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Lonely Leader

— original Artwork from Thomas Trimborn's *Encounters With Lincoln: Images and Words* —
to be dedicated on Sunday, April 18, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.

During the April 18 morning worship service, First Presbyterian Church of Springfield will install and dedicate Thomas Trimborn's original portrait of Abraham Lincoln, *Lonely Leader*, a gift from the artist who will be present and address the gathering.

Lonely Leader, which depicts the president standing, head bowed, at a White House window, is done in color pencil, color pencil with watercolor, pen and ink, and scratch board (working in reverse, from black to white). The work will hang permanently in the church narthex alongside the family pew the Lincolns rented from 1852-1861, after Mary Todd Lincoln joined the church.

A copy of this work serves as the frontispiece in Dr. Trimborn's popular book *Encounters With Lincoln: Images and Words*. (Truman State University Press, 2005.) Thomas J. Trimborn, PhD, is a well-known writer-illustrator, especially for his series of portraits of concert and jazz band leaders; he is also the director of the MA in Education music program at Truman State University.

First Presbyterian Church is proud of its Lincoln heritage and legacy, and welcomes guests to join docent tours in the narthex and sanctuary during the summer months. (See lincolnschurch.org for details.) This year, 2010, marks the 150th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's election as president. Mr. Lincoln was about to leave Springfield forever, until his mournful return and burial at Oak Ridge Cemetery, documented in a local newspaper of the time also on display in the narthex.

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