

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026 – 10:30 AM**

**GATHERING**

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**PRELUDE “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”**

**WELCOME**

Rev. Leanne Pearce Reed

**INTROIT**

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer’s praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God’s grace!*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Bruce Ludwig

In this world of striving,  
**we feel the need to earn.**

The world measures our worth in those earnings.  
**But Jesus had different ideas.**

Where they sought answers to life’s uncertainties,  
**he showed us how to live into God’s calling with conviction  
and integrity.**

When we feel our own resources are lacking,  
**we can view our lives and practices again from the economy  
of Jesus.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**HYMN 407 “Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers”**

*1 Spirit divine, attend our prayers, and make this house your home.  
Descend with all your gracious powers. O come, great Spirit, come!*

*2 Come as the light. To us reveal our emptiness and woe.  
And lead us in those paths of life where all the righteous go.*

*3 Come as the fire and purge our hearts like sacrificial flame.  
Let our whole soul an offering be to our Redeemer's name.*

*4 Come as the dove and spread your wings, the wings of peaceful love.  
And let the church on earth become blest as the church above.*

*5 Spirit divine, attend our prayers. Make a lost world your home.  
Descend with all your gracious powers. O come, great Spirit, come!*

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of our Restoration, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love. We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with you; through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **SILENCE**

## **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

**Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## **SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 450)**

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

## **WORD**

## **TIME FOR CHILDREN**

Robert Newman

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

## FIRST READING

## 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"**

**SECOND READING**

**Luke 4:14-29**

Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is this not Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was

built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Rev. Leanne Pearce Reed

**HYMN 772**

**“Live into Hope”**

*1 Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed.  
The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!*

*2 Live into hope! The blind shall see with insight and with clarity,  
removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our God brought near.*

*3 Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be,  
the right to have one's daily bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.*

*4 Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed.  
God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.*

## **EUCCHARIST**

**OFFERING**

Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

**DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.*

**THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*Invitation to the Table*

*Great Thanksgiving*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

*Breaking of the Bread*

*Communion of the People*

**SENDING**

**HYMN 852 "When the Lord Redeems the Very Least"**

***1 When the Lord redeems the very least, we will rejoice.  
When the hungry gather for the feast, we will rejoice.***

***Refrain:***

***We will rejoice with gladness. We will rejoice.  
All our days we'll sing to God in praise. We will rejoice!***

***2 When the Lord restores the sick and weak, we will rejoice.  
When the earth is given to the meek, we will rejoice. (Refrain)***

*3 When the Lord revives the world from death, we will rejoice.  
When the word of God fills every breath, we will rejoice. (Refrain)*

*4 When the Lord returns in victory, we will rejoice.  
When we live in glorious liberty, we will rejoice. (Refrain)*

## **BENEDICTION**

## **RESPONSE**

**“Amen”**

## **POSTLUDE**

**“O That I Had a Thousand Voices”**

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## **Leading Today’s Worship**

Rev. Leanne Pearce Reed, Co-Pastor

Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson, Co-Pastor

Dr. Larry Hardin, Director of Music Ministries

Kyle Henderson, Director of Music Arts

David Renaker, Organist

Ty Thornton, Pianist

Bruce Ludwig, Liturgist

## **Coming Up**

### **Souper Bowl Lunch, Sunday, February 2, following 10:30 worship**

We will enjoy good food, fellowship, and receive donations for Rise Against Hunger. If you would like to volunteer to bring a crockpot of soup, please contact the Church Office at (205) 822-1124 by Wednesday.

### **Dinners for Eight will return in February**

Dinners for Eight is your chance to meet and share a meal with folks at Southminster you might not have gotten to know yet. Groups will share a casual meal at a home or restaurant where the only goal is fun and fellowship. Sign up by February 9!

# Welcome to Southminster

**The flowers in the chancel today are given in honor of Dr. John Gam's birthday by his family.**

**Connect:** If you are new to Southminster, we are glad you are here! Fill out a connect card and visit us online at [southminsterpcusa.org](http://southminsterpcusa.org) to learn more about what's coming up.

**Children:** We welcome children of all ages in worship. Childcare is also available for infants through age three in our Nursery (Room 213), staffed by caring, experienced workers. Worship bags for children are available in the entryway.

**Communion:** All are welcome at the table as we celebrate the Lord's Supper each week. The bread and juice are alcohol-free and gluten-free. If you prefer to remain seated during communion, an elder will be glad to bring the elements to you.

**Prayer concerns:** Fill out a card to share prayer concerns with our pastoral staff. You can pick up a copy of prayer concerns at the entrances to the sanctuary each week.

**Offering:** Offerings may be placed in the offering boxes located at the sanctuary entrances, or you may give securely online by visiting [southminsterpcusa.org/give](http://southminsterpcusa.org/give).



# This Week

## **SUNDAY / JANUARY 26**

- 8:15 & 10:30am / Worship Service
- 9:15am / Sunday School
- 9:15am / Presbyterian 101 Class
- 10:00am / Congregational Meeting
- 5:00pm / Birmingham Youth Group

## **MONDAY / JANUARY 27**

- 9:00am / Personnel Committee
- 5:00pm / Day School Board Meeting
- 5:30pm / Southminster Foundation for Ministry

## **WEDNESDAY / JANUARY 29**

- 4:30pm / Worship Committee
- 5:30pm / Wednesday Night Supper-BBQ Chicken, Broccoli, Ernie's Salad, Peach Cobbler
- 6:15pm / Bingo Night
- 7:00pm / Chancel Choir Practice

## **THURSDAY / JANUARY 30**

- 11:00am / Bible Study

## **FRIDAY / JANUARY 31**

- 7:00am / Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
- 11:00am / Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team Meeting

## **SATURDAY / FEBRUARY 1**

- 9:00am / King's Home Thrift Store Pickup

## **SUNDAY / FEBRUARY 2**

- 8:15 & 10:30am / Worship Service
- 9:15am / Sunday School
- 9:15am / Presbyterian 101 Class
- 11:45am / Souper Bowl Soup Lunch
- 5:00pm / Birmingham Youth Group