

# Welcome to Southminster

*Christ's love is here for YOU!*

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## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Pam Hudson – Church Musician; Doris Grimm – Pulpit Assistant  
Rev. Paulsen – Children's Time; Dave Markle – Song Leader

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## Prayer Requests:

Raymond E. Cagle Family, Edie & O. B. Chaffee, Tom Cheek, Sonia Ibarra, Helen James, Mike Kerns, Fred Kinye & family, Frank Hoover & family Beverly & Bill Pearce, Beth & Garry Silver, J. T. Tolbert, and Sarah Wright

**Cherokee Presbytery Church of the week: April 20, 2008** – First Presbyterian Church, Dalton, the first organized church within the city of Dalton in 1847. Dalton First is located in Whitfield County at 510 South Tibbs Road. The Rev. Mickey Shealy is Pastor, and the Rev. Tyler Downing is Associate Pastor. Clerk of Session is Coy Temples. Active membership is 548.

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## This Week's Calendar:

Today	April 20	9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday school
		10:30 a.m.	Choir warm-up
		11:00 a.m.	Worship
		12:15 p.m.	Lunch Bunch
		12:15 p.m.	Session Meeting
		3:00 p.m.	Called Presbytery Meeting @ Cartersville 1st
Tuesday	April 22	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday Evening Prayer Service
Wednesday	April 23	6:30 p.m.	Scouts
Thursday	April 24	6:30 p.m.	Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
		7:00 p.m.	NAMI
Sunday	April 27	9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday school
		10:30 a.m.	Choir warm-up
		11:00 a.m.	Worship
		12:15 p.m.	Lunch Bunch

**April 27 is Bring a Friend Sunday.** Brochures and business cards are available to give to your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers as you invite them to join you for worship on that day. Congregations grow as members invite others to worship with them.

**May 11, 2008, is Pentecost.** Please wear something red, orange or yellow to worship. We still need readers in various world languages to help us with the service. To volunteer, call Pete Paulsen at 678 427-3329.

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TODAY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER – Beverly & Nicole Larsen

# Southminster Presbyterian Church



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*Southminster Presbyterian Church*  
*April 20, 2008, 11:00 a.m. – Fifth Sunday of Easter*

*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

THE ANNOUNCEMENT

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

GREETINGS, WELCOME, AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

One: In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

**All: Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**

One: Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

**All: Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.**

One: Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth. "My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

**All: Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me."**

**\*HYMN No. 464**

*"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God, our light, our savior, our home: we humble ourselves before you, having refused many of your gifts. You call us to be living stones, built into a spiritual house; we disobey your word, and stumble upon the foundation you provide. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your face shine upon us that we may grow into salvation, and serve you with faithfulness and hope. 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**

One: Who is in a position to condemn?

**All: Only Christ and Christ prays for us.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI (unison)**

Hymn 579

**\* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

**All: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.** (Continued on next page)

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** (See Insert)

*"We Will Glorify"*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

CHILDREN'S TIME

DISMISSAL SONG

*"Jesus Loves the Little Children"*

*Children ages three years through fifth grade are dismissed to Sunday school.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 7:55-60

Pew Bible, page 126

ANTHEM

*"Spirit Song"*

Choir

GOSPEL READING

John 14:1-14

Pew Bible, page 108

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*"Its Tough Being a Christian"*

Rev. Paulsen

*Response to the Word*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from The Second Helvetic Confession of Faith - 1561)

**All: Faith quiets the conscience and opens free access to God, so that we may draw near to him with confidence and may obtain from him what is useful and necessary. The same faith keeps us in the service we owe to God and our neighbor, strengthens our patience in adversity, fashions and makes a true confession, and in a word, brings forth good fruit of all kinds, and good works.**

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 No. 282**

*"If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Hymn 587

*"Amen"* (sing twice)

POSTLUDE

\*All who are able, please stand.