

# Southminster Presbyterian Church

January 8, 2012, 11:00 a.m. – Baptism of the Lord

## 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 Psalm 29

One: The voice of the Lord calls out to us as we gather this day.

**All: This is the voice of power; a voice that breaks cedars and shakes the wilderness.**

One: This is a voice that flashes forth with flames of fire; a voice that causes the oaks to whirl.

**All: This voice is the voice of our Lord who calls us to worship in splendor and glory.**

### \*HYMN 288

*“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”*

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**When you began to create, O God, you separated the light from the darkness and called it good. We come to you this day, praying that you might separate the darkness in which we hide from the light to which you call us. We want to be light, or at least we know deep inside that you want us to be light. Too often we live in darkness because it is easier even though we know it is not what you demand of us. Create us again. Start us over. Separate us from that which keeps us from living as you intend. Hold us up to Christ the Light...***(Please use these moments of silence to offer your personal prayer of confession.)* Amen.

### \*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

**All: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**

One: Know that we are forgiven and be at 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 492

*“Baptized in Water”*

### 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.)*

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 19:1-7

Pew Bible, page 139

### CHOIR

*“Beautiful Star of Bethlehem”*

### GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:4-11

Pew Bible, page 34

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON

“Baptism Changes Us”

Rev. Paulsen

## Response to the Word

### \*RESPONSE (Insert)

*“The Christmas Tree Speaks”* (verse 9)

### ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

**The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)**

page 14 at the front of the Hymnal

**The Lord’s Prayer**

page 16 at the front of the Hymnal

### BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF A NEW MEMBER

**All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.**

### REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

*(Those who wish may come forward and take a small glass bead from the Baptismal Font as a visible sign of the remembrance of their Baptism.)*

### OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

### OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY (unison)

Hymn 592

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## Sending

### \*HYMN (Insert)

*“At the Font We Start Our Journey”* (verses 1-3)

### \*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE HYMN (Insert) *“At the Font We Start Our Journey”* (verse 4)

### POSTLUDE

#### Assisting in worship today:

Pamela Hudson—Church Musician;

Jennifer Whitehead—Pulpit Assistant

Dave Markle—Song Leader

Jackie McCown—Children’s Time

Pat & Jarod Dunn—Greeters

Charlie Allen & Jennifer Whitehead—Counters

\*All who are able, please stand.

Nursery provided—First floor

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## Welcome to Southminster

*Christ's love is here for YOU!*

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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.

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### Prayer Requests:

**Sick and Shut-in**—Jeff Curlee surgery in January, Golda Fuller in Rehab, Bill Hammond, Jamee Johnson, Lottie Kershaw, Stella Moore (Ken's mother), Ify Nonyelu (family of BQ Oranika), Kay Schuler, Janet Wright @ PV

**Sympathy**—Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Jan Boehm and Emma Tingley. Jan died on Tuesday, January 3, 2012, and her mother died on Monday, December 26, 2011.

**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

**Cherokee Presbytery church of the week—January 8, 2012:** Beersheba Presbyterian Church is located in Chattooga County in Summerville at 9977 Highway 337 and was organized in 1852. The Reverend Ken Terrell is Temporary Pastor. Ann Maddux is Clerk of Session. Active membership is 75. Beersheba is in a parish covenant with Summerville Presbyterian Church.

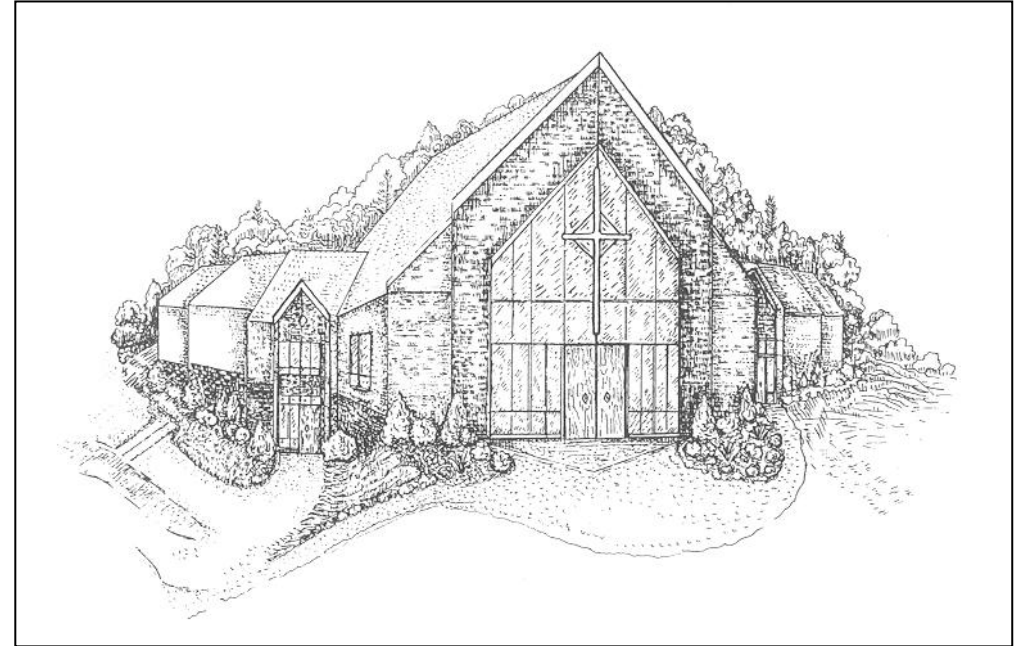
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### This Week's Calendar:

Today	Jan. 8	10:30 a.m.	Choir warm up
		11:00 a.m.	Worship
		11:30 a.m.	Children's Church
		1:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
Monday	Jan. 9	7:30 p.m.	PW Evening Circle @ home of Mary York
Tuesday	Jan. 10	10:00 a.m.	PW Day Circle @ PV
Thursday	Jan. 12	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Sunday	Jan. 15	10:30 a.m.	Choir warm up
		11:00 a.m.	Worship
		11:30 a.m.	Children's Church

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

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## **The Christmas Tree Speaks (verse 9)**

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, you tell the Christmas story.

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We listen and with one accord, we give our hearts to Christ the Lord.

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, you tell the Christmas story.

*The Christmas Tree Speaks* © Wendell Karsen and John Kleinheksel, 2011,  
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## **At The Font We Start Our Journey**

At the font we start our journey, in the Easter faith baptized;  
Doubts and fears no longer bind us, by the light of Christ surprised.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Hope held out and realized.

At the pulpit we are fashioned by the Easter tale retold  
into witnesses and prophets, by the power of Christ made bold.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Faith proclaimed, yet still untold.

At the altar we are nourished with the Easter gift of bread;  
In our breaking it to pieces see the love of Christ outspread.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Life embraced, yet freely shed.

At the door we are commissioned, now the Easter victory's won,  
To restore a world divided to the peace of Christ as one.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter's work must still be done.