

Welcome to Southminster

Christ's love is here for YOU!

Prayer Requests:

Wayne Allen (JudyCurlee's brother), Jan Boehm, Alton Brisbane (Candace Brisbane's father), Edie & O. B. Chaffee, Alyssa Foote, Doris & Dennis Grimm, Porter Calvin Holcomb (great grandson of the Cheeks), Jamee Johnson, Jill & Mike Kerns, Jackie & Mac McCown, Nancy Nelson (sister-in-law of Doris Kidney), Ify Noyelu (friend of BQ Orinika), and Julius Nyaga Church, our sister church in Magumoni Parish in Kenya

November 28, 2010 –Cherokee Presbytery Church of the Week: Woodstock Presbyterian Church originally located in Lebanon, GA. in 1867, and was called Bethesda. That church was destroyed by fire in 1916. In 1923 a new building was erected in Woodstock and the name changed to Woodstock. In 1986 Presbytery purchased five acres at the present location in south Cherokee County and assisted them with their first permanent building in 1996 at 345 Arnold Mill Road in Woodstock. Woodstock is the 12th oldest church in Cherokee Presbytery. Active membership is 117. The Reverend Jake Marshall is Supply Pastor.

This Week's Calendar:

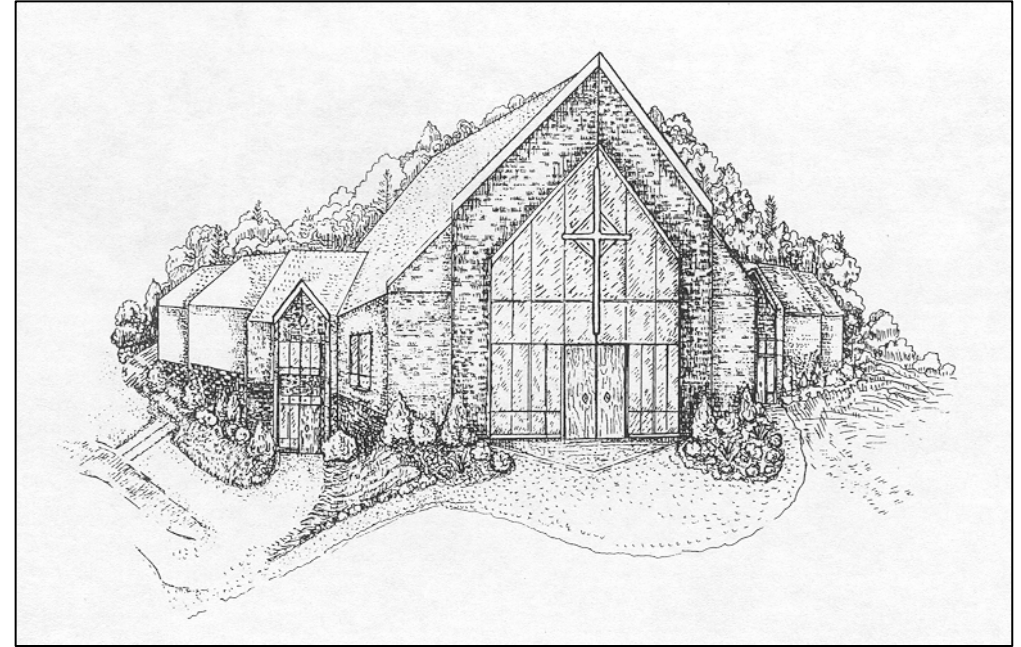
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| Today | Nov. 28 | 9:30 a.m. | Adult Sunday school |
| | | 10:30 a.m. | Choir warm-up |
| | | 11:00 a.m. | Worship/Hanging of the Greens |
| Tuesday | Nov. 30 | 7 a.m.-7p.m. | Runoff Election-voting in fellowship hall all day |
| Thursday | Dec. 2 | 7:00 p.m. | Choir rehearsal |
| Sunday | Dec. 5 | 9:30 a.m. | Adult Sunday school |
| | | 10:30 a.m. | Choir warm-up |
| | | 11:00 a.m. | Worship/Holy Communion & PATH Offering |
| | | 11:30 a.m. | Children's Church |

On Sunday, December 12, the choir will lead us in worship as the members raise their voices in praise. Music is central to our celebration of Advent and Christmas as we gather to give thanks and praise God for the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Christmas Celebration 2010, December 17 and 18, at Refuge West Church

Refuge West Church, 2200 Powder Springs Road, #156, Marietta 30064 is preparing to provide 200 families in our community with what they need for a Christmas celebration. This is a program for at-risk families as identified through our schools. The program will include a hot meal, a toy for each child, and enough food to get the family through two weeks -- just a little less than the time of the school holiday. These children get the bulk of their meals through the school breakfast and lunch program, not available during the holiday. Volunteer to help with this important community mission! Prep days are at the Refuge West Church on Wednesdays, December 1, 8, and 15, at 7:00 p.m.; also on Sunday, December 12, at 1 p.m. There are three party times: Friday, December 17, at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 18, at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Financial support is also welcome. For more details please see Pete Paulsen.

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

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November 28, 2010, 11:00 a.m. — First Sunday in Advent

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 2:2-3 alt

One: In the days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hill; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say:

All: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in God's paths."

Voice: With what shall we come to God's house?

One: Bring branches of cedar and holly, bring evergreens and a pine tree, hang wreaths and garlands.

All: Make the church fragrant with the smell of living things and our holy play. In acts of hanging greens and listening to the words of prophets and seers let us make our hearts and this space a place of inward and outward preparation for the One who comes to give us second birth.

*HYMN 456

"Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of light, once again we approach the Season of Advent unprepared. We are not alert to your coming; we are too busy with preparations of our own design. We are exhausted by trying to do everything ourselves, and cannot keep awake to watch for you. Like your people of old, we do not call upon your name except to blame you. Yet, you are our maker, and we are all the work of your hand. Forgive us and restore us. Illumine our lives, that we may be witnesses to your faithfulness. 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 John 3:16-17

One: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

All: Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

One: Believe that good news and go forth to live in peace

Assisting in worship today:

Pam Hudson—Church Musician

Dave Markle—Song Leader

Charles Nyaga—Pulpit Assistant

Peter Paulsen—Children's Time

We thank all those who worked in preparation for this morning's service – some of whom are –

Lottie Kershaw

Robert "Whitey" James

Charlie Allen

William Kershaw

Pat Dunn

Jarod Dunn

*All who are able, please stand.

Nursery provided—First floor

Our children are invited to remain in worship today for the Hanging of the Greens.

***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 11**

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Good Lord, by your mercy guide our outward actions in such ways that our inward being is formed in faith, hope, and love. May the decorations we offer engage our senses during the days of Advent and enliven our praise and worship, in the name of the child of Bethlehem, our risen and coming savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHILDREN’S TIME

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

Pew Bible, page 631

DUET

“Trust and Obey”

Pam and Billy Hudson

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 24:36-44

Pew Bible, page 27

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

PREPARATION OF THE SANCTUARY

R. James: How shall we make this place a reminder of our need of repentance and the faithfulness and integrity that comes from God our maker and redeemer?

All: Let us hang wreaths as Hosea speaks the word of God:

R. James: A reading from Hosea, chapter 14:
I will heal [my people's] disloyalty; ...transgressors stumble in them.

HYMN 22

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

C. Allen: God, the Holy One of Israel, is a God of comfort and compassion. With the Christmas tree we remember God’s everlasting promises to the poor and needy. Isaiah spoke of God’s making of the wilderness a place of blessing where water and plants, even pine trees, would manifest God’s loving action to save and provide.

All: Decorate the tree as we hear God’s word.

C. Allen: A reading from the prophet Isaiah, chapter 41:
When the poor and needy seek water...the Holy One of Israel has created it.

HYMN 28

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

W. Kershaw: Here in this place we prepare for the coming of the Lord. Here we will remember his Advent, his birth in Bethlehem, weak and helpless as an infant. And here we rekindle our prayer, “Come, Lord Jesus,” as we await his coming as the bright and morning star.

All: Hang symbols and signs of Christ – ruler, prophet, priest. Hang banners and paraments; place poinsettias and the Advent Candle to remind us of his identity, his story, and of the Holy Trinity.

W. Kershaw: A reading from the book of Revelation, chapter 22

"See, I am coming soon ... I am the Alpha and the Omega ... take the water of life as a gift."

HYMN 29

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

RECEPTION OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Pat and Jarod Dunn: LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

HYMN RESPONSE No. 1

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” – verse 1

MEDITATION

Rev. Paulsen

Response to the Word

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** - The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)

Page 14 in front of Hymnal

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 31**

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

*BENEDICTION

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymn 29 (vs. 3)** *“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”*

POSTLUDE