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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:

Jan Boehm (in Cobb Hospital), OB Chaffee, Zachary Dunn (Pat's grandson recovering from heart surgery), Golda Fuller, Bill Hammond, Jamee Johnson, Chris La Vine serving in Afghanistan, Stella Moore (Ken's mother), Charles Nyaga (traveling to Kenya Nov. 11), Ify Nonyelu (family of BQ Oranika), Michaela Packard (friend of Beverly Larsen), Kaye Schuler, Janet Wright, Julius Nyaga Church, our sister church in Magumoni Parish in Kenya

**November 13, 2011** –*Cherokee Presbytery Church of the Week*: Westminster Presbyterian Church, organized in 1955 in Floyd County. The church is located at 1941 Shorter Avenue in Rome. Active membership is 319. The Reverend Tom Wood is Interim Pastor. Bonnie Mellage is Youth Director. Marie Carlisle is Clerk of Session.

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### This Week's Calendar:

Today	Nov. 13	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	Nov. 14	7:30 p.m.	Evening Circle @ home of Mary York
Tuesday	Nov. 15	10:00 a.m.	Presbytery meeting @ Eastminster PC
Thursday	Nov. 17	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Saturday	Nov. 19	7:30 a.m.	Men's breakfast and Bible study
Sunday	Nov. 20	10:30 a.m.	Choir warm up
		11:00 a.m.	Worship
		11:30 a.m.	Children's Church

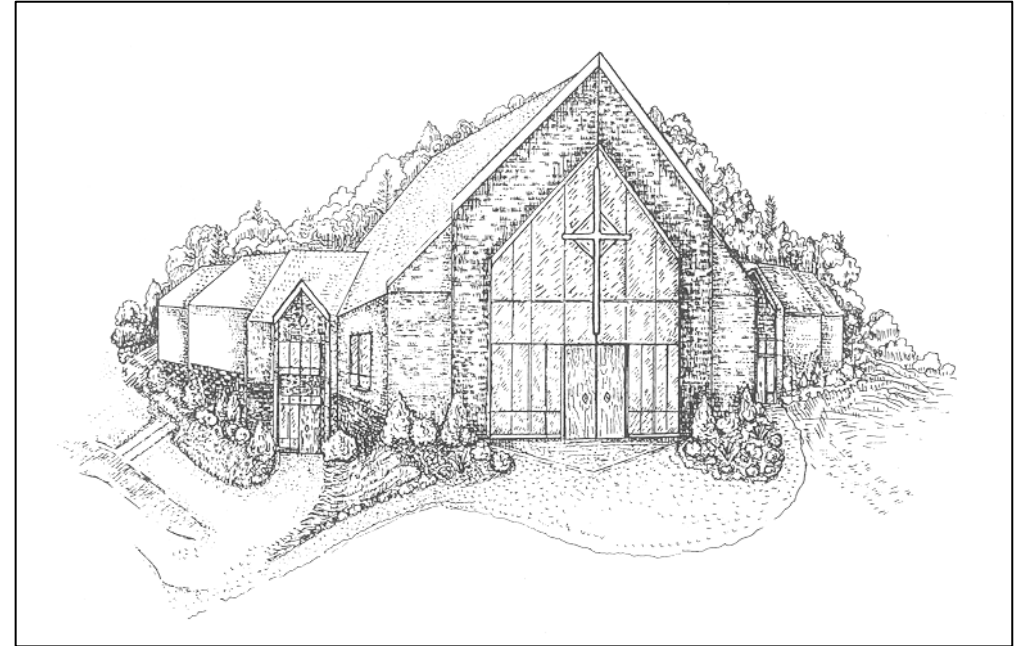
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**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S THANK OFFERING**—This morning we will receive the Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering. This offering, sponsored by Presbyterian Women, supports that organization's work in situations of need around the world. Please be generous.

**CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**—Next Sunday, November 20, there will be a four-church common service at Calvary Presbyterian Church at 11:00 a.m. Sunday school will be at 9:30 a.m.

**WELCOME BRIDGET!**—The rosebud is placed on the Baptismal Font today by the Presbyterian Women of Southminster in honor of Bridget Jane Searles born Monday, October 10, to Jackie and Dan Searles. During worship last Sunday, big sister Daisy brought her new baby sister down front for Children's Time with Jackie McCown

# Southminster Presbyterian Church



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

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November 13, 2011, 11:00 a.m.—Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

## 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: Beloved of God, live as children of the light.

**All: We clothe ourselves with faith and love, and the hope of salvation.**

One: Christ died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live with Christ.

**All: We give thanks for Christ's saving work.**

### \*HYMN 551

*"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, you have named us and claimed us and made us children of light. Yet we reside in the darkness. We settle for the seeming security and comforts of home, where our talents may be tucked away, our gifts preserved, but paralyzed. You call us to live in faith, investing in the world you made—to exercise our gifts, even at the risk of losing them. Have mercy upon us, Lord; have mercy. Help us understand your will for us. Teach us what you desire. Embolden us to steward well the gifts you have entrusted, that one day, we might fully enter your joy. 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 Romans 8:28-30

One: We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

**All: For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.**

One: You are justified and glorified. Go 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

### \*HYMN 255

*"Now Praise the Lord"*

### 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.)*

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Judges 4:1-7, 12-16

Pew Bible, page 220

### CHOIR

*"The Twenty-third Psalm"*

### GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:14-30

Pew Bible, page 28

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON

"Be Courageous"

Rev. Paulsen

## Response to the Word

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Confession of 1967)

**The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for all when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to humans, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.**

### 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)

Hymnal page 16

## Sending

### \*HYMN 514

*"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"*

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE—Hymn 587 (sung twice) "Amen"

### POSTLUDE

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### Assisting in worship today:

Pamela Hudson—Church Musician;

Betty Cheek—Pulpit Assistant

Dave Markle—Song Leader

Pete Paulsen—Children's Time

Jill & Mike Kerns—Greeters

Charlie Allen & Jennifer Whitehead—Counters

\*All who are able, please stand.

Nursery provided—First floor