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2022	2023
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Clerk of Session— Elder Katherine Alford

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Nominating— Elder Dr. Karen Hardin

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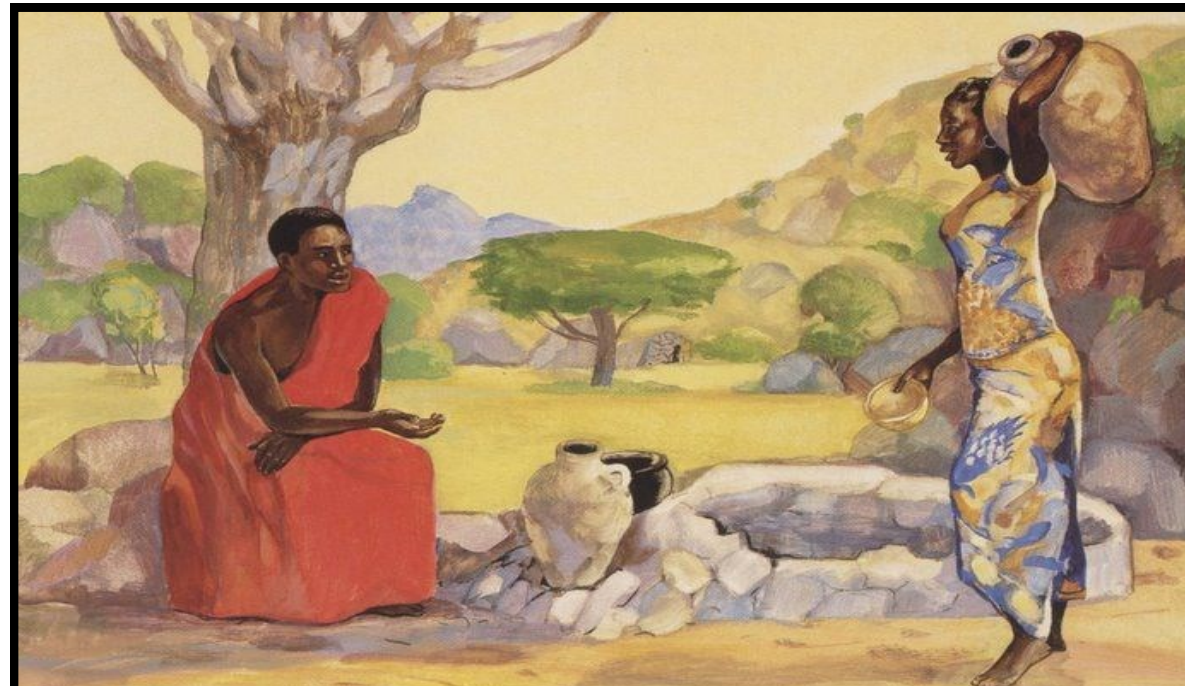
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Wednesday 10AM-2PM

Friday 10AM– 1PM

# Southminster Presbyterian Church

## Sunday, March 12, 2023



### Message:

## “Doing the Heavy Lifting”

### Rev. Reginald Ragland

**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR A)**

**\*PLEASE STAND WHEN YOU SEE RED STAR\***

**PRELUDE:** "Be Thou My Vision" ..... Played by Hui Zhou

**STATEMENT OF FOCUS** ..... Rev. Reginald Ragland

True worship is not confined within the walls of a sanctuary; nor is it limited to certain times and seasons. Jesus speaks of worshiping God in spirit and in truth. God's people bear witness to the indwelling Spirit in all that they do. The truth that guides them is substantiated through acts of forbearance and love. May all that is done praise God's name.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 95)** ..... Rev. Reginald Ragland

**PASTOR:** O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**PEOPLE:** **We shall come into your presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise unto you with our songs of praise!**

**PASTOR:** O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker!

**PEOPLE:** **For we are your people, the flock that you shepherd. We will know of your power as we listen for your voice!**

**PASTOR:** Let us worship God!

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** "Be Thou My Vision" verse 1 ..... Played by Hui Zhou

**PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION:** ..... Deacon Darla Vickers

We do indeed bow down before you and sing you our praises, O God; you are the shepherd who tends to our needs. You gather us from among different races and cultures and blend us into a people who radiate your love. You show deference toward us as you stoop to hear both our pleas and our praise. We wear proudly the mantle of your grace and mercy and as we worship you humbly in thought, word, and deed.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** ..... Deacon Darla Vickers

**Unison: Do not harden our hearts, O God, to the sound of your voice. We confess we don't listen to the word that you send. You give us Jesus, the Word of Life in our midst. We confess our delay in obeying the direction he brings. You promise the Holy Spirit, a source of counsel and power. We confess ignoring such guidance, since we do not respond. Forgive us our sin, and help us through Christ to enter the rest you have promised.**

**Offering Tally For 3/12/2023**

**Online Attendance: 5 / In Person Attendance: 27**

**Amount From Last Sunday Offering**

**\$4,413.47**



**The Prayer Line is actively functioning; requests for special prayers should be directed to:**

**Deacon Darla Vickers at (480) 343-3574. If no answer, please leave a message or send a text.**

**Recent Prayer Request:**

**Ongoing Prayer Needs:** Please keep the following people in your prayers: AnnMarie Havrilla, Leilah Hilliker, Mary Kyles, Jenna Holloway, Sean Morris, Danton Robert Thompson, Mary Reese, Jada Humdy, Joni McCray, Savannah Lamar, Stefan Lukaszewski, Joseph Betts, Angela and Amila, Pat Hillman, Jennie Lasher, Ray Williams, Clovis Campbell Jr., Eve-Lynn Garnett, Craig Ealy and Alex Johnson. Also keep the following Families in your prayers: The Frazier, Warren, Ross, Jones, Reese, Burton and Copeland Families.





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MESSAGE NOTES

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:** ..... Deacon Darla Vickers

“Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand. . . . But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.” Brothers and sisters, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**Please let us observe a moment of personal silence and repentance** ...Deacon Darla Vickers

**HYMN OF HUMILITY:** “Be Thou My Vision” Verse 2 ..... Congregation /Chancel Choir

**\* WELCOME / RECOGNITION OF VISITORS** ..... Rev. Reginald Ragland

**PASSING OF THE PEACE:** ..... Elder Susan Brooks– Morris

**LEADER:** Southminster, (The Peace of Christ Be with You.)

**RESPONSE:** **The Salt of the Community! (And also with you!)**

**CHORAL RESPONSE:** “Blest Be the Tie that Binds” ..... Played by Hui Zhou / Chancel Choir

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:** ..... Deacon Darla Vickers

Enduring Presence, goal and guide, you go before and await our coming. Only our thirst compels us beyond complaint to conversation, beyond rejection to relationship. Pour your love into our hearts, that, refreshed and renewed, we may invite others to the living water given to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING** ..... Deacon Darla Vickers

First Readings: Exodus 17:1-7 (NRSV)

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11 (NRSV)

Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42 (NRSV)

**LITURGIST:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** **Thanks be to God.**

**TESTIMONY IN SONG:** “Be Thou My Vision” verse 3..... Played by Hui Zhou

**MESSAGE:** “Doing the Heavy Lifting” ..... Rev. Reginald Ragland

**ORDINATION / INSTALLION OF DEACONS AND ELDERS** ..... Rev. Reginald Ragland

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** .....Deacon Darla Vickers / Congregation

**IN UNISON:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND PETITION:** ..... Rev. Reginald Ragland

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** ..... Rev. Reginald Ragland / Congregation

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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING** ..... Deacon Darla Vickers

God of the covenant, in the glory of the cross your Son embraced the power of death and broke its hold over your people. In this time of repentance, draw all people to yourself, that we who confess Jesus as Lord may put aside the deeds of death and accept the life of your kingdom. Receive now our gifts of love because of the bounty of thy grace. Amen.

\* **DOXOLOGY** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" ..... Chancel Choir

\* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** ..... Deacon Darla Vickers

Just as our worship of you, O God, is not confined to this place, so also our praise is not limited to certain times or seasons. Accept the offerings that we bring as a witness to your Spirit, who dwells in all that we do. May our acts of forbearance and love testify to Christ's truth pervading our lives. Use what we give so that others may come into your presence with joyful songs of hope and thanksgiving.

**HOW TO GET INVOLVED / ANNOUNCEMENTS**..... Deacon Darla Vickers

\***CLOSING HYMN-** "Be Thou My Vision" Verse 4& 5 ..... Played by Hui Zhou

\***BENEDICTION** ..... Rev. Reginald Ragland

\* **THREE-FOLD AMEN**– Amen, Amen, Amen.

**POSTLUDE** .....Played by Hui Zhou

**Announcements:** Please submit any new announcements the Monday prior to Sunday's Worship service to be included in the bulletin. Thank you.

**Prayer Requests:** Please contact Rev. Reginald Ragland or Deacon Darla Vickers about prayer requests.

- **Good Morning and Thank you for joining us today!**
- **Our regular scheduled Session meeting will be held on March 19, 2023 at 2:30 PM. This will allow preparation of the upcoming Vital Congregations meeting.**
- **Be sure to join us next Sunday for our Women's Celebration Sunday service!**
- **The Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering is approaching on March 25, 2023. If you need a registration form, please contact the church office.**
- **Just a reminder that Pastor Ragland would like to meet with all ministry committee chairpersons every Tuesday at 6PM, prior to the Session Meetings Use the Zoom link from the Prior Sunday's worship service. Please remember to confirm your attendance.**
- **The Lenten study series will continue to occur each Wednesday at 7pm. Log on using the Zoom link from the prior Sunday's service. Those interested in group prayer may join at 6:30pm to share prayer concerns.**

**PCUSA Calendar**

**One Great Hour of Sharing-3/12/2023**

**Matthew 25: Building Vital Congregations Sunday-3/19/2023**

**Mr. Rogers Day- 3/20/2023**

**Justice Advocacy Sunday- 3/26/2023**

<b>March Meetings:</b>
Every Wednesday- Budget and Finance Committee Mtg.
3/4- Women's Guild Mtg.
3/5- Property Committee Mtg.
3/14- Personnel Mtg.
3/12- Session Mtg.
3/19-Men's Club Mtg.
3/26 Worship Committee Mtg.
3/26- Deacon's Mtg.