

*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 so that we may acknowledge your visit with us.

Prayer Requests:

Sick and Shut-in—Jan Boehm in home Hospice, OB Chaffee Hospice at Signature Health Care Center-Marietta, Jeff Curlee surgery in January, Golda Fuller, Bill Hammond, Jamee Johnson, Stella Moore (Ken's mother), Ify Nonyelu (family of BQ Oranika), Kay Schuler, Janet Wright @ PV

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

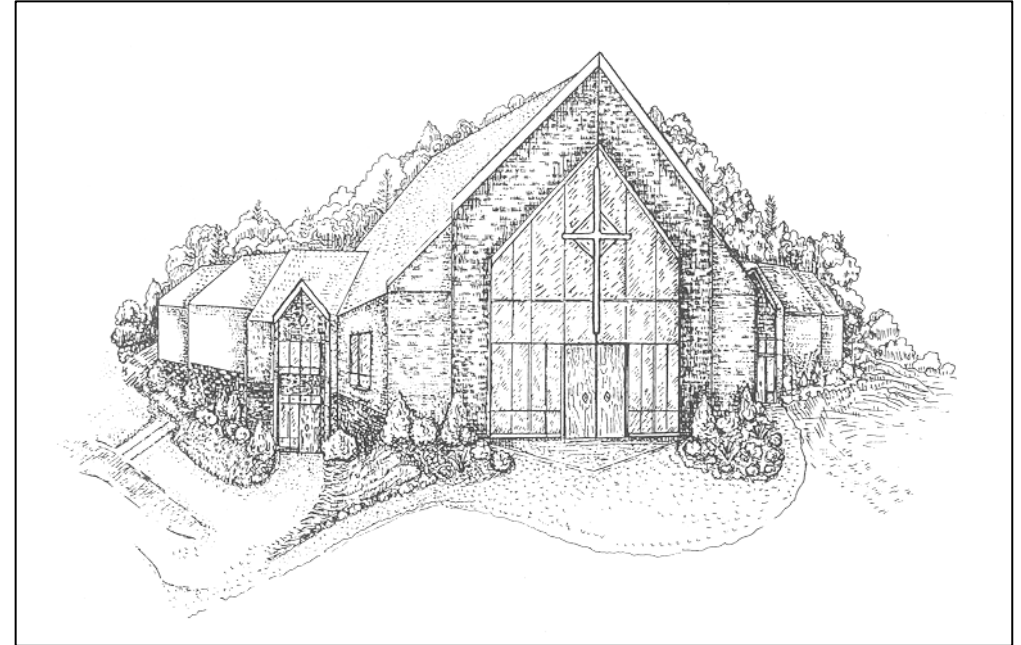
Julius Nyaga Church— our sister church in Magumoni Parish in Kenya

January 1, 2012 – *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. The Reverend Tara Bulger is Pastor. Travis Prestwood is Clerk of Session. Active membership is 81.

This Week's Calendar:

Today	January 1	10:30 a.m.	Choir warm-up
		11:00 a.m.	Worship – The Sacrament of Holy Communion/ PATH offering
		11:30 a.m.	Children's Church
Thursday	January 5	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Sunday	January 8	10:30 a.m.	Choir warm-up
		11:00 a.m.	Worship
		12:15 p.m.	Stated Session meeting

Southminster Presbyterian Church



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

Proclaim—Build—Create—Serve

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January 1, 2012, 11:00 am – The Sacrament of Holy Communion
First 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 *Isaiah 61 and Psalm 148*

One: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

All: Praise the Lord, all angels; praise God, all the host!

One: Praise God, sun and moon; praise the Lord, all you shining stars!

All: Praise God, you highest heavens; praise the Lord!

One: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women, old and young together,

All: praise the name of the Lord!

*HYMN 31

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Emmanuel, God with us, in the frenzy of holidays we rush about blindly, forgetting that in Christ we have seen our salvation, which you give freely to all. Forgive us for so quickly losing sight, and restore our vision, that we may truly see the gift of salvation born among us, and tell the world of your good news. 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.)

THE LAW

RESPONSE (Insert)

“The Christmas Tree Speaks” (verses 7 & 8)

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

CHILDREN’S TIME

DISMISSAL SONG

“Jesus Loves the Little Children”

(Children 4 years through 5th grade are dismissed to Children’s Church.)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

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CHOIR

“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:22-40

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One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Seeing with the Eyes of Faith”

Rev. Paulsen

Response to the Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed (Traditional)

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*HYMN 53

“What Child Is This”

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 ourselves and our Gifts

Offertory

***Doxology – Hymn 592**

*Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Great Thanksgiving

Lord’s Prayer

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Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sending

*HYMN (Insert)

“Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine”

PATH OFFERING (Please bring your PATH offerings forward and place them in the silver offering basket during the singing of this hymn.)

*BENEDICTION

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE HYMN 38,** *“It Came upon a Midnight Clear”* (verse 4)

POSTLUDE

Assisting in Worship:

Pam Hudson—Church Musician

Dave Markle—Song Leader

Charles Allen and Jennifer Whitehead—Counters

*All who are able please stand

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

Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine

*“Joseph dearest, Joseph mine,
Help me cradle the child divine;
God reward thee and All that’s thine
In paradise,”
So prays the mother Mary.*

Chorus

*He came among us at Christmastide,
At Christmastide, in Bethlehem;
Let us bring Him from far and wide
Love’s diadem: Jesus, Jesus,
Lo, He comes, and loves, and saves, and frees us!*

*“Gladly, dear one, lady mine,
Help I cradle this child of thine;
God’s own light on us both shall shine
In paradise,
As prays the mother Mary.”*

Chorus

*All shall come and bow the knee,
Wise and happy their souls shall be.
Loving such a divinity
As all may see
In Jesus, Son of Mary.*

Chorus

The Christmas Tree Speaks

Verse 7

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, with fruit of God's own Spirit.

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, with fruit of God's own Spirit.

Love, patience, peace and self-control, God wants them all in us to grow.

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, with fruit of God's own Spirit.

Verse 8

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, crowned by a star of hope.

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The Wise Men came to Bethlehem, and offered precious gifts to him.

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, crowned by a star of hope.