

*Glory to God
in the Highest!*



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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

Second Sunday in Advent

December 6, 2009

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Indicates Congregation Standing

Assistant Worship Leader today is Kathy Morriss

Southminster...

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

PRELUDE

Traditional French Melody, Arr. Harris

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent"

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

Robert Lau

“Is Your Heart Prepared for a King?”

Lighting of the Candles by Acolyte Dylan Crowder

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A voice cries, “In the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. *(Isaiah 40:3)*

People: In accordance with God’s promise we wait for new heavens and a new earth where righteousness dwells. (II Peter 3:13)

Leader: The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. *(Isaiah 11:6)*

People: The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken. (Isaiah 40:5)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Choir: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” vs. 1

Liturgist: Last Sunday we lit the first candle in our Advent Wreath, the candle of hope. We light it again as we remember that Christ, who was born in Bethlehem, will come again to fulfill all of God’s promises to us. *(The candle of hope is lit.)*

Reader: The second candle of Advent is the Candle of Peace. Peace is a word that we hear often. It is one of the things that we hope for. Christ brought peace when he first came to us and he will bring everlasting peace when he comes again.

People: The prophet Isaiah called Christ “the Prince of Peace.” When Jesus came, he taught people the importance of being peacemakers. He said that those who make peace shall be called the children of God.

Reader: We light the candle of peace to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that through him peace is found. *(The candle of peace is lit.)*

Liturgist: Peace is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the peace we find in Jesus Christ. Let us pray:

People: Thank you God for the peace you give us. As we wait for all your promises to be fulfilled, we ask that you remain present with us. Help us to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your peace with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

RESPONSE

Sandra Dean

"A Candle is Burning" (To the tune of "Away in A Manger")

A Candle is burning, a candle of peace,
a candle to signal that conflict must cease:
for Jesus is coming to show us the way;
a message of peace humbly laid in the hay.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 119

"O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, the ground on which we stand is uneven and crooked. We are like grass that withers and flowers that fade. We gather with the crowds on the banks of the Jordan River and know that we lack God's way for our lives. We listen to John who is straightforward, down to earth, honest, and he calls us to repent. With the crowd, we follow the way of ease and self-interest. We want your kingdom to come, but we also want the dreams and desires of our own kingdom fulfilled. We know we cannot rely on what the world can give to save us, frail and tainted as we are. Take us to the high mountain of your forgiveness. Make straight in us a highway for our God. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

RESPONSE

J. Berthier

"O Lord Hear My Prayer"

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PSALM LESSON

Pg. 651-652 (886 LP)

Psalm 85
Read Responsively

ANTHEM

Cindy Berry

*“Night of Miracles, Night of Grace”
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

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| Old Testament | Malachi 3:1-4 | Pg. 1040 (1403 LP) |
| New Testament | Luke 3:1-6 | Pg. 81 (1515 LP) |

SERMON

Bill Havens

“Remorse vs. Repentance”

The community responds to God’s Word

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

No. 143

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

***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

Arr. Bock

"The First Noel"

*DOXOLOGY

No. 625

"Praise God"

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

Believing in your forgiveness, O God, we make this offering that renewal may come on earth, that Good News may be proclaimed, and life according to your will reclaimed. Bless our gifts and use them to awaken the church and the world to the coming of Christ in peace and power. Amen.

*RESPONSE

J. Berthier

"Alleluia"

*CLOSING HYMN

No. 125

"Joy to the World!"

*BENEDICTION

The community departs to serve in the Peace of God

*RESPONSE

Bob McGee

"Emmanuel"

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us;
His name is called Emmanuel.

POSTLUDE

G. F. Handel, Arr. Blake

"Concerto No. 1, Allegro"

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**
Ozark Prairie Presbyterian Church,
Mt. Vernon, Missouri
has approximately 30 members.
They are being served by
The Reverend Dr. Bill Harris

JOYS

Birthdays: December 8: Brenda Stone; 9: Phillip Smith.

CONCERNS

Ione Dougherty was transferred from Specialty Hospital to Maple's (formerly Primrose.)

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
@ **Quail Creek**

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 6 through December 13

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)**
Blood Pressure following second service.
- 1:30 PM** Ukrainian Church

Monday

- 7:00 PM** Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday

- 9:30 AM Morning PW Circle**
- 12:00 NOON Afternoon PW Circle**
- 6:00 PM** Overeaters Anonymous
- 6:30 PM** Sweet Adeline's
- 7:00 PM Evening PW Circle**
- 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
- 5:45 PM Wonderful Wednesdays—Programs for Children & Youth, Evening Prayer, Pastors Bible Study**
- 6:20 PM Dinner provided by Congregational Care Committee**
- 7:00 PM Advent Moment**
- 7:20 PM Choir Practice**
- 7:30 PM Praise Team Practice**

Thursday

- 7:00 PM** Ukrainian Church

Friday

- 7:00 PM** Alcoholics Anonymous

Saturday

- 8:30 AM** 12 Step Group (Closed)
- 12:00 NOON PW Christmas Luncheon**
- 12:00 NOON** Overeaters Anonymous

Next Sunday



- 8:10 AM Coffee and Fellowship**
 - 8:30 AM** Lamp Lighter Church
 - 9:30 AM Sunday School**
 - 10:45 AM Second Service (Children's Program)**
Coffee Sales following second service.
 - 1:30 PM** Ukrainian Church
 - 5:30 PM Session Meeting at the home of Don & DeAnn Holt**
3060 S. Oak Ave, Springfield
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