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*July 11, 2010*

Service for the Lord's Day  
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 11, 2010

10:45 am

*\*Indicates Congregation Standing*

**GATHERING**

Gathering Hymn Sing

Brandt Shields

Greetings & Announcements

Kathy Morriss, Liturgist

*Please sign the names of each family member present today on the Ritual of Friendship located in the pews on the center aisle.*

Prelude

Frederick C. Atkinson, Arr. Wood

*"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"*

Lighting of the candles by Acolyte Cody Smith

Introit

Joachim Neander & Straslund Gesangbuch

*"Praise Ye the Lord"*

Elder Statesmen

Call to Worship (from Psalm 95)

Liturgist

One: Come, Let us praise the Lord!

Let us sing for joy to God, who protects us!

**All: Let us come before him with thanksgiving  
and sing joyful songs of praise.**

One: For the Lord is a mighty God, a mighty king over all the gods.

**All: He rules over the sea, which he made;  
and the land also, which he himself formed.**

One: Come, let us bow down and worship him;

**All: let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

Opening Prayer

Liturgist

**All: Eternal God, open our eyes to see your hand at work in the splendor of creation and in the beauty of human life. Touched by your hand, our world is holy. Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us, to share our blessings with our sisters and brothers, and to experience the joy of life in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

\*Hymn No. 97

CORONATION

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Prayer of Confession

Liturgist

**All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Silent Prayer of Confession

Response (sing once)

J. Berthier

### O LORD HEAR MY PRAYER

*From Psalm 101 (102)*

**Ostinato Chorale**

O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r:  
when I call an - swer me. O Lord hear my pray'r, O  
Lord hear my pray'r: come and lis - ten to me. O

Declaration of Forgiveness

The Rev. William Luce

The Peace

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

\*(Let us all exchange a sign of peace with one another.)

Psalm Lesson

Psalm 95  
(Read in unison.)

Liturgist  
Pg. 658 (897 LP)

Special Music

Thomas A. Dorse, Arr. Haeger & Rector  
"Precious Lord"  
Elder Statesmen

**THE WORD**

Time with Children

Andrew Sands  
(Afterward, children through age 4 may be dismissed to the nursery; Older Children may be dismissed to children's church with Andrew or Gaye Sands)

Scripture Lessons

Deuteronomy 6:4-15  
Matthew 7:13-14  
One: *The word of the Lord.*  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

Pg. 197-198 (260 LP)  
Pg. 9 (1418 LP)

Sermon

The Rev. William Luce  
"The Difficulty of Being Religious"

\*Affirmation of Faith from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (1983)

Liturgist

**All: In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.  
With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri No. 623

GREATOREX

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

The Rev. William Luce

**RESPONDING WITH THANKSGIVING**

Call for Offering

Liturgist

Offertory

Traditional Spiritual, Arr. Smith  
"Climbin' Up the Mountain"  
Elder Statesmen

\*Doxology No. 625

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Liturgist

**All: Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Blessed be God forever. Amen.**

**SENDING**

\*Closing Hymn 92

BEECHER

*"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

\*Charge and Benediction

The Rev. William Luce

\*Response

Don Besig

*"Go Now In Peace"*

Go now in Peace, never be afraid  
God will go with you each hour of every  
day

Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true  
Know He will guide you in all you do

Go now in love and show you believe  
Reach out to others so all the world can  
see

God will be there, watching from above  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

\*Postlude

William Tomer, Arr. Wood

*"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"*

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*We warmly welcome visitors and invite you to consider membership in our community of faith, if you do not have a church home. For more information about the church, contact the Pastors.*

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*Anyone in need of child care in the nursery, please contact the head usher.*

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**Presbytery Prayer Support of the Week**

Carlyle Presbyterian Church, Carlyle, Kansas  
has approximately 25 members.  
They are being served by stated supply pastor David Moore.

Joys

*Birthdays:* July 15: Joann Wills; 16: Ben Stone; 17: Brittany Smith.

*Anniversaries:* July 18: David & Marcie Cottrill, Ron & Lou Howard.

Concerns

Bud Mackey at home following outpatient surgery last Tuesday.

Announcements

*We welcome to our pulpit today The Rev. William Luce, who is no stranger to Southminster. After a career of 25 years as an Air Force chaplain, he retired in 1977. Since then he pastored a congregation in Stockton for 17 years and has served several churches in John Calvin Presbytery. He has also been a moderator of our Presbytery. Please extend a warm welcome to Rev, Luce.*

*The Bells will be on vacation July 9-16. Please call the clerk of session with any pastoral emergencies.*

**ONGOING CONCERNS**

**Members**

Lea Barcomb  
Mary Beth Bird  
Dorothy Johnson  
Dale McDonald  
Betty Mulford  
Sharol Neely  
Betty Potts

**@ Home**

Mary Shelton  
**@ Chicago**  
Ruth Peterson  
**@ Culpepper West**  
Helen Calhoun  
**@ Elfindale Manor**

Isabel Lairmore  
Madalene Taylor  
**@ The Gardens**

Betty Reid  
**@ James River Care Center**

Ann Pearson  
**@ Jordan Creek**

June Speight  
**@ Magnolia Square**

Mescal Kennedy  
**@ Maranatha Manor**

Carolyn Deeds  
**@ Montclair**

Alma Baird  
Vera Goodall  
**@ Waterford**

Ted von Willer  
**@ V.A. Mt. Vernon**

**Friends & Family**

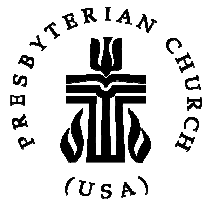
Jan Bennett  
*daughter of Jean Stokke*  
Bryan Billenstein  
*son of Jeanne*  
Tami Montgomery  
*daughter of Rich & Toni*  
Doug Palmer  
*son of Steve and Patsy*  
Jack Shuler  
*grandson of Gondy Shuler*

# Mini Scroll

Events this week — July 11th through July 18th, 2010

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b> Lamp Lighter Church
	<b>9:30 AM</b> <b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:45 AM</b> <b>Morning Worship with The Rev. William Luce</b> <i>Coffee sales following morning worship</i>
	<b>1:30 PM</b> Bethany Church
	<b>5:00 PM</b> Lamp Lighter Church
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<b>Monday</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b> <b>Mission Committee meeting</b>
	<b>7:00 PM</b> Alcoholics Anonymous
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<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11:30 AM</b> <b>No Hostess Luncheon @ Hemingway's (in Bass Pro)</b>
	<b>5:30 PM</b> Sweet Adeline's
	<b>6:00 PM</b> Overeaters Anonymous
	<b>7:00 PM</b> Bethany Church
	<b>7:30 PM</b> 12 Step Group (Closed)
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<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b> TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Meeting
	<b>1:00 PM</b> <b>Property Committee meeting</b>
	<b>3:00 PM</b> <b>Youth Hang Out</b>
	<b>5:00 PM</b> Alcoholics Anonymous
	<b>5:30 PM</b> <b>Youth Pizza Party</b>
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<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b> Bethany Church
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<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b> Alcoholics Anonymous
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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b> 12 Step Group (Closed)
	<b>12:00 NOON</b> Overeaters Anonymous
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<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b> Lamp Lighter Church
	<b>9:30 AM</b> <b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:45 AM</b> <b>Morning Worship &amp; Communion with The Rev. Dianna Bell</b> <i>Blood pressure checks following morning worship</i>
	<b>1:30 PM</b> Bethany Church
	<b>5:00 PM</b> Lamp Lighter Church
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*Church Staff:*

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