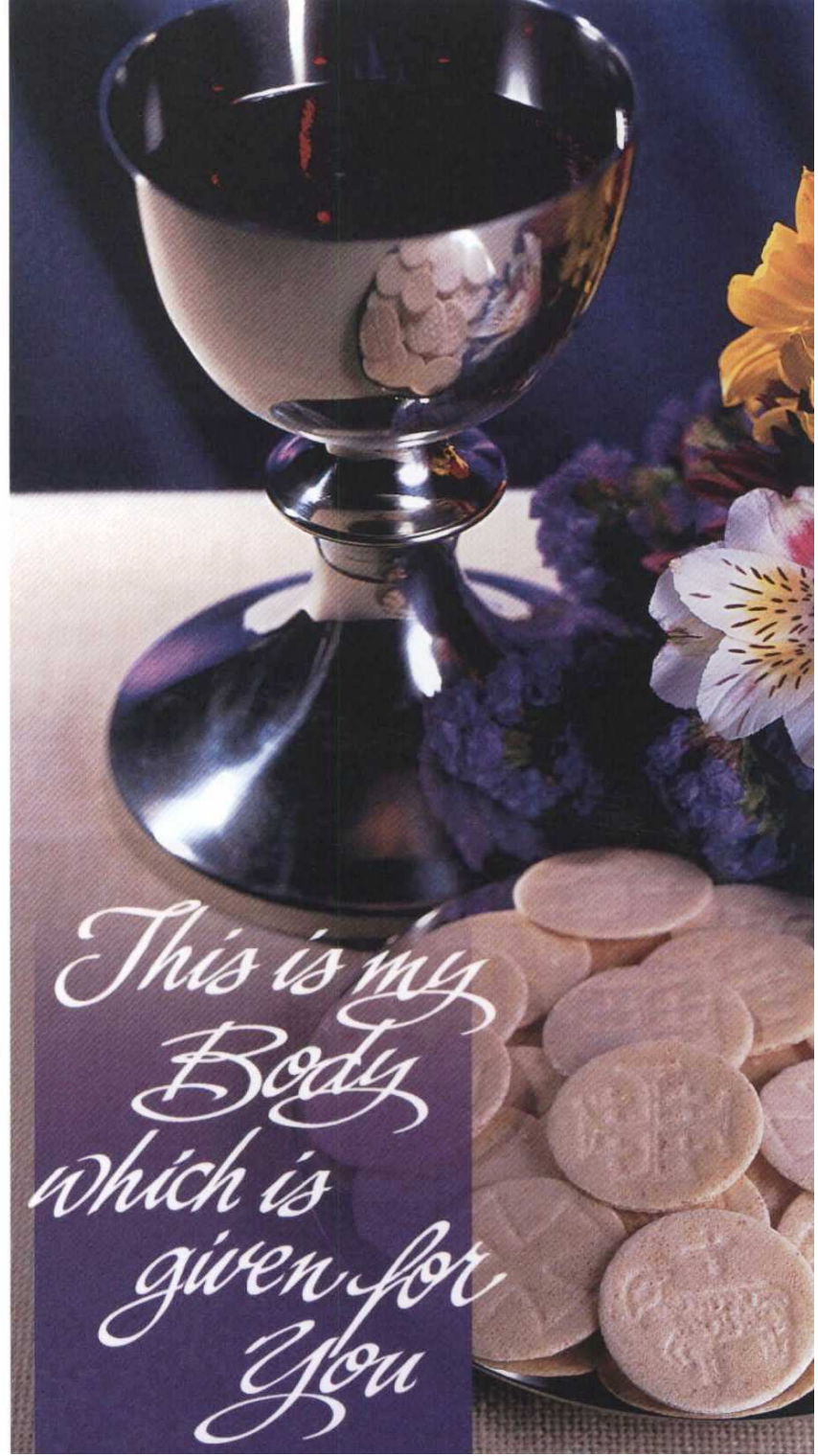


SOUTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*March 14, 2010*



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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  
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*

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

*March 14, 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 Sally Smith**

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

### **PRELUDE**

Arr. Huntsinger

*"Cross Medley"*

*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 verbally when the Pastor asks.

***The community gathers before God in Worship***

### **INTROIT**

Stephen R. Adams

*"Where the Spirit of the Lord Is"*

*Lighting of the Candles by Acolyte Dylan Crowder*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: You look for truth deep within me.

**People: You look for truth deep within us..**

Leader: Teach me wisdom in my heart.

**People: Teach us wisdom in our heart.**

Leader: Purify me, and I shall be clean.

**People: Purify us and we shall be clean.**

Leader: Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**People: Wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow.**

Leader: God's name be praised in this place and everywhere we go.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 125

*"Joy to the World!"*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, we confess that we belong to you in life and in death. We confess that you have given us the glory of being human and being your people in this place. We have forgotten who we are, your children, your creation, your very own people of worth, the cross of Christ. We have forgotten who we are, the people of the Resurrected One, Jesus Christ. Forgive us. We are selfish. We lack gratitude. We forget our sacred vows to you. We neglect prayer. We are careless with money. We complain discipleship is costly and inconvenient. Forgive us. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

RESPONSE

J. Berthier

*"O Lord Hear My Prayer"*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PSALM LESSON

Pg. 683-684 (934 LP)

Psalm 127  
*Read Responsively*

ANTHEM

Daniel Twohig and Geoffrey O'Hara  
"I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked"  
Kim Bess, Vocal Solo

***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	Micah 6:6-8	Pg. 1011 (1367 LP)
New Testament	Philippians 2:19-3:1	Pg. 267 (1767 LP)

SERMON

Rev. John W. Skillings  
"SOUTHMINSTER, HOW DID YOU GET THE WAY YOU ARE?"  
*(or The Church: Suffering Servants in Every Generation)*

***The community responds to God's Word***

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

No. 279

*"Faith of Our Fathers"*

\*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

*The loose offering today buys food for Crosslines' FISH Day.  
Crosslines—where lines of Christian compassion cross lines of human need.*

OFFERTORY

F. C. Atkinson, Arr. Wood  
*"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"*

\*DOXOLOGY

*"Praise God"*

No. 625

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)

**Holy, holy God—God of all generations and God of all the seasons of our lives we praise your name! We rejoice that the gift of baptism is for all our days! Bless us now to your service and these gifts to your glory as we give thanks for all the faithful who have gone before us. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE

*"Alleluia"*

J. Berthier

THE LITURGY OF THE UPPER ROOM

This is the Lord's Table! We invite all those who profess Christ as Lord and Savior to celebrate the Lord's Supper with us.

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

COMMUNION ANTHEM

*"Come Unto Him"*  
Dylan Crowder, French Horn

G. F. Handel

COMMUNION PRAYER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

Distribution of Bread (Please hold the bread until everyone is served)  
Distribution of Wine ( Please partake when the elements come to you)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***The community departs to serve in the Peace of God***

\*CLOSING HYMN

No. 227

*"Thine Is the Glory"*

\*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

Based on a Gregorian Chant, Arr. Bock

*"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

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Our Lenten programs continue on Wednesday March 17th. All the programs will be held in the Narthex beginning at 6:50 pm.

"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 17th

Service at 6:50 in the Narthex: "The God of the Second Chance", Jonah 3:1-4 following a potluck dinner.

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

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 give them verbally when the Pastor asks.*

**Presbytery Prayer  
Support of the Week**  
First & Calvary Presbyterian Church,  
Springfield, MO  
has approximately 2,269 members.  
They are being served by  
The Reverend Greg Seckman  
and The Reverend Greg Ellis.

JOYS

*Birthdays:* March 14: Ashtyn Bradley; 15: Eric Havens; 16: Skeeter Harbaugh; 18: Dawn Newton; 19: Barbara Crain; 20: Janet Wreath; 21: Bob Laves.

CONCERNS

**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 14th through March 21st, 2010*

**TODAY**



**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**

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**Monday**

**7:00 PM** Alcoholics Anonymous

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**Tuesday**

**6:00 PM** Overeaters Anonymous  
**6:30 PM** Sweet Adeline's  
**7:00 PM** Ukrainian Church  
**7:30 PM** 12 Step Group (Closed)

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**Wednesday**

**8:30 AM** TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Meeting  
**5:00 PM** Alcoholics Anonymous  
**5:45 PM** **Wonderful Wednesdays**  
**6:30 PM** **Potluck Dinner**  
**6:50 PM** **Lenten Vesper Service**  
**7:15 PM** **Choir Practice**

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**Thursday**

**7:00 PM** Ukrainian Church

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**Friday**

**7:00 PM** Alcoholics Anonymous

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**Saturday**

*Deadline for The April Scroll*

**8:30 AM** 12 Step Group (Closed)  
**12:00 NOON** Overeaters Anonymous

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**Next Sunday**



**8:30 AM** Lamp Lighter Church  
**9:30 AM** **Sunday School**  
**10:45 AM** **Morning Worship**  
**Rev. William Luce, Guest Minister**  
*Blood pressure checks following morning worship*  
**1:30 PM** Ukrainian Church

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