

Southminster Presbyterian Church

January 15, 2012, 11:00 a.m. – Second 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: God calls us by name, and we answer, “Here I am!”

All: God calls us by name, and we say, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

One: Let us worship God who claims us, and calls us,

All: and sends us forth as children of blessing and promise.

*HYMN 356

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you invite us to follow you, and we question your motives. You invite us to come and see, but we criticize and judge. Forgive our skepticism. Forgive our unwillingness to trust and join you. Forgive us, we pray, that we might follow you, and share in the wonder-filled work you are doing in the world. 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 (Psalm 107:17-22)

One: “Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; they were afflicted because of their sins.

All: They abhorred all manner of food and drew near to death’s door.

One: Then in their trouble they cried to the Lord, who delivered them from their distress.

All: God sent forth a word to heal them and save them from the grave.

One: Let them give thanks for the mercy of God, for the wonders the Lord does for all people.

All: Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving and recount the deeds of God with shouts of joy.”

One: Believe that God loves and redeems you and 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

CHILDREN’S TIME

DISMISSAL SONG

“Jesus Loves the Little Children”

(Children ages three years through fifth grade are dismissed to Children’s Church.)

CHOIR

“You Raise Me Up”

OLD TESTAMENT READING

I Samuel 3:1-20

Pew Bible, page 247

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“To what is God leading us?”

Rev. Paulsen

Response to the Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Confession of 1967)

Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God’s promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.

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 429

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission” (verses 1-4)

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE HYMN 429 (verse 5)

POSTLUDE

Assisting in worship today:

Pamela Hudson—Church Musician;

Pam Moseley—Pulpit Assistant

Dave Markle—Song Leader

Rev. Paulsen—Children’s Time

Mike and Jill Kerns—Greeters

Dan and Jackie Searles—Counters

*All who are able, please stand.

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

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 surgery in January, Golda Fuller in Rehab, Bill Hammond, Larry Jamison (Kate Tutwiler's brother), Jamee Johnson, Lottie Kershaw, Stella Moore (Ken's mother), Ify Nonyelu (family of "BQ" Oranika), Doug Parks diagnosed stage 3 brain tumor (friend of Mike Kern's), 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

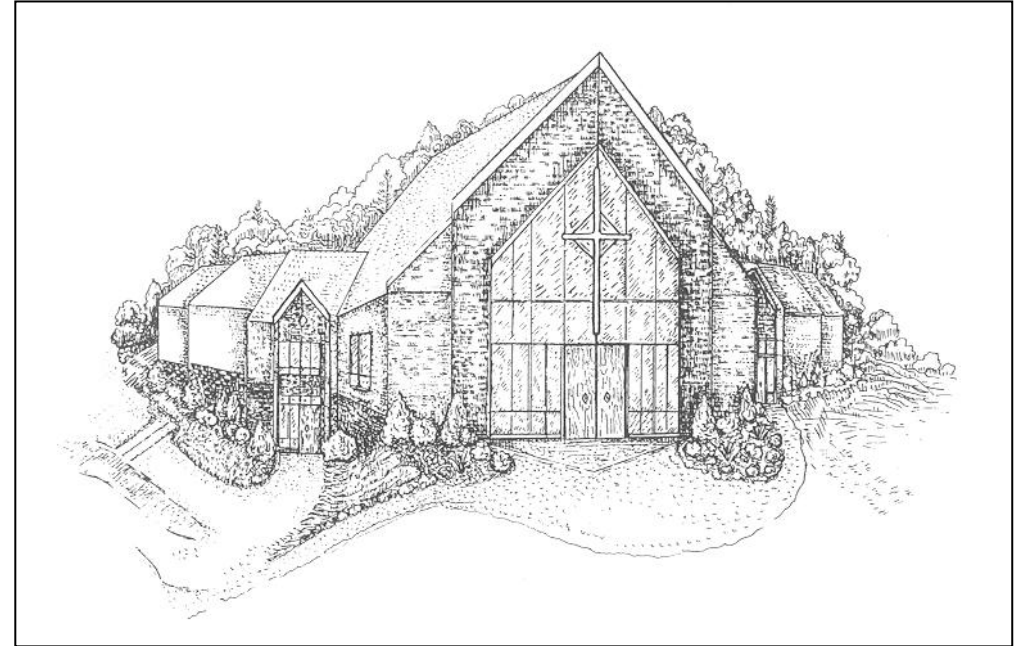
January 15, 2012 — *Prayers for Immigrant Ministries in Cherokee Presbytery*: Kenyan American Community Church NCD, Presbyterian Church of Ghana NCD, God's Will Love Church Pre-NCD, New Vision Presbyterian Church Pre-NCD, East African Student Fellowship, Marietta Presbyterian Church Fellowship, Zion Korean Presbyterian Church Fellowship.

This Week's Calendar:

Today	Jan. 15	10:30 a.m.	Choir warm up
		11:00 a.m.	Worship
		11:30 a.m.	Children's Church
Monday	Jan. 16		Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.
Wednesday	Jan. 18		Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
Thursday	Jan. 19	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal (new member welcome)
Saturday	Jan. 21	7:30 a.m.	Men's breakfast and Shorter Catechism study
Sunday	Jan. 22	9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday school @ Woodlawn Presbyterian
		11:00 a.m.	Worship – 4 Church shared service @ Woodlawn Pres.

On Sunday, January 29, following worship, we will have our Annual Congregational and Corporate Meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided for you and there is no need for you to bring anything. Reports will be printed, so the meeting will be brief.

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

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