

**SOUTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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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

Pastor: Rev. Bill R. Havens

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

Nursery Attendant: Paige Deragowski

SOUTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2009

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Indicates Congregation Standing

Assistant Worship Leader today is Brenda Stone

Southminster...

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

PRELUDE

William Houser, Arr. Martin

"Dove of Peace"

*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 Justin Sands

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly, nor under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

**People: God is able to provide every blessing in abundance, so that
by always having enough of everything, we may share**

abundantly in every good work.” II Cor. 9:7-8

Leader: “The rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.” II Cor. 9:12

People: Let the stewardship of all we have been given be evidence of our gratitude to God, and the worship we bring this day arise from joyful, generous, and thankful hearts.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 234

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Understanding God, we come to you as creatures of great strength and great weakness. We are sometimes wise and sometimes foolish. Our life with you and among your people becomes tainted by our weakness and shaped too much by our foolishness. It is easy to pray selfish prayers, for it seems everything and everyone around us encourages us to do so. How much more difficult to pray a humble prayer—to admit that our strength and our wealth and our wisdom come from you. How much more difficult to pray a humble prayer—that all that we have been, are, or ever will be comes from you, our God. Help us to abandon the false gods of earthly accumulation, and receive the heavenly riches you bestow. Uncover our hearts. Reveal all that is false within us, and teach us the ways of humility and generosity that are pleasing to you. For Christ’s sake. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

RESPONSE

J. Berthier

“O Lord Hear My Prayer”

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PSALM LESSON

Pg. 692 (947-948 LP)

Psalm 146
Read Responsively

ANTHEM

Jay Althouse

"This I Pray"
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

New Testament II Corinthians 9:6-11
Old Testament Exodus 35:4-5, 20-21, 29

SERMON

Pastor Bill Havens

"Hands Open for Sharing"

The community responds to God's Word

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Insert

"As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought"

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

Since we are redeemed from our sin and its wretched consequences by grace through Christ without any merit on our own, why must we do good works? Because just as Christ has redeemed us with His blood, He also renews us through His Holy Spirit according to His own image, so that with our whole life, we

may show ourselves grateful to God for His goodness and that He may be glorified through us; and further, so that we ourselves may be assured of our faith by its fruits and by our reverent behavior may win our neighbors to Christ. Amen.

From The Heidelberg 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION: STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

George Beverly Shea, Arr. Bock
"I'd Rather Have Jesus"

*DOXOLOGY

No. 625

"Praise God"

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

Generous God, you answer tough questions. You call us to give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to you what is yours. What, O God, is there that is not yours? Teach us anew that all things in heaven and on earth belong to you. We respond with a small portion as a sign of lives devoted to your service. In Christ. Amen.

*RESPONSE

J. Berthier

"Alleluia"

*CLOSING HYMN

No. 445

"Something for Thee"

COMMITMENT TIME (Estimates of Giving and Fellowship Circle)

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Leader: Give thanks to God!

People: With hearts filled with gratitude, we offer our thanks to God.

Leader: Sing praise to God!

People: With joyful voices, we praise God.

Leader: Declare God's steadfast love!

People: With our hands, our hearts, and our minds, we commit ourselves and all we have been given by God to live according to God's purpose and God's ways of love. We dedicate our time, energy, imagination, and love. We dedicate our financial pledges to the Church as a part of our commitment to Christ and a sign of our faith.

Unison: We pray for your blessing, O God, to inspire our best intentions and strengthen our commitment. Be present in the life and work of the Church and this congregation. We pray through Christ, Servant and Lord of all life. Amen.

The community departs to serve in the Peace of God

RESPONSE

John Fawcett & Johann Naegeli, Arr. Mason
"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

POSTLUDE

"Rejoicing On Our Way"

Dale Wood

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,
Lockwood, Missouri
has approximately 5 members.
They are being served by
Elder Troy Morgan,
Commissioned Lay Pastor.

JOYS

Birthdays: November 8: Marlena Lyons; 14: Martha Tyree; 15: Tami Lyons.

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 8 through November 15

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.

Don's forget to make your reservations in the Narthex today for

Next Sunday's Thanksgiving meal.

1:30 PM Ukrainian Church

7:00 PM Southminster Choir singing at Mansion Theatre in Branson

Monday

7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday

9:30 AM PW Morning Circle

1:30 PM PW Afternoon Circle meets at church

6:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous

6:30 PM Sweet Adeline's

7:00 PM Property Committee Meeting

7:00 PM Mission Committee Meeting

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

5:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

5:45 PM Wonderful Wednesdays—Programs for Children & Youth, Evening Prayer, Pastors Bible Study

6:30 PM Dinner Provided by The Seekers Group

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

6:00 PM Queen City Sound Concert

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Blood Pressure Checks following second service.

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