

Welcome to Southminster

God is glad you are here!

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**Prayer Requests—**

Lorraine Altermatt, O. B. Chaffee, Mildred Cunard, Gail Draper, Jean Marie Dratwa, Carolyn Frew, Golda Fuller, Dennis Grimm, Bill Hammond, Patty and Larry Holloway, Lottie Kershaw, Kibaara Family, Beverly Larsen, Eric McClung, Lyda Medlock, Bill Pearce, Kathy and Kimberley Rottersman, Eugene Shaffer, and Becky Willingham.

**Also, please continue to include the ReVision Task Force in your prayers.**

**IMPORTANT MEETING, SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2007—**

The Annual Congregational/Corporate Meetings and Covered Dish Luncheon are to immediately follow worship on Sunday, January 21, 2007. **It is important that all Southminster Presbyterian Church members attend this meeting! Please put this on you calendar!**

**Our Missionaries—**

Phyllis Byrd is in Kenya serving to train student volunteers.

Julius Nyaga Church is our sister church in Magumoni Parish in Kenya.

**Please remember the Playground Fund to help the Girl Scouts create a playground for SPC. See the poster in the narthex.**

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**This Week's Calendar—**

Today	1/7	11am 12 pm 12:30 pm	Worship-Communion Youth Meeting Lunch Bunch—Italian Oven
Mon.	1/8	6:30 pm	PW Evening Circle @ SPC
Tues.	1/9	10 am 12 Noon 7:30 pm	PW Day Circle @ Pres. Village Cobb Faith Partnership & luncheon Link Council Meeting
Wed.	1/10	6 pm 7:30 pm	Scouts Resource Council Meeting
Thurs.	1/11	6 pm	Scouts
Fri.	1/12	6-10 pm	Parents' Night Out
Sun.	1/21	12:00 pm	Congregational/Corporate Meetings & Covered Dish Luncheon

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Hosanna To the King of Kings!



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Welcome!

There's a place for YOU at Southminster!

Rev. Pemberton Cooley III, Interim Pastor

Southminster Presbyterian Church  
Sunday of the Baptism of the Lord, Communion Sunday  
January 7, 2007—11:00 AM

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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

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 1)

Leader: Blessed is the one who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of the sinners or sit in the seat of mockers,

**People: But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he mediates day and night.**

Leader: He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither.

**People: The Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

\*HYMN 268 “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All too often, Lord, we drive with our eyes on the rearview mirror, concentrating on the past rather than on the present, unready to leave the pathway already traveled, obsessed with what might have been, apprehensive of the road ahead, fearful of the ditches by the side. Give us, Father, grace to travel the present with joy and faith to enter the future with confidence and hope. And Lord may you attend to our prayers as we continue to pray silently to you...***(Please use these moments of silence to offer your personal prayer of confession.)*

\* RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news,

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI (In Unison)

\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: God says, I will make all things new.

**People: Praise the Lord who recreates us in Christ Jesus.**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*(Please greet those immediately around you with The Passing of the Peace.)*

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

CALL TO PRAYER SONG

Dave Markle

**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

OLD TESTAMENT

*Isaiah 43:1-7*

Bible page 672

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SPECIAL MUSIC

*“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”*

Kay Schuler

NEW TESTAMENT

*Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

Bible page 60

SERMON

*“Baptismal Beginnings”*

Rev. Pem Cooley

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*(Worshippers are invited to partake of the bread individually as it is served. Please wait to partake of the cup until the minister does so, at which time everyone will partake of the cup at one time.)*

\*HYMN 507

*“I Come with Joy”*

*(Please bring your offerings for Presbyterian Answer To Hunger forward and place them in the offering plate during the singing of this hymn.)*

\*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

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Assisting in Worship: Jean Shelor—Pulpit Assistant  
Pem Cooley—Children's Time  
Lynn Kamm—Accompanist

\*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.