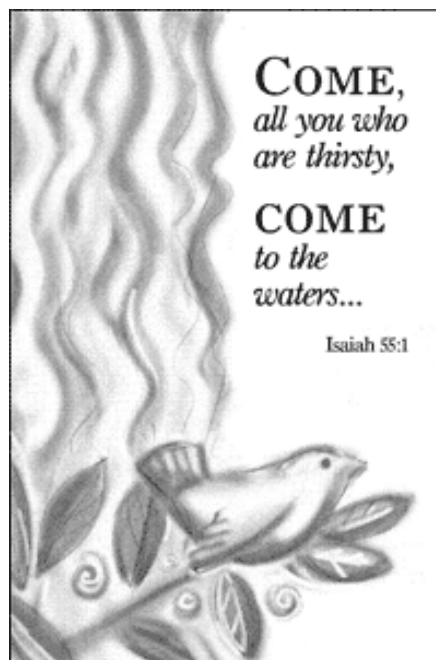


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Southminster Presbyterian Church of Springfield, MO, is called by God to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, to minister in love to the needs of members of the congregation and residents of the community, and to promote peace and justice in the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

"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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Associates in Education:
Andrew and Gaye Sands
Director of Music: Dr. Rose Mary Owens

Pianist: Lou Howard
Organist: Dr. Lynda Crowder
Administrative Assistant: Brenda Jo Hilburn

SOUTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2010

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Indicates Congregation Standing

Assistant Worship Leader today is Ron Howard

Southminster...

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

PRELUDE

English Folk Melody, Arr. Purvis

"How Beautiful the March of Days" (Psalm 147:16)

*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

Stephen Adams

"Where the Spirit of the Lord Is"

Lighting of the Candles by Acolyte Michael Lyons

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

People: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Leader: Let us worship God.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 76

“O for a Thousand Tongues”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you have shown the world and us what living is. We turn away. We are distracted by plans that we say will work. We speak when best we listen. We act when waiting is the way. Forgive us. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom and skill to speak well of Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

RESPONSE

J. Berthier

“O Lord Hear My Prayer”

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PSALM LESSON

Pg. 610 (822 LP)

Psalm 27:13-14
Read Responsively

ANTHEM

Sharon Owen

*“Jesus Paid It All”
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 55:1-3, 6-9

Pg. 803 (1091-1092 LP)

New Testament Philippians 2:1-11

Pg. 266-267 (1765-17667 LP)

SERMON

Rev. John W. Skillings

*“SOUTHMINSTER, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ABOUT JESUS?”
(or The Church: Herald of God’s Humility)*

The community responds to God’s Word

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

No. 110

“O Could I Speak the Matchless Worth”

*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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION *(With silent prayer)*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Mark Hayes

“Lamb of God”

*DOXOLOGY

No. 625

“Praise God”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)

God of humility—Christ our Lord—Christ our savior, forbid that we shall spend our days hemmed in by the oppression of what is. Help us to imagine other ways. Capture us by the vision of your kingdom so that no lesser loyalty will deceive us. Help us to live fresh new life amidst all that is stale and trivial. Give us time for love and for savoring the daily. Heal Hurts. Turn cries to laughter. Make cities fit for human habitation. Let music and beauty crown the human story and make earth your dwelling place of peace. It is to this end that we offer ourselves and these tithes and offerings in your name. Amen.

*RESPONSE

J. Berthier

“Alleluia”

COMMISSIONING OF THE SHEPHERDS

The community departs to serve in the Peace of God

*CLOSING HYMN

No. 293

“Rise Up, O Church of God”

*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

Stillman Martin, Arr. Whitworth

“God Will Take Care of You”



Our Lenten programs continue on Wednesday March 10th. All the programs will be held in the Narthex beginning at 6:50.

“The Sign of Jonah” by Dr. Reed Lessing

Jonah ... for Lent? Sounds fishy, but it's a natural fit. When the Jews asked Jesus for a sign, he said, “I will give you only the sign of Jonah.” After three days in the belly of the earth, Jesus rose with the news of God's prodigal grace. This series of special services explores the meaning of “The Sign of Jonah” as we follow Jonah on his journey and Jesus on his way to the cross.

March 10th

Service at 6:50 in the Narthex: “Praying from the Belly of the Great Big Fish”, Jonah 2:1-10 following a potluck dinner.

The rest of the series will be after dinner at 6:50 pm in the Narthex.

March 17	“The God of the Second Chance”	Jonah 3:1-4
March 24	“About Face”	Jonah 3:5-10

HOLY WEEK

April 1—Maundy Thursday	“On the same Page”	Jonah 4:1-2
April 2—Good Friday	“The Answer”	Jonah 4:5-11
April 3—Easter	“The Sign of Life!”	Matthew 12:38-41

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**
Trinity Presbyterian Church,
Shell Knob, MO
has approximately 80 members.
They are being served by
The Reverend Chris Williams

JOYS

Birthdays: March 10: Janese Barnhardt, Sharon Marsh; 14: Ashtyn Bradley.

CONCERNS

Please extend sympathies to the family of Martie Tyree who passed away on February 26th.

ONGOING CONCERNS

Members

Helen Calhoun
@ **Elfindale Manor**

Ann Pearson
@ **Jordan Creek**

June Speight
@ **Magnolia Square**

Carolyn Deeds
@ **Montclair**

Pat Porter
@ **Union, 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**

Mary Beth Bird
@ **Quail Creek**

Lea Barcomb
Dorothy Johnson
Dale McDonald
Betty Mulford
Sharol Neely
Betty Potts
@ **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 about the church, contact one of the Elders.

Events this week – March 7th through March 14th, 2010

TODAY



8:30 AM Lamp Lighter Church
9:30 AM **Sunday School**
10:45 AM **Morning Worship with Commissioning of Shepherds**
Rev. John W. Skillings, Guest Minister
Blood pressure checks following morning worship
1:30 PM Ukrainian Church

Monday

2:00 PM **Mission Committee Meeting**
7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday

9:30 AM **PW Morning Circle**
1:30 PM **PW Afternoon Circle at the home of Barbara Crain**
4425 S. Harvard, Springfield
6:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous
6:30 PM Sweet Adeline's
7:00 PM **PW Evening Circle**
7:00 PM Ukrainian Church
7:30 PM 12 Step Group (Closed)

Wednesday

8:30 AM TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Meeting
1:00 PM **Property Committee Meeting**
5:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous
5:45 PM **Wonderful Wednesdays**
6:30 PM **Dinner served by A&P Committee**
6:50 PM **Lenten Vesper Service**
7:15 PM **Choir 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



8:30 AM Lamp Lighter Church
9:30 AM **Sunday School**
10:45 AM **Morning Worship with Communion**
Rev. John W. Skillings, Guest Minister
Coffee sales following morning worship
1:30 PM Ukrainian Church
6:00 PM **Session Meeting**