

# Welcome to Southminster

*Christ's love is here for YOU!*

## Prayer Requests:

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

**Cherokee Presbytery Church of the week: April 27, 2008** – Deer Creek Shores Presbyterian Church, which began in 1967 as a mission sponsored by Cherokee Presbytery. Deer Creek is located at 7620 Lanier Drive, northeast of Cumming in Forsyth County, near Lake Lanier. Active membership is 128. The Reverend Billy Martin is Stated Supply Pastor. Carol Reins is Clerk of Session.

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## This Week's Calendar:

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| Today     | 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                               |
| Wednesday | April 30 | 6:30 p.m.  | Scouts                                    |
| Thursday  | May 1    | 6:30 p.m.  | Scouts                                    |
|           |          | 7:00 p.m.  | Choir Rehearsal                           |
| Friday    | May 2    | 10:00 a.m. | Church Women United – May Friendship Day  |
| Sunday    | May 4    | 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                               |
|           |          | 5:00 p.m.  | Vespers at P. V. - Led by the Men's Group |

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**Thursday, May 1, 2008, is Ascension Day!** – This is the forgotten Christian holiday. This year we are being sure to remember this special day as we gather in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. for a short Ascension Day worship service. This way the choir will still be able to meet for their rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, 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.

**2008 Vacation Bible School** for all ages is on the calendar for five evenings from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., beginning Sunday, June 8, and concluding Thursday, June 12. The theme this year is *Lift Off - Soaring to New Heights With God*. Many volunteers are needed. Stop by the sign-up table at the front entrance after worship today to let Beverly Larsen know what you would like to do to help in this most important ministry.

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TODAY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER – Doin Kibaara & Mary York

# Southminster Presbyterian Church



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*Southminster Presbyterian Church*  
*April 27, 2008, 11:00 a.m. – Sixth 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**

One: Bless God, all people; let the sound of God's praise be heard.

**All: God has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.**

One: Even though tested by fire and led through the water,

**All: Yet has God brought us out to a spacious place.**

One: Let us praise God!

**\*HYMN No. 473**

*"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Great and loving God, your will for us in Jesus is the peace which the world cannot give.**

**Calm all troubled hearts, dispel every fear. Bring us into your presence that we may always be your dwelling place. 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: The Good News is this. "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: 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.

**\*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 376**

*"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

CHILDREN'S TIME

DISMISSAL SONG

*"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 17:22-31

Pew Bible, page 137

ANTHEM

*"Blessed Assurance"*

Choir

GOSPEL READING

John 14:15-21

Pew Bible, page 109

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*"Knowing the Unknown God"*

Rev. Paulsen

*Response to the Word*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

page 14 in the front of the Hymnal

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

*"Higher Ground"*

Kate Tutwiler, soloist

**\*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 (Insert)**

*"He is Lord"*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE** Hymn 587 *"Amen"* (sing twice)

POSTLUDE

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Pam Hudson – Church Musician;

Chris Curschmann – Pulpit Assistant

Betty Cheek – Children's Time;

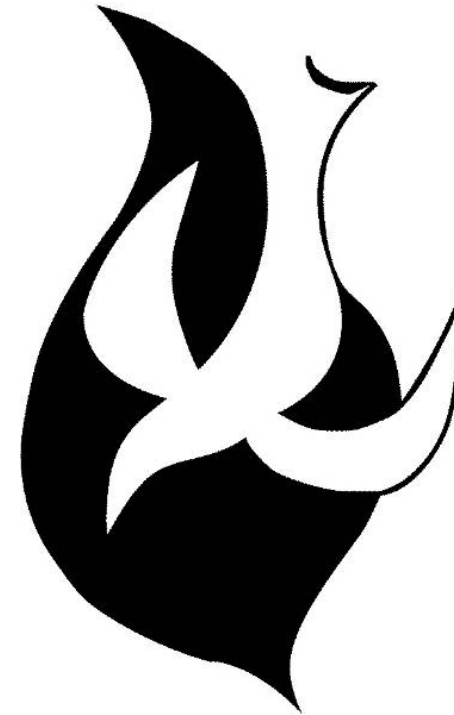
Dave Markle – Song Leader

\*All who are able, please stand.

## PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 11

*Church Women United of Cobb County*

*Friday, May 2, is Church Women United May Friendship Day. Please join us at New Friendship Missionary Baptist Church for worship at 10:00 A.M. followed by a covered dish luncheon. Ruth Webb will serve as one of the worship leaders. The church is located at 1251 Villa Rica Road, Marietta, GA. 30064. Please speak to Jan Boehm if you need directions.*



**On Pentecost, May 11, we are going to mirror the experience of the disciples in Jerusalem by hearing the words of Scripture in the many tongues of our own congregation.**

**Please contact Pete Paulsen at [bandppaulsen@earthlink.net](mailto:bandppaulsen@earthlink.net) or 678-427-3329 if you can speak a language other than English (however expertly or poorly).**

**We will assign parts of the worship service to various readers so we can get some sense of the power of the Holy Spirit and the spread of the Gospel.**