
Welcome to Southminster

Christ's love is here for YOU!

WELCOME, friends in Christ. We are glad you chose to worship with us today, and it is our hope that you will be blessed by our time of praise and worship. We hope that you feel welcome and that you will join us again. Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship pad and visitors are asked to include their name and address.

Prayer Requests:

Sick and Shut-in—Jeff Curlee (Jim & Judy's son recuperating from surgery), Judy Curlee, Golda Fuller, Bill Hammond, Jamee Johnson, Lottie Kershaw, Ify Nonyelu (family of "BQ" Oranika), Doug Parks diagnosed stage 3 brain tumor (friend of Mike Kern's), Kay Schuler, Sharon Lewis Wang, Janet Wright @ PV

Military Service—Pfc. Jorgen "JJ" Larsen-Marine serving in Afghanistan, Spc. Mikayla Larsen-Army Reserve, Chris LaVine-Army serving state side

Julius Nyaga Church—Our sister church in Magumoni Parish in Kenya

The Ongoing Four-Church Conversations that includes the congregations of Calvary, Southminster, Woodlawn and PC of Ghana - NCD

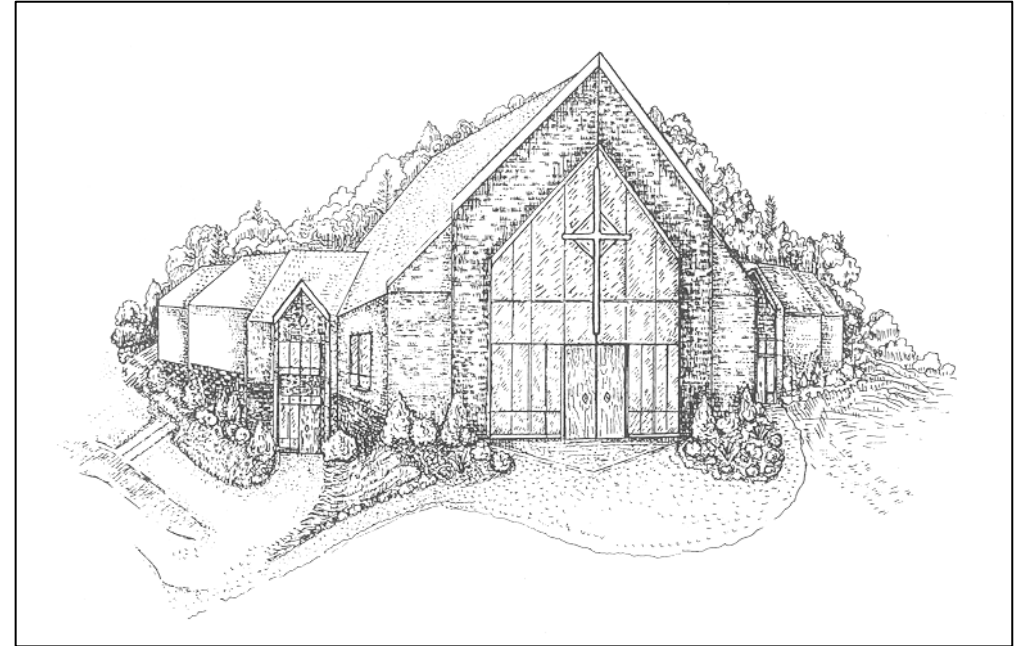
Cherokee Presbytery Church of the week: First Presbyterian Church, Cartersville, originally called Friendship #1, was organized in 1843 in the County Seat of Bartow County. The church is located at 183 West Main Street and has an active membership of 634. The pastor is the Reverend Ted Smith. The Reverend Julie Jensen is Associate Pastor. Ellen Sanders is Director of Youth & Children's Ministry. Sean Ireland is Clerk of Session.

This Week's Calendar:

Today	Feb. 12	9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday school
		10:30 a.m.	Choir warm up
		11:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday	Feb. 13	7:30 p.m.	PW Evening Circle @ SPC
Tuesday	Feb. 14	10:00 a.m.	PW Day Circle @ PV
Thursday	Feb. 16	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal – new members welcome
Saturday	Feb. 18	7:30 a.m.	Men's breakfast and Shorter Catechism study
Sunday	Feb. 19	9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday school
		11:00 a.m.	Worship – Transfiguration of the Lord
Monday	Feb. 20		President's Day
Tuesday	Feb. 21	6:00 p.m.	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Wednesday	Feb. 22	6:30 p.m.	Combined Ash Wednesday Service @ Southminster

On Shrove Tuesday, February 21, at 6:00 p., the four congregations will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a shared pancake supper.

Southminster Presbyterian Church



Welcome! There's a place for YOU at Southminster!

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February 12, 2012, 11:00 a.m. – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering

OPENING VOLUNTARY

(Please use the time before the service begins to review the announcements in the bulletin and to quietly prepare your heart for the worship of God.)

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

GREETINGS, WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Thanks be to God for this new day!

All: **Thanks be to God for the creation that surrounds us, for the gift of God's presence as we worship, for strength to live boldly for the Lord. Thanks be to God for this new day!**

*HYMN 478 *"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Psalm 30*

Our words are feeble as we come to you in prayer. Even though you are faithful to us, we too often forget you. You have lifted us up when we have fallen into despair. You have turned our tears into laughter and joy. You have protected us when we have been in danger. You will never move. Yet we move away from you. We turn away from your presence to seek the fleeting affirmation of others. We forget your name to clamor after prosperity at all costs. Turn us around again, that we might see your face, and receive your mercy. Hear us now, O Lord, as we continue to pray silently. *(Please use these moments of silence to offer your personal prayer of confession.)... Amen.*

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

All: **He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.**

One: Believe that good news and go forth to live in peace.

*GLORIA PATRI (unison) Hymn 579

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

(Please exchange greetings of peace with those near you.)

The Word

*HYMN 181 *"Come, Sing to God"*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

CHILDREN'S TIME

DISMISSAL SONG *"Jesus Loves the Little Children"* *(Children are to return to their seats.)*

EPISTLE READING

Galatians 6:1-16

Pew Bible, page 191

CHOIR

"Simple Gifts"

OLD TESTAMENT READING

II Kings 5:1-14

Pew Bible, page 336

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"It All Seems So Simple"

Rev. Paulsen

Response to the Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith, 1983)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY (unison)

Hymn 592

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CALL TO PRAYER SONG

*All your anxiety, all your care, Bring to the Mercy Seat and leave it there,
Never a burden He doth not bear, Never a friend like Jesus.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (traditional) page 16 in front of Hymnal

Sending

*HYMN 210 (verses 1-4) *"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE HYMN 210 (verse 5) *"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

POSTLUDE

Assisting in worship today:

Pamela Hudson—Church Musician;

Jennifer Whitehead—Pulpit Assistant

Dave Markle—Song Leader

Betty Cheek—Children's Time

Bill and Lottie Kershaw—Greeters

Linwood and Connie Swain—Counters

*All who are able, please stand.

Nursery provided for infants & children to 3 years—First floor