

Assisting in Worship: Pam Hudson—Church Musician      Dave Markle—Song Leader  
 Connie Swain—Pulpit Assistant      Betty Cheek—Children’s Time  
 Jan Boehm—Children’s Church Leader  
 Shirley and Charlie Allen—Greeters  
 Charlie Allen and Earl Lavender—Offering Counters

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\*All who are able please stand      Nursery provided – First floor

# Southminster Presbyterian Church

*Welcome to Southminster*  
*Christ’s love is here for YOU!*

**Prayer Requests:**

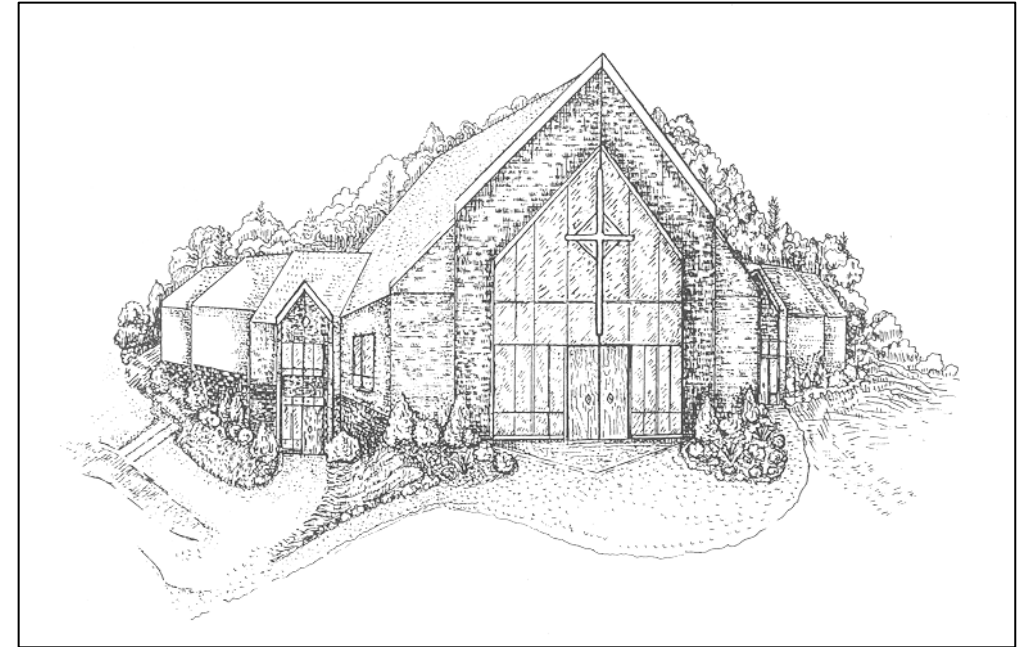
Jan Boehm, Edie & O. B. Chaffee Bill Hammond, Jill & Mike Kerns, elders elect Lottie Kershaw, Dave Markle, Charles Nyaga, Linwood Swain & Kate Tutwiler

**January 3, 2010 - Cherokee Presbytery Church of the week:** Acworth Presbyterian Church, located near downtown Acworth at 4561 Church Street. Acworth PC was organized in 1870 as a mission of the Mars Hill Church. Acworth is the 16<sup>th</sup> oldest church in the Cherokee Presbytery. The Reverend Fred Boozer is Moderator of Session. Karen Prestwood is Clerk of Session. Active membership is 81.

**This Week’s Calendar:**

Today	Jan 3	9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday school
		11:00 a.m.	Worship—The Sacrament of Holy Communion & PATH Offering
		11:30 a.m.	Children’s Church
Tuesday	Jan. 5	11:00 a.m.	Holy Communion served at Calvary Presbyterian
Wednesday	Jan. 6	10:00 a.m..	New Life Council meeting
		7:00 p.m.	Resource Council meeting
		7:00 p.m.	Bible study at Kaye Schuler’s home
Thursday	Jan. 7	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Friday	Jan. 8	1:00 p.m.	Care Council meeting
Sunday	Jan. 10	9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday school
		11:00 a.m.	Worship
		11:30 a.m.	Children’s Church
		12:30 p.m.	Stated Session Meeting

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES**—During January and February we will offer confirmation classes for young people who wish to confirm for themselves the promises made at their Baptism. The classes begin Sunday afternoon, January 10 and run through a meeting with the Elders on February 14 with a welcome by the congregation on Sunday, February 21. If you are interested, please contact Pete Paulsen at 404-377-2246 or [bandppaulsen@earthlink.net](mailto:bandppaulsen@earthlink.net).



*Welcome! There’s a place for YOU at Southminster!*

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January 3, 2010, 11:00 a.m.—The Sacrament of Holy Communion—Second Sunday after Christmas

## 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: Sing aloud with gladness, says the Lord.

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

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

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

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

**All: God has turned our mourning into joy, and our sorrow into gladness. Praise the Lord!**

\***HYMN 376** *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**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. 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 Ephesians 3:5-6

One: In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;

**All: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise of Christ Jesus through the gospel.**

One: Believe this good news; you are accepted and welcomed by God through Christ, and live in peace.

### \*GLORIA PATRI (unison)

Hymn 579

### \*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.)*

### TEN COMMANDMENTS

## The Word

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### CHILDREN'S TIME

### DISMISSAL SONG

*“Jesus Loves the Little Children”*

*(Children ages three years through fifth grade are dismissed to Sunday school.)*

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Pew Bible, page 734

### CHOIR

*“Beautiful Star of Bethlehem”*

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 1:1-18

Pew Bible, page 91

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON

*“Seeing the True Jesus”*

Rev. Paulsen

## Response to the Word

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed (Traditional)

Page 15 in front of Hymnal

### \*HYMN 507

*“I Come with Joy”*

### THE EUCHARIST

*(Worshippers are invited to partake of the bread individually as it is served. Please wait to partake of the cup until the minister does so, at which time everyone will partake of the cup at one time.)*

Offering of gifts and ourselves

\***Doxology** – Hymn 592

\*Prayer of dedication

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Sending

### \*HYMN 309

*“Of the Father's Love Begotten”*

**PATH OFFERING** *(Please bring your Presbyterian Answer To Hunger Offerings forward and place them in the silver offering plate during the singing of this hymn.)*

### \*BENEDICTION

\***BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymn 66, verse 5** *“We Three Kings of Orient Are”*

### POSTLUDE