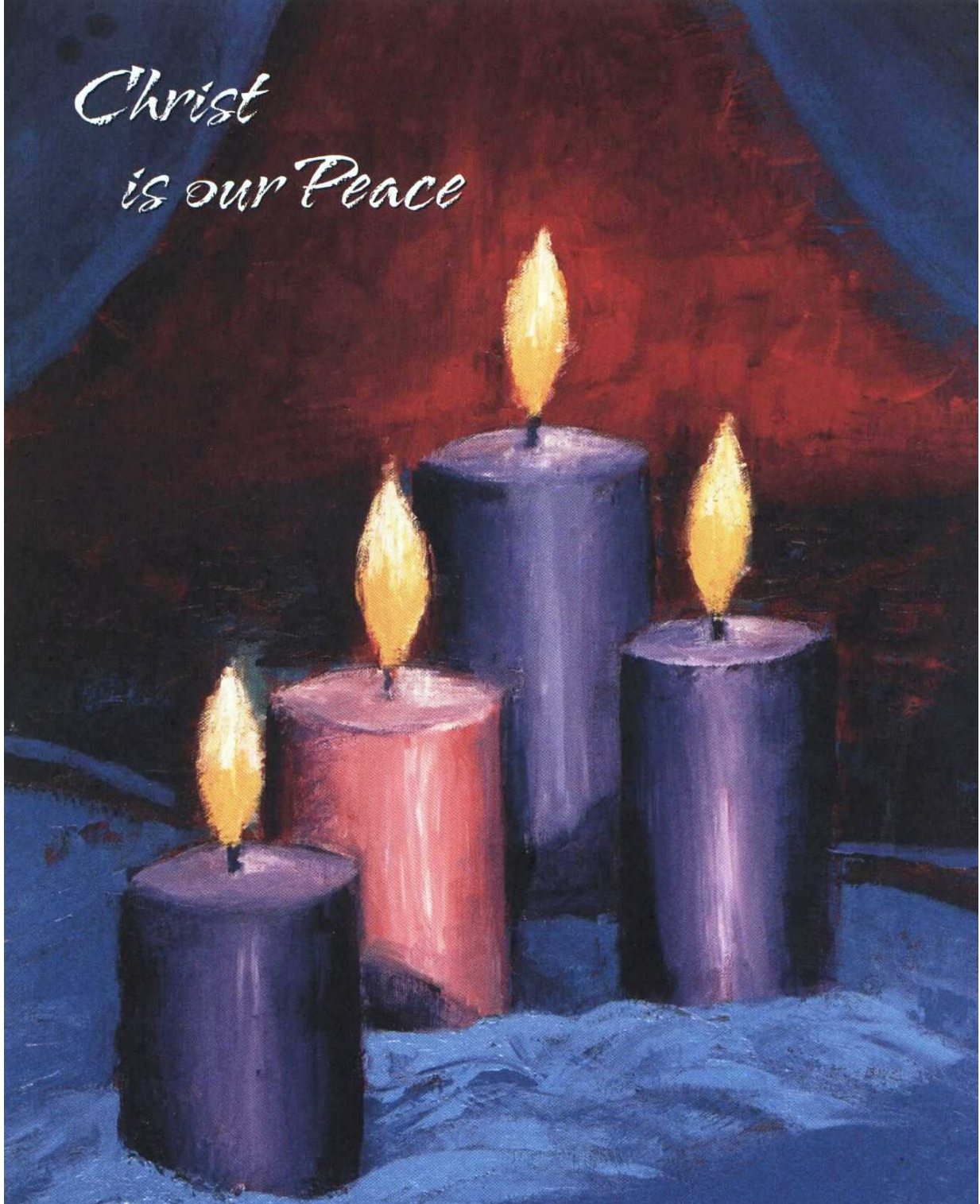


*Christ
is our Peace*



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Southminster Presbyterian Church of Springfield, MO, is called by God to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, to minister in love to the needs of members of the congregation and residents of the community, and to promote peace and justice in the world.

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation
Pastor: Rev. Bill R. Havens
Associates in Education: Andrew & Gaye
Sands
Director of Music: Dr. Rose Mary Owens

Pianist: Lou Howard
Organist: Dr. Lynda Crowder
Administrative Assistant: Brenda Jo Hilburn
Nursery Attendant: Paige Deragowski

"Someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith." James 2:18

First Sunday in Christmastide

December 27, 2009

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
*Indicates Congregation Standing

Southminster...
A community of faith; living and sharing God's love.

PRELUDE

Arcangelo Corelli, Arr. Mansfield
Pastorale from "Christmas Concerto"

You are invited to let the music and quiet meditation prepare you for a worshipful encounter with God.

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the names of each family member present today on the Ritual of Friendship located in the pews on the center aisle. Please share any concerns you have by completing a concern card, located in

the pew racks, and passing it to the center aisle. Ushers will pick them up during the Children's Sermon so that Pastor may alert the congregation of those in need of our prayers.

The community gathers before God in Worship

INTROIT

Gustav Holst

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

Lighting of the Candles by Acolyte Michael Lyons

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus is born! Not in antiseptic sheets, but in dusty straw.

People: Jesus is born! Not into peace, but into jealousy and turmoil.

Leader: But Jesus is born as God among us, born into real life with its challenge and struggle, joy and sorrow.

People: Praise to the God who has come! We worship and rejoice.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 131

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of light and power and love, we confess that we hesitate at the brink of the future. Seeing light at the end of the dark passageway, we yet loiter in the darkness. Even with Christ walking in love beside us, we dread the unknown foe. Although you have promised to be our refuge and strength, we are uncertain and afraid. As we critically examine our lives, we confess that we fail you and ignore you. You sent Christ to redeem us, but we'd rather do it ourselves. Dispel our fears, we pray, and evaporate

the shadows with your holy light. We seek forgiveness and new life through Christ. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

RESPONSE

J. Berthier

“O Lord Hear My Prayer”

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PSALM LESSON

Pg. 693 (949-950 LP)

Psalm 148
Read Responsively

ANTHEM

Southminster Choir

(The Choir requests no applause.)

The community hears God’s Word

TIME WITH CHILDREN

(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

Old Testament	Isaiah 61:10-62:3	Pg. 809-810 (1100 LP)
New Testament	Matthew 2:11-15	Pg. 3 (1409 LP)

SERMON

Pastor Bill Havens

“The Future Intrudes”

The community responds to God’s Word

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

No. 152

“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (In Unison)**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

No. 623

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

(With silent prayer)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Traditional Carols, Arr. Hayes

"Away in a Manger"

Solo by Dr. Rose Mary Owens

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 625

"Praise God"

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)**

God of all things new, in the birth of Christ Jesus, you broke into the sin and darkness of this world. You brought new light and righteousness for the souls of humankind. We offer these gifts to you with our prayer that new life and love, peace and joy may become the lived reality for all people of the earth. Amen.

*RESPONSE

J. Berthier

“Alleluia”

The community departs to serve in the Peace of God

*CLOSING HYMN

No. 151

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

*BENEDICTION

*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

Arr. Ham

“Worship The King”

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*Envelopes are in the pews today for contribution to the Christmas Joy Offering
which was officially received last Sunday.*

Please pick up 2010 offering envelopes in the Narthex.

Please call the church office no later than Thursday with your joys or concerns if you want them in the bulletin. During worship, you may write them on a prayer card or give them verbally when Pastor asks.

**Presbytery Prayer
Support of the Week**
First Presbyterian Church,
Neosho, MO
has approximately 81 members.
They are being served by
The Reverend Richard Williams.

JOYS

Birthdays: December 30: Margaret Randall, Judi Anderson; January 1: Aaron Funkhouser, Ellen Knox, Roberta Nicholson; 3: Jean Mackey.

CONCERNS

Joann Ryan at St. John's.

ONGOING CONCERNS

Members

Helen Calhoun
@ **Elfindale Manor**

Ann Pearson
@ **Jordan Creek**

June Speight
@ **Magnolia Square**

Carolyn Deeds
@ **Montclair**

Pat Porter
@ **O'Fallon, MO**

Alma Baird
Vera Goodall
@ **Waterford**

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

Betty Reid
@ **James River Care
Center**

Isabel Lairmore
@ **The Gardens**

Mary Shelton
@ **Chicago**

Mescal Kennedy
@ **Maranatha Manor**

Ruth Peterson
@ **Culpepper West**

Lea Barcomb
Dorothy Johnson
Betty Mulford
Sharol Neely
Joann Ryan
Martie Tyree
@ **Home**

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

Paul Fulkerson
son of Martie Tyree



Mini Scroll



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

Events this week – December 20 through December 27

TODAY

- 8:10 AM Coffee and Fellowship**
- 8:30 AM First Service (Contemporary)**
- 8:30 AM** Lamp Lighter Church
- 9:30 AM Sunday School**
- 10:45 AM Second Service (Traditional)**
Coffee sales following second service.
- 1:30 PM** Ukrainian Church

Monday

- 7:00 PM** Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday

- 4:00 PM Administration & Personnel and Stewardship
Committees Combined Meeting**
- 6:00 PM** Overeaters Anonymous
- 7:00 PM** Ukrainian Church
- 7:30 PM** 12 Step Group (Closed)

Wednesday

- 8:30 AM** TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Meeting
- 5:00 PM** Alcoholics Anonymous
- No Wonderful Wednesdays Activities**

Thursday

- 7:00 PM** Ukrainian Church

Friday

- Office Closed**
- 7:00 PM** Alcoholics Anonymous

Saturday

- 8:30 AM** 12 Step Group (Closed)
- 9:00 AM Unhanging of the Greens**
- 12:00 NOON** Overeaters Anonymous

Next Sunday

- 8:10 AM Coffee and Fellowship**
- 8:30 AM First Service (Contemporary)**
- 8:30 AM** Lamp Lighter Church
- 9:30 AM Sunday School**
- 10:45 AM Second Service (Traditional)**
Blood pressure checks following second service.
- 1:30 PM** Ukrainian Church

