



RAISE THE LORD!

O give thanks to the LORD,
for he is good. —Psalm 106:1

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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

24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2009

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

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

PRELUDE

Stralsund Gesandbuch 1665, Arr. Lowe
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*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

Traditional Latin American Tune
"We Sing Of Your Glory"

Lighting of the Candles by Acolyte Marlena Lyons

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to God, for God is good.

People: God has set the earth firmly on its foundations, and it will never be moved.

Leader: Give thanks to God, for God is good.

People: Great is God's love, higher than the heavens. God's faithfulness reaches to the skies.

Leader: Give thanks to God, for God is good.

People: God made us a new creation, and gave us a song to sing.

Leader: Thanks be to God for the priceless gift of the Son, our Savior.

People: Give thanks to God, for God is good.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 561

"We Gather Together"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You have given us many gifts, O God, but we have failed to live in gratitude. We envy the gifts of others and wish for what we do not have. We eat our food without tasting it, and wear our clothes

without noticing them. We greet friends and loved ones without breathing a prayer for our relationships. We use the resources of the earth and take for granted they will always be there. We fail to live properly our “thanks” for your bounty. Forgive us, we pray, and make our spirits sensitive to your presence which enriches everything. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

RESPONSE

J. Berthier

“O Lord Hear My Prayer”

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PSALM LESSON

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Psalm 65

Read Responsively

ANTHEM

Ruth Schram

“We Bring Our Thanks”

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 Ezekiel 34:11-16, 25-27a

New Testament Ephesians 1:15-23

SERMON

Pastor Bill Havens

“Thanks in All Circumstances?”

The community responds to God's Word

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Pg. 556

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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

What are the duties required in the First Commandment? The duties required in the First Commandment are: the knowing and acknowledging of God to be the only true God, and our God, and to worship and glorify God accordingly; by thinking, meditation, remembering, esteeming, honoring, adoring, choosing, loving, desiring, believing, trusting, hoping, delighting--calling upon God, giving all praise and thanks, and yielding all obedience and submission to God with the whole person, being careful in all things to please God, and sorrowful when in anything he is offended, and walking humbly with God. Amen.

From The Larger Catechism in the Book of Confessions

***GLORIA PATRI**

No. 623

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

(With silent prayer)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Traditional English Melody, Arr. Lowe
"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 625

"Praise God"

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

In this season of thanksgiving, O God, we celebrate your gifts to us, especially your abundant love in the gift of your Son. We pray

his name be exalted by our gifts as it finds its way into the world slaking thirst, assuaging hunger, healing sickness, and filling the souls of those who wait to hear your Word. Amen.

*RESPONSE

J. Berthier

“Alleluia”

*CLOSING HYMN

No. 557

“In Thanksgiving Let Us Praise Him”

The community departs to serve in the Peace 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

John Darwall, Arr. Lowe

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

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,
Monett, Missouri
has approximately 154 members.
They are being served by
The Reverend Walt Hamer.

JOYS

Birthdays: November 15: Tami Lyons; 17: Jeanne Billenstein; 18: Lynda Fraza, Richard Myers; 19: Isabel Lairmore; 20: Mary Neely.

Anniversaries: November 19: Ken & Cecil Douglas.

Births: Welcome to Olivia Morgan born to Stephanie & Kevin Sager in Alaska. Proud grandparents are Don & Sally Smith.

CONCERNS

Ione Dougherty at Specialty Hospital

ONGOING CONCERNS

Members

Helen Calhoun

@ **Elfindale Manor**

Ann Pearson

@ **Greene Haven**

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 – November 15 through November 22

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) <i>Blood Pressure Checks following second service.</i> 12:00 NOON PW Thanksgiving Dinner 1:30 PM Ukrainian Church
Monday	7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous
Tuesday	6:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous 6:30 PM Sweet Adeline's 7:00 PM Ukrainian Church 7:30 PM 12 Step Group (Closed)
Wednesday	8:30 AM TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Meeting 1:30 pm Fun & Fellowship 5:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous 5:45 PM Wonderful Wednesdays—Programs for Children & Youth, Evening Prayer, Pastors Bible Study 6:30 PM Pot Luck Dinner 6:45 PM Worship Committee Meeting 7:15 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM Praise Team Practice
Thursday	7:00 PM Ukrainian Church
Friday	7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous 2:30 PM Deadline for December Scroll
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) <i>The Rev. Rich Williams, Guest Minister</i> <i>Coffee Sales following second service.</i> 1:30 PM Ukrainian Church