

*Sending*

*“Go, Tell it on the Mountain”*

**\*HYMN No. 29**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymn 49** (verse 4) *“Once in Royal David’s City”*

**POSTLUDE**

Assisting in Worship: Pam Hudson – Church Musician; Lizbeth Kibaara – Pulpit Assistant  
Charles K. Nyaga – Children’s Time; Dave Markle – Song Leader

\*All who are able, please stand.

*Welcome to Southminster—Christ’s love is here for YOU!*

**Prayer Requests:**

Edie and O. B. Chaffee, Mildred Cunard, Dot Dodgen, Golda Fuller, Dennis Grimm, Helen James, Mike Kerns, Bill and Lottie Kershaw, Beverly Larsen, Earl Lavender, Chris LaVine, Pete Logan, Florence Mandi, Bill Pearce, Eugene Shaffer, Tom Shaffer, Eleanor and Archie Shelor, Ricky Tanner, Patrick Wiley, Becky Willingham and the new Elders elect.

**Cherokee Presbytery Prayer Calendar, December 30**

**Presbytery Office Staff:** Rev. Gail Neal, Interim General Presbyter and Stated Clerk; Kelly Howington, Retreat Center Director; Jo Clark, Administrative Assistant for Finances and Webmaster; Betty Cheek, Administrative Assistant and Receptionist

**This Week’s Calendar:**

Today	Dec. 30	9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday school
		11:00 a.m.	Worship
		12:15 p.m.	Lunch Bunch
Tuesday	Jan. 1		New Year’s Day! Office closed
Wednesday	Jan. 2	10:00 a.m.	New Life Council Meeting
		7:30 p.m.	Care Council Meeting
Thursday	Jan. 3	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal

Today’s Nursery Attendant is Esther Hegngi.

# *Southminster Presbyterian Church*



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

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*Southminster Presbyterian Church*

*December 30, 2007, 11:00 a.m.-First Sunday after Christmas*

*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** Psalm 148

Leader: Hallelujah!

**Left side of the sanctuary:**

**Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise the Lord in the heights. Praise the Lord, all you holy angels; praise the Lord, all heavenly host. Praise the Lord, sun and moon; praise the Lord, all you shining stars. Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded, and they were created. The Lord made them stand fast forever and ever and gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

**Right side of the sanctuary:**

**Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps; fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, obeying God's will; mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars; wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds; kings of the earth and all peoples, rulers and all judges of the world; young men and women, old and young together.**

**All: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for the name of the Lord only is exalted, and the splendor of the Lord is over earth and heaven. The Lord has raised up strength for the chosen people and praise for all loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near to the Lord.**

Leader: Hallelujah!

**\*HYMN No. 28**                      *“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”*

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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—Luke 2:10-11**

Leader: At the time of our Lord's birth, an angel of the Lord appeared to shepherds living in the fields and said to them:

**All: Be not afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.**

Leader: That is good news. Believe the Gospel and go forth to live in peace.

**\*GLORIA PATRI (unison)** Hymn 579

**\* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Please exchange greetings of peace with those near you.

*The Word*

**\*HYMN No. 37**

*“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”*

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.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 63:7-9

Pew Bible, page 693

ANTHEM

*“Still, Still, Still”*

*Choir*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 2:10-18

Pew Bible, page 219

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*“A Christmas Carol Sing!”*

Rev. Paulsen

*Response to the Word*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—Hymn 22**    *“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”* Vs. 4

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)

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