

Welcome to Southminster
Christ's love is here for YOU!

PRAYER REQUESTS—

Alexander Altermatt, Lorraine Altermatt, Edie & O. B. Chaffee, Wendy S. Crawford, Mildred Cunard, Gail Draper, Jean Marie Dratwa, Carolyn Frew, Golda Fuller, Dennis Grimm, Bill Hammond, Larry Holloway, Kathleen Kanorr, Christy Jordan, Lottie Kershaw, the Kibaara family, Fred Kinye, Beverly Larsen, Chris LaVine, Lyda Medlock, Bill Pearce, Bob Pooley Eugene Shaffer, and Becky Willingham.

Also, please continue to include the Session and the Pastor Nominating Committee in your prayers.

Cherokee Presbytery Prayer Calendar

April 15 EASTMINSTER CHURCH - The Eastminster Church is located in east Cobb County, 3125 Sewell Mill Road in Marietta. The Rev. Bob Bullock is the Pastor. The Rev. Tim Erskine is Interim Associate Pastor. Eastminster church was organized in 1973, and is the 28th oldest church in Cherokee Presbytery. Karen Jones is the Clerk of Session. Active membership is 624.

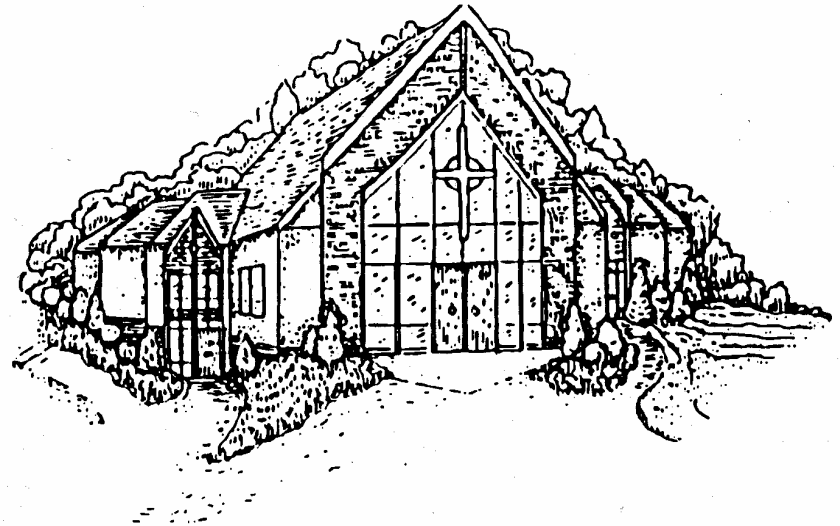
Today we welcome the Rev. Peter M. Paulsen who will lead us in worship this morning. Pete is a minister of the Reformed Church in America. He is married to the Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Johnson, who is on the faculty at Columbia Theological Seminary. They have three children and reside in Decatur.

This Week's Calendar—

Today	4/15	11 am	Worship
		12:15 pm	Reception for the Cooleys
		6 pm	SPC Youth Group
Tues.	4/17	7:30 pm	Link Council Meeting
Wed.	4/18	6 pm	Scouts
		7:30 pm	Stated Session Meeting
Thurs.	4/19		Come See Columbia Day
		6 pm	Scouts
Fri.	4/20	6-10 pm	Parents' Night Out
Sat.	4/21	7:30 am	SPC Men's Group
		12 -3 pm	Men's Conference/Retreat at Camp Cherokee

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY

(Please use the time before the service begins to review the announcements in this bulletin, and to quietly prepare your heart for the worship of God.)

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

GREETINGS AND WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 150

Leader: Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple; give praise in the firmament of heaven.

People: Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple; give praise in the firmament of heaven.

Leader: Praise God with the blast of the ram's-horn; give praise with the lyre and harp.

People: Praise God with timbrel and dance; give praise with strings and pipe.

Leader: Praise God with resounding cymbals; give praise with loud-clanging cymbals.

All: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

*HYMN No. 115 *"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"*

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Risen Lord, we confess that we are preoccupied with pleasing ourselves. Forgive us, O God, our failing to think of others, our putting ourselves first. Forgive us when our pursuit of pleasure puts convenience before conviction. Help us not be mirrors of self-centeredness, but rather windows of your love. Now, continue to hear us Lord as we pray silently to you... *(Please use these moments of silence to offer your personal prayer of confession.)*

*RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, God so loved the world that he sent his only Son to die that we might live.

People: We believe that good news and go forth to live in peace.

*GLORIA PATRI (In Unison)

Hymn 579

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Our triumphant Lord goes before us to serve the world.

People: We follow with enthusiasm, trusting in the hope that is ours.

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

(Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along in order to get acquainted with your neighbors.)

CHILDREN'S TIME (Children up to age 10 come forward for Children's Time)

DISMISSAL SONG *"Jesus Loves the Little Children"*

(Children age 3 through fifth grade are dismissed to Sunday school.)

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Hymn 592

*HYMN No. 122 *"Thine Is the Glory"*

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.**

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 5: 27-32

Bible page 149

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Amazing Grace"

Lynn Kamm

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:19-31

Bible page 115

SERMON

"The Morning After"

Rev. Pete Paulsen

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from Our Song of Hope, Reformed Church in America

Jesus Christ is the hope of God's world. In his death, the justice of God is established; forgiveness of sin is proclaimed. On the day of His resurrection, the tomb was empty; His disciples saw him; death was defeated; new life had come. God's purpose for His world was sealed.

*HYMN 104

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Hymn 540 vs. 1

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

God be with you till we meet again; Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a Shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

*POSTLUDE

Assisting in Worship: Lynn Kamm—Accompanist,
Rosalie Morgan—Pulpit Assistant
Charles K. Nyaga—Children's Time

*All who are able, please stand.

Please turn off all cell phones and pagers.

PARENTS-Please help all of our children learn quiet reverence for God during worship.