

## Welcome to Southminster

*Christ's love is here for YOU!*

### Prayer Requests:

Edie and O. B. Chaffee, Mildred Cunard, Judy Curlee, Golda Fuller, Dennis Grimm, Mike Kerns, Lottie Kershaw, the Kibaara family, Beverly Larsen, Mikayla Larsen, Chris LaVine, Pete Logan, Florence Mandi, Bill Pearce, Eugene Shaffer, Tom Shaffer, SPC Stewardship Committee, Ricky Tanner, Patrick Wiley, and Becky Willingham

Our Christian sympathy is extended to Betty Cheek and her family in the death this week of her uncle Ike Treadaway.

Cherokee Presbytery Calendar, October 28

**PRESBYTERIAN VILLAGE** – One of four retirement and health care campuses of Presbyterian Homes of Georgia (Quitman, Presbyterian Village, Calvin Court/Buckhead, Phillips Tower/Decatur). The Reverend Debbie Wells is Chaplain at Presbyterian Village, which is on the East/West Connector in Austell.

### This Week's Calendar:

Today	Oct. 28	9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday school
		11:00 a.m.	Worship – Reformation Sunday
		12:15 p.m.	Lunch Bunch @ Panda Garden
		7 to 8 p.m.	Community prayer service
Wednesday	Oct. 31	6:30 p.m.	Scouts
Thursday	Nov. 1	6:30 p.m.	Scouts
Sunday	Nov. 4	9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday school
		12 Noon	Stewardship Banquet

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4 – ALL SAINTS SUNDAY SERVICE

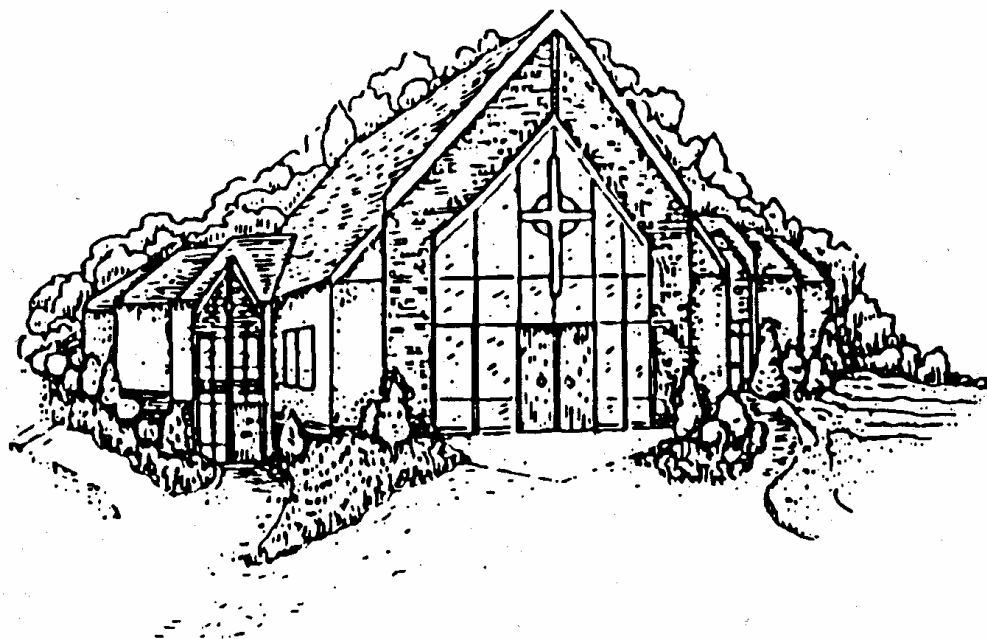
On the first Sunday in November, we will join the Church around the world in remembering those who have died in the past year. The day is called All Saints Sunday. We will print in the bulletin a list of all those from our congregation, in our families and among our friends whom we wish to remember and celebrate. If you have a name you want listed, please get it to Pete Paulsen at 404 377-2246 or [bandppaulsen@earthlink.net](mailto:bandppaulsen@earthlink.net).

### STEWARDSHIP BANQUET - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Immediately following worship next Sunday, we will adjourn to our beautifully renovated fellowship hall to enjoy a grand time of sharing a meal, singing and hearing from the Stewardship Committee about the budget needs for your church in 2008. You are urged to mark your calendars for this exciting time of fellowship. Childcare is provided for ages up to 5 years. Your Flock Leader will be calling this week for your reservations.

Assisting in Worship Today: Gay Lyn Ferry – Accompanist; John Coffin – Pulpit Assistant  
Pete Paulsen – Children's Time; Dave Markle – Song Leader; Esther Hegngi –Nursery

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October 28, 2007, 11:00 a.m.

Reformation Sunday – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

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

## STRIKING OF THE HOUR

## GREETINGS, WELCOME, AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 65:1-4

Leader: You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

**People: To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, because of their transgressions.**

Leader: Our sins are stronger than we are, but you will blot them out.

**All: Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**

### \*HYMN NO. 260 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, who alone can probe the depths of the heart, you hear the prayer of the humble and justify the repentant sinner. Grant us the gift of humility that we may see our own sins clearly and refrain from judging our neighbor. We make our prayer through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. 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

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**People: God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor requite us according to our iniquities.**

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God’s steadfast love toward those who fear him;

**People: as far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our transgressions from us.**

Leader: Believe this 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.

### \*HYMN No. 504

*“Draw Us in the Spirits Tether”*

### 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

Joel 2:23-32

Pew Bible, page 848

### \*HYMN No. 527

*“Near to the Heart of God”*

### GOSPEL READING

Luke 18:9-14

Pew Bible, page 81

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON

*“Get Ready for Prayer”*

Rev. Paulsen

*Response to the Word*

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Heidelberg Catechism-1562)

Leader: Why is prayer necessary for Christians?

**All: Because it is the chief part of gratitude which God requires of us, and because God will give his grace and Holy Spirit only to those who sincerely beseech him in prayer without ceasing, and who thank him for these gifts.**

### 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

Hymnal page 16

### \*Hymn No. 209

*“My Song Forever Shall Record”*

### \*Benediction

### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

**Hymn 584**

*“Amen”*

### Postlude

\*All who are able, please stand.