**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**1st Sunday of Advent or 38th Sunday of Covid19**

**November 29, 2020**

**9:30 a.m.**

Find the link for the service on one of these sites:

1) our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/
2) our web site: https://www.southminsterpc.org/worship-videos
3) our YouTube channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPgWICngOvkmR1OXgCG\_wiA/videos

If the video feed is interrupted during the service, exit the live video. Wait a minute or two, and then log back in. The video feed should be restored in about1-2 minutes after an interruption and becomes PART 2 of the worship service.

***Please* *put your phones and computers in airplane mode anywhere in the building.***

 1 Gathering Music

Today’s slide show consists of photos of our Southminster family celebrating Thanksgiving.

 2 Welcome, Announcements, and Moment for Mission

 3 Prelude: *Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming* arr. Hayes

 4 Lighting the Candles

**Come, Holy Spirit. May the fruit of the Spirit live in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

 5 Call to Worship (Psalm 27)

 Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

 **People: Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart.**

 **All: We will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.**

 6 Hymn 100: *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*  (verse 1)

**My soul cries out with a joyful shout**

**That the God of my heart is great,**

**And my spirit sings of the wondrous things**

**That you bring to the ones who wait.**

**You fixed your sight on your servant’s plight,**

**And my weakness you did not spurn,**

**So from east to west shall my name be blest.**

**Could the world be about to turn?**

Refrain:

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring.**

**Let the fires of your justice burn.**

**Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,**

**And the world is about to turn.**

7 Prayer of Confession:

**Lord God, You know our hearts, our fears, our sorrow, and our feeble attempts to grab power. You know that there are moments when we have failed to be loving. Forgive us. Thank you in the name of Jesus Christ, who is both savior and Lord we pray. Amen.**

 (Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

8 Declaration of the Grace of God/Assurance of Pardon (Psalm 103:8-12)

 Leader: The Lord is compassionate and gracious;

 **People: The Lord is slow to anger, abounding in love.**

 **All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

9 Response 129: *Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming*  (verse 2)

**Isaiah ‘twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;**

**With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.**

**To show God’s love aright she bore for us a Savior,**

**When half spent was the night.**

10 The Passing of the Peace

11 Word with Children: Lighting of the Advent Wreath (prerecorded)

 Craig and Sarah Allen and granddaughter Madelyn Sherill Ross

 Reading: *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness* (verse 1) Hymnal #314

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,

Light for the world to see.

 All sing:

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.**

**Longing for truth, we turn to you.**

**Make us your own, your holy people,**

**Light for the world to see.**

**Christ be our light!**

**Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.**

**Christ be our light!**

**Shine in your church gathered today.**

12 Prayer for Illumination

13 Scripture Lessons: Daniel 6:6-9

Daniel 6:19-24

14 Sermon: “Leaning into the Light: Daniel”

15 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison) Romans 5:5 NIV

**Hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.**

16 Hymn 105: *People, Look East* (verse 1)

**People, look east. The time is near**

**Of the crowning of the year.**

**Make your house fair as you are able;**

**Trim the hearth and set the table.**

**People, look east and sing today:**

**Love, the Guest, is on the way.**

17 Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

 Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

 **People**: **hear our prayers.**

**The Lord’s Prayer:**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

18 Offertory: *Prepare the Way, O Zion* (Hymnal #106)

19 Response 123: *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* (verse 5)

**For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,**

**When with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,**

**When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,**

**And the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.**

20 Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

21 Hymn 104: *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*  (verse 1)

**O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright?**

**Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart’s delight!**

**O kindle, Lord most holy, a lamp within my breast,**

**To do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.**

22 Charge and Benediction

 Leader: Now go and serve the Lord,

 **All**: **For we are blessed to be a blessing! Alleluia! Amen!**

23 Postlude: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arr. Bock

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden

Liturgist: Blair Nelson

Guest Pianist: Cindy Trowbridge

Musicians: Paul Jeziorski, Linda Wolf Jeziorski, Lynn Ferino, Elise Henkels

Tech support: Ron Birchall, Chris Kozich, David Kozich, Christine Olfelt

The flowers today are from the pastor in gratitude for God's work in and through Southminster, in particular the officers and the special assignment ministries of 2020, both old and new during this challenging time of the pandemic. Please see the Bearing Fruit for their names.

Join us for **Zoom fellowship** at 10:30 following the worship service.
Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84712569505
Meeting ID: 847 1256 9505
***This link is good through Dec. 20.***

You are invited to join us on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/), where we have a live sharing of “**Heart to Heart**” Tuesday-Friday at 4:16 p.m.

We’re also live on **Sunday morning for worship** at 9:30 a.m.
Find us at https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/

You can also find links to recordings of the weekday sessions and Sunday services posted on our web site: https://www.southminsterpc.org/worship-videos or by going to our YouTube channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPgWICngOvkmR1OXgCG\_wiA/videos

**Sunday Morning Adult Ed. Bible Study – 11:15!** We continue our study of the prophet Amos, likely the first of the writing prophets. Join our study from 11:15-12:15. Follow this Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83804167534?pwd=eHVNYXF3NVJHN3JKRUFPZXozRjkxZz09
(Meeting ID: 838 0416 7534/Password: 062773)

 **Notes from Blair**

**Youth:**Weather permitting, we will have another firepit tonight, same place, same time (5:00-6:00 p.m.) Bring a flashlight. If weather is not permitting, we will Zoom. Watch for info from Blair as we get closer to the date.

**Notes from Christine Olfelt:**
The **Thursday evening Bible study** resumes this week. See the Wednesday eNotes for details.

**Christmas Program:** If you have a part to tape for our Christmas Program, please arrange to be done now, if all possible! Arranging and formatting all these pieces will be a long process. I’m so excited by how people are coming together to make this safe and meaningful.

**Presbyterian Women:** In December we will sing Christmas carols “together” with Christiane and Linnea Olfelt and their mom/grandma, Eileen Thorpe. We will gather on google meets on Friday**, December 11** (yes, a week early) at 9:30 a.m. Log in at : meet.google.com/pjt-houd-eqd or join by phone: +1 520-485-7653 (PIN: 912344563).I will have the words to our chosen carols so you can see them on your screen. If you are following along by listening, please let me know and I’ll send them to you. christine@southminsterpc.org

**“Share the Spirit” of Christmas with the families supported by the People’s Resource Center (PRC)**
Thank you to all who donated to Share The Spirit this year. 121 gift cards were purchased for a total of $2,215. 143 beautiful hats have been donated so far, and Bell Rajsl made 140 of them! Additional donations of hats and mittens may be dropped off at the Freys’ front porch through today (Sunday, November 29). Thank you, everyone, for your generous support again this year. It will make Christmas a little brighter for many.

**The Stewardship Ministry** is thankful for the great response from so many of you to Southminster’s stewardship campaign. If you still intend to pledge, please be sure to send in your pledge card as soon as possible. Or, if you prefer, you may contact Chris Kozich by text or phone, at (630) 673-4286. If she doesn't answer your call, please leave a message and she will get back to you.

We are looking for people who would like **to assist in our worship services**: liturgists, musicians, offering the Word with Children. You may choose to pre-record your part in the sanctuary. Please let Wendy know if you are willing to participate.

The Deacons would like to know if anyone may have **older iPads or tablets that are no longer in use**. If so, please let Lynn Ferino know (*lynnferino1188@comcast.net* or 630-272-2269). The Deacons are looking into an idea for how they might be used, and would like to know if there are any available. Thank you!

**Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):
Starting to think about your Christmas shopping? If you want gift cards, either for gifts or to help pay for your shopping, you can order today (Sunday, Nov. 29). Our last order of 2020 will be Dec. 13. To order, email bobbifrey@aol.com by 9:00 Sunday evening; include merchant, denomination of gift card, number of cards, and total of order.
Orders come in on the following Wednesdays. I will contact you and drop the order at your house. Payment can be made then.
Thanks for your support during this different year! To date, we have earned $1,786.71 in "free" money for our church!
We will start the new year with an order placed on Jan. 3.
 **Donations for PRC** (also from Bobbi Frey):
I am amazed at how we have supported PRC with weekly donations of food and paper products! For 36 straight weeks I have made drop offs for Southminster. This past Monday, we combined our donations with Westfield School, and the donation was huge! Client numbers are increasing. Many are so grateful with what they receive - their thank yous are overwhelming! The donation box is out 24/7 on the front porch at 2S033 Taylor, GE. Thank you for your support!!!

**Care Notes:**“In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” -Philippians 4:6
Generally, we share our prayer requests at worship services on blue slips, but since we haven’t been meeting, we’re missing our blue slips! We are still collecting prayer requests! Please leave a message on our answering machine at 630-469-9149.

**Joys and Concerns:** - Betty and the Eichin family grieving Ric
 - the family and friends of Lanny Baird, who died earlier this month
  - Barb’s extended family on the death of her mother’s cousin, Clarence, from Covid
We pray for all who are infected and/or affected by COVID:
  - Kathy Davidson’s friend, Dorothy Hess, hospitalized with COVID, and her husband, Jim, who also has COVID but is home
  - Tricia Smith’s childhood friend, Brenda, hospitalized in Louisiana with COVID; she is recovering. Her son, George, and her brother, Bernard, also have COVID.
  - a young adult requests prayers for a roommate’s mother, who has COVID
  - Paul, the son of Marlene, a friend of the Danby Station choir table, has COVID
  - prayers for parents, guardians, teachers, students, and all who are trying to navigate school and sports during this pandemic
  - Heidi Shierry, still dealing with a kidney infection
  - Judith Le Fevere, a friend of the Ellsworths, with ongoing health and financial issues
  - Melissa Heard, a coworker of Rita Zapel’s, who has ongoing health issues
  - those who are having medical procedures
We pray for all who are affected by cancer:
  - Marji S., undergoing treatment for cancer
  - Christine’s brother-in-law, Jim, is home following surgery for pancreatic cancer. He appears to be cancer-free!
  - Toby, neighbor and friend of Jim and Tricia Smith and Lynn Ferino, resting at home under medical care for cancer. His wife, Bonnie, has now also been diagnosed with cancer. She has undergone tests and is awaiting a treatment plan.
  - Hayley Jablonski, whose cancer has returned
  - Scott B., who has dementia and cancer
  - all who have been affected by hurricanes, tropical storms, fires, or other natural disasters
  - our country, in the wake of the election
  - the 666 children who were separated from their parents at the U.S.-Mexican
border and whose parents now cannot be found

We continue to pray for our friends and family in the health fields:
Nurses:
Andie Benson and Nikki Mendoza, both children of Pete and Pam Petersen
Rachel Kralicek: Heather’s daughter
Lindsey Ellinghausen: granddaughter of Ellinghausens
Sara Russell Humes: Lanny’s daughter
Samantha Linde, granddaughter of Ralph and Caroline, Critical Care/ICU nurse
Kaitlyn Harper: niece of the Smiths, once again caring for COVID patients

Doctors:
Nathan and Erin Allen (Allens’ son & daughter in law)
Francine Long (a longtime friend of our church community)
Otis Miller and Jon Thomas (Janey Sarther’s brother and brother in law)
Jessica McIntyre (a friend of our church community)
Will Perkinson (member and on call)
Claudia Adja (Affiliate member in Ghana)

Other health workers:
Roland Lankah: Health worker at Cook County Jail
Sammy Dearing: new tech (Birchalls’ granddaughter)
David Zoby: Radiologist (Wendy’s step brother)
Laura P. (neighbor of Barb D.), hospital phlebotomist

Food Pantries: Glen Ellyn Food Pantry, People’s Resource Center, Lakeview Food Pantry, and our members Bobbi Frey & Anna Nelson, who work with them

**A Special Request for Prayer**We are all feeling the pressure of additional restrictions due to Covid19. There is also understandable unrest in our nation around issues of race, justice, disparities of many kinds, and election results. Please be on your knees daily lifting up our nation.

**Caring for you!**Our **Congregational Care Committee** is ready to assist in time of need. If you need assistance from the Congregational Care Ministry or Helping Hands, you may call Esther Marcovici (home: 630-462-0634 or cell: 630-776-6389). You may **call Pastor Wendy Boden** on her cell or home phone (if she has shared the numbers with you) or leave a message for her at the church office: 630-469-9149. Email Wendy at wendy@southminsterpc.org. (Please note that she can only read email in the office, and she’s only in her office a short time every day, at least while the church is not open for worship. You may also **call your deacon** if you need help from the church.

Remember that we love God and neighbor. Our address is 680 South Park Blvd., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 if you would like to set up an online account with your bank or mail in your pledge.

Grace and peace to you!

***Prayer Requests:***