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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

"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

Epiphany Sunday

January 3, 2010

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
***Indicates Congregation Standing**
Assistant Worship Leader today is Pat Tracy

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

PRELUDE

Beethoven, Arr. Berry

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

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

John Wade, Arr. Hayes

"O Come, Let Us Adore Him"

Lighting of the Candles by Acolyte Dylan Crowder

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise, shine for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

People: We who live in a shadowed world have seen God's revelation in Jesus.

Leader: Lift up your eyes and see: God's light shines in the darkness.

People: Our hearts rejoice at the opportunity to witness to what we have seen and heard.

Leader: We have seen a star and have come to worship.

People: We will search diligently and listen carefully for all that God would reveal to us.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 163

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Hear, O Lord, our cries from the darkness that covers our world, the cries out of thick darkness over all the peoples. We live with heads down and eyes on the ground, not in humility, not in worship, but in wariness and weariness. We are not looking for signs of your presence with us, but following deeply trod ruts.

News of change troubles us. Our patterns of well-worn habits have become too comfortable. Word of your light shining in our midst causes us dismay. We have too many secrets to hide, too many to hide them from, and too little to hide them with. We make friends with darkness and cannot see what the darkness is making of us. Bring us the light of your forgiveness in Christ. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

RESPONSE

J. Berthier

“O Lord Hear My Prayer”

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PSALM LESSON

Pg. 640-641 (869-870 LP)

Psalm 72:1-14
Read Responsively

ANTHEM

Karl Harrington

“There’s A Song in the Air”
Solo by Ted Scott

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 60:1-6	Pg. 807-808 (1097 LP)
New Testament	Ephesians 3:8-12	Pg. 260-261 (1758 LP)
	Matthew 2:1-12	Pg. 2-3 (1408-1409 LP)

SERMON

Pastor Bill Havens

“Out There . . . The Cosmic Christ”

The community responds to God's Word

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

No. 166

"We Three Kings"

*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 English Melody, Arr. Wilson
"The Golden Carol"

*DOXOLOGY

No. 625

"Praise God"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)

As the Magi, we step forward to present our gifts. We know we can never match what you have given to us, but we pray that our gifts

may make it possible for others to hear the story of the child in the manger and to respond in faith. Amen.

*RESPONSE

J. Berthier

“Alleluia”

The community departs to serve in the Peace of God

*CLOSING HYMN

No. 138

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

*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

Praetorius, Arr. Smith

“What Star Is This?”

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Please pick up 2010 offering envelopes in the Narthex.

S O U T H M I N S T E R , A P R A Y I N G C H U R C H

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 the Pastor asks.

Presbytery Prayer Support of the Week
 First Presbyterian Church,
 Nevada, MO
 has approximately 159 members.
 They are being served by

JOYS

Birthdays: January 3: Jean Mackey; 6: Art Yager; 7: Robert Scott, Gene Charles; 8: Jack Funkhouser, Nancy Robinett; 10: Curt Finney

CONCERNS

ONGOING CONCERNS

Members

Helen Calhoun
 @ **Elfindale Manor**

Ann Pearson
 @ **Jordan Creek**

June Speight
 @ **Magnolia Square**

Carolyn Deeds
 @ **Montclair**

Pat Porter
 @ **Sparta, MO**

Alma Baird
 Vera Goodall
 @ **Waterford**

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

Betty Reid
 @ **James River Care Center**

Isabel Lairmore
 Madalene Taylor
 @ **The Gardens**

Mary Shelton
 @ **Chicago**

Mescal Kennedy
 @ **Maranatha Manor**

Ruth Peterson
 @ **Culpepper West**

Lea Barcomb
 Dorothy Johnson
 Dale McDonald
 Betty Mulford
 Sharol Neely
 Rex & Betty Potts
 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 – January 3rd through January 10th, 2010

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 checks following second service.
- 1:30 PM** Ukrainian Church

Monday

7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday

- 9:30 AM PW Board Meeting**
- 6:00 PM** Overeaters Anonymous
- 6:30 PM** Sweet Adelines
- 7:00 PM** Ukrainian Church
- 7:30 PM** 12 Step Group (Closed)

Wednesday

- 8:30 AM** TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Meeting
- 10:30 AM Congregational Care Committee Meeting**
- 5:00 PM** Alcoholics Anonymous
- 5:45 PM Wonderful Wednesdays**
- 6:30 PM Potluck Dinner**
- 7:15 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** 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)**
Ordination & Installation of Officers
Coffee sales following second service.
 - 1:30 PM** Ukrainian Church
 - 6:00 PM Session Meeting**
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