

Welcome to South Church on the web! We hope by exploring our site that you will find answers to some questions you may have, but if you want to know more please feel free to contact us directly by email or by calling the church (see the contacts page). Someone will get back to you personally. Other members of our staff are also available if you have specific questions.

There is no substitute, though, for trying us out in person. When you walk through the door on Sunday, you'll find an incredibly diverse congregation, prayers that speak to the heart of God, music that sings in many voices and sermons that reflect the struggles, hopes and dreams of our lives. In the words of Paul in his letter to the Ephesians, we pray that *we all may be strengthened in our inner being with power through God's spirit and that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith as we are being rooted and ground in love*. We have a lot to offer at South Church and we believe you'll find yourself received exactly as you are and strengthened for whatever is happening in your life.

You will find that some of us at South Church are traditional in style and habits and some are quite untraditional. One of our greatest strengths is that we are an Open and Affirming congregation. This means we welcome *all God's people* – no exceptions! – no matter your color, financial situation, religious background, sexual identity or family situation. We come in all shapes and sizes at South Church, yet we are *one church family!*

At South Church we call ourselves *multi-racial*. Here is our growing edge. We believe that people of many backgrounds are looking for common ground and a new kind of community where color, language and music of many cultures are celebrated. Are we there yet? Come and see and give us your thoughts.

We want to get to know you, too, for you undoubtedly have gifts that will enrich our lives in ways that none of us can imagine. We hope to have an opportunity to meet you in person and get to know something about you and your journey with God. Until then, we join you in asking God for inner peace and a faith that makes a difference in the world.

How can you reach us to find out more? I invite you to email us through this website or call us at 413-732-0117. Or, come to church some Sunday morning at 10 a.m. We're at the corner of Maple and High Streets in downtown Springfield. We look forward to seeing you!