs of the day, we have lost sight of you. Beaten down by cares and burdens, we neglect the means of grace through which our hearts might be lifted. We pray partly and worship half-heartedly and serve grudgingly. Sin prevails and joy eludes and we drift farther away. Gather us in. Forgive us. Restore us. Bring forth a new spirit within us, that we might discover the joy for which you created us, the deep joy made known to us in Jesus Christ.

(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:

Isaiah 53:1-5 (page 565)

Gospel:

Luke 1:67-79 (page 782)

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

A Special Time for Children

Anthem

Pray for a Miracle

The Word Proclaimed

Sympathy for the Grinch

*The Invitation

Responding to the Word

† Sermon Hymn #273

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

† 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 #277**

“Hark the Herald Angles Sing”

† **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	John Rockey
Acolytes	Christiana Glover / Case Davis
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.	Beth Glover / Elaine Hulsman
Crib Room	Kathy Rockey / Rachel Rockey
Toddler/Preschool	Randy & Tammy Gill

Participants for Sunday, December 20, 2009

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

Nursery Helpers for Sunday December 20, 2009:

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

Current Church Officers: Session

<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

Board of Deacons

<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

Attendance:	<u>11/29/2009</u>	<u>142</u>
Offering:	<u>11/29/2009</u>	<u>\$3,191.30</u>
Capital Campaign	<u>11/29/2009</u>	<u>\$ 814.00</u>

Attendance:	<u>12/06/2009</u>	<u>120</u>
Offering:	<u>12/06/2009</u>	<u>\$4,076.00</u>
Capital Campaign	<u>12/06/2009</u>	<u>\$ 505.00</u>

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); **November 11,** John Butler in the hospital (Hazel) Stephanie Roberts (Sister of Lori Green);

Supper Club dinner scheduled for December 13th. We apologize but, we will reschedule this to a later date due to not enough participants. We hope to try again after the first of the year. If you are interested and want more information or have specific dates or ideas, please e-mail Michelle Straber at mstraber@sbcglobal.net to get on the e-mail list for the Supper Club

Family Movie Night!

Join us at Kerasotes Movie Theater on the evening of December 20th to enjoy "A Christmas Carol" together. Time to be determined after viewing the movie schedule for that day, pencil it in for around 6:00p.m.. All are welcome. Cost is approximately \$8 if you are a member of the \$5 buck club with Kerasotes or \$11.

All Congregation Christmas Project-

Thank you to all! Your contributions were made to the Franklin Township Food Pantry, The Family Readiness Program-Dan Lane's troop, Horizon House and Westminster Church during the last few months. God has blessed us by helping us show his love to those in need this Christmas!

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. LHLF (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.

Today - CAROLING Meet at Southminster just before 5 PM. to go sing carols to our members who are ill or shut in.

OUR WORK AND WORSHIP

December 13, 2009 – December 20, 2009

Today 12/13	9:00am	Sunday school for all ages
	10:00am	Worship Service
	11:00am	Fellowship
	3:00 – 4:00pm	Kids' Hour
	3:00 – 4:00pm	Jr. High Youth Group
Sunday 12/20	4:00 – 5:00 pm	Sr. High Youth Group
	5:00pm	Caroling
	9:00 am	Sunday school for all ages
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Fellowship
	4:00 - 5:00pm	Kids' Hour
	3:00 – 4:00pm	Jr. High Youth Group
	4:00 – 5:00 pm	Sr. High Youth Group

Slumber Party

Friday, January 8th – 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 signup call: Claire Coons @ 796-9754 or Terry Rockey @ 627-5576

Prepare for Worship

<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)
<u>December 27th</u>	First Sunday after Christmas 1 st Samuel 2: 18-20, 26, Psalms 148, Colossians 3:12-17, Luke 2:41-52
<u>January 3rd</u>	Second Sunday after Christmas Jesus Revealed Jeremiah 31:7-14, Ephesians 1:3-14, John 1: (1-9), 10-18