

Service for the Lord's Day

Second Sunday after Christmas

January 3 2010 -10:00 A. M.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Call to Worship (CTW, jer.31)

Sing aloud with gladness, says the Lord.

We praise the Lord and call on God's name.

See—I am going to gather my people
from the farthest parts of the earth.

**We come with songs and dancing,
to feast at the table of the Lord.**

No more will they stumble and weep,
for I am their shepherd,
and I will lead them home.

**God has turned our mourning into joy,
and our sorrow into gladness.**

Praise the Lord!

Let us worship God!

† **Gathering Hymn #241**

“Arise, Shine”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (CTW, John 1)

Emmanuel, you have come to dwell among us, full of grace and truth, but we have failed to welcome you. You are the light of the world, but we try to hide ourselves from you. You are the giver of endless life but we have refused your gift. You called and claimed us as your own, but we failed to accept you. Forgive us, Lord. Fill us with grace upon grace so that we may believe in you and become children of God. (silent prayer) This we pray in faith. 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: Jeremiah 31:7-14,(page 606)

Epistle: Ephesians 1: 3-14(page 890)

Gospel: John 1: 10-18 (page 809)

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

A Special Time for Children

Anthem

Jesus – The Name

The Word Proclaimed

Jesus Revealed

***The Invitation**

Responding to the Word

† **Sermon Hymn #648**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

† **The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Sealing of the Word

The Eucharist

Offering

† **Doxology (Hymn #815)**

† **Prayer of Dedication of Offerings**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

(See the screen for musical responses)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

(see screen for response)

...Great is the mystery of faith:

(see screen for response)

Great Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Communion of the People

Communion song # 488

“Just As I Am”

Prayer after Communion

Bearing and following the Word into the World

† **Hymn # 436**

“Freely, Freely”

† **Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

† **All who are able please stand.**

Participating in Worship

Liturgist	Michelle Straber
Acolytes	Communion Pooled
Greeters	Hospitality Team

Our assisting elder for January 2010 is Michelle Straber

Our deacon servers for January 2010, John Rockey, Sarah Pitts, Debbie Reeder

Nursery Helpers for this Sunday:

SS Crib Rm.	Janet Coons / Claire Coons
Crib Room	Becca Rockey / Cori Davis
Toddler/Preschool	Sharon Davis / Debbie Jones

Participants for Sunday, January 10, 2009

Liturgist	Gale Burton
Acolytes	Alex Gill / Christina Glover
Greeters	Hospitality Team

Nursery Helpers for Sunday January 10, 2009:

SS Crib Rm.	Chris Myers / Cindy Urich
Crib Room	Susie Larkey / Susie Faulkner
Toddler/Preschool	Janet Koeller / John Koeller

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:

12/27/2009

94

Offering:

12/27/2009

\$ 3,291.00

Capital Campaign

12/27/2009

\$ 1,540.00

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:

December 27, Tina Burton (Ed & Gayle Burton), **December 20**, Family of John Marciano (Louis Rockey's brother-in-law) **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);

Women's Association Brunch

All women are invited to come together and start the New Year off with fun, fellowship, and food.

When: Saturday, January 9 at 11:00 AM

Where: The Gathering Place

What to bring: Bring a brunch type dish to share and a gift for Loving Hearts Learning Place (list of suggested items will be available today)

Help us to make plans for a great new year.

Questions: See Kathy Walter or Janice Rockey

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

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following slate for election to Session and the Board of Deacons. **For Session, we nominate Karen Mitseff-Medlen, Don Rockey and Glenn Brower (2nd Term) and for the Board of Deacons we nominate Elaine Hulsman, Janet Coons and Chris Myers (2nd Term).** The Committee is appreciative of the willingness of all those who expressed a willingness to serve. We would appreciate the Congregation's prayerful consideration of these candidates. This slate will be formally presented for election at the Congregational meeting on January 10th. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the meeting. Given the significant responsibilities and time commitment required of officers of the church, we ask that you obtain the consent of the person being nominated prior to exercising your right to place a name in nomination from the floor. Thanks for your help.
Glenn Brower

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

OUR WORK AND WORSHIP

January 3, 2010 – January 10, 2010

Today 01/03	9:00am	Sunday school for all ages
	10:00am	Worship Service
	11:00am	Fellowship
	No Kids' Hour	
	No Sr. or Jr. High Youth Group	
Sunday 01/10	9:00 am	Sunday school for all ages
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Fellowship

Prepare for Worship

January 10th

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

January 17th

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus Revealed: The Paradigm Shattering
Teacher
Deuteronomy 5:6-22, Matthew 5: 43-48,
Mark 1: 14-27

January 24th

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus Revealed: Messenger of the Kingdom of
God.
Isaiah 52: 7-10, Psalm 145: 10-13,
Matthew 11: 1-24

January 31st

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus Revealed: Holiness Inside & Out
Leviticus 19: 1-19, Mark 7: 1-23

YOUTH GROUP Today January 3rd, there will be no youth group meetings.

As most of you know the recent interviews for the Youth Minister position were not successful. and we don't yet have a Youth Minister. The Christian Education Committee is meeting soon to determine future plan for youth meetings. I will keep kids and parents informed concerning time and place or any future meetings. Parents, if you have suggestions for this interim stage, please talk with me regarding your ideas. Thanks Janet I.

PAINTING THE INTERIOR OF TRAILER: I continuously am asked "When are we going to get the trailer painted"? The answer is "as soon as possible" so we are looking for 4 adult volunteers to paint. I think this could easily be done in one morning's work. If you have an interest in youth programs, please consider volunteering to help with this job so we can begin to use this as a classroom for junior high and senior high SS and youth group meetings.

The youth group primed the interior last fall and now we need adults to finish the job. Thanks, Janet I.

SMALL GROUP STUDY/BIBLE STUDY: "JESUS REVEALED" a four week study by Mark Robert, senior pastor at Irvine Presbyterian Church in Irvine CA. Jesus has recently shown up in some amazing places: in Indonesia on a water stained wall, in Stone Mountain GA on a Pizza Hut billboard, and in New Mexico on a tortilla. When we read these accounts or see them on TV we tend to say, "Oh sure", or "right, I believe that"! But did you ever stop and wonder why people are so obviously looking for Jesus? We, and those people who feel they saw Jesus in various places, long to really see Jesus more clearly and to follow him more nearly on a daily basis. In this study, Pastor Roberts dispels the myths of the Jesus most people think or feel they have gotten to know from much contemporary literature about the Savior and to reveal the true Jesus. Even many modern day theologians "get it wrong" Jesus is a big deal and Mark Roberts shows us that Jesus is the biggest deal of all.

I have ordered the books (used and paperback) so the cost was minimal. We are looking for hosts/hostesses for the study. In January, Greg begins a sermon series on this subject "Jesus revealed. We are aiming at starting the Bible Study in late January or the first week of February. I will soon have a sign up sheet and books available so you can look over the book in advance of signing up. There is no video this time just the book and a Bible as a guide. Watch for a sign up sheet in the Gathering Place. Until then, if you have questions please ask Janet

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT: This is perhaps one of the biggest community outreach projects done by Southminster, or it could be one of the biggest. On Saturday February 13th, 2010, Southminster will host a 2nd Parent's Night Out - the eve of Valentine's Day. We will advertise locally to attract young parents who just might need a romantic get-a-way at Valentine's Day. We are looking for volunteers to help with dinner (simple pick up food), a craft activity (make a valentine for the parents) and generally be with and enjoy the children. Our Christmas time PNO attracted 13 children and we would like to triple the number of children this time. Please consider volunteering for this outreach opportunity. As stated above, this will be held here at Southminster in the education wing on Saturday February 13th from 5 - 10 PM. Talk to Kathy W. or Janet I. if you are interested.

GARDEN: call me crazy but it is January and I am thinking garden. Greg started the garden project last spring on a wish and a prayer. We would like to do it again this summer but need volunteers and some organization. We would like to keep the number of volunteers high which should result in minimal hours for each volunteer. Perhaps this could be a small group project of its own.i.e. people interested in learning about gardening meet to work and fellowship. I had hoped to involve the youth last summer but did not get far with that. Since the proceeds from sale of the vegetables go to Phase II and the unsold vegetables go to a local mission, this could be a mission project for any group looking for a worthwhile mission project. Please talk to Greg or to Janet if you are interested in this project for your group or just for yourself. There will soon be a sign up sheet in the Gathering Place so watch for that. If you are unable to work in the garden, there are some minor expenses you might be willing to cover and also the use of a truck on picking days would be a great way to donate to the garden project. If we get enough volunteers we will do this again in 2010. Side benefits of gardening are: fresh air, exercise, muscle building, weight loss, and communion with nature. You will find yourself on your knees much of the time and this is where Greg tells me we should be. Thanks, Janet I.