**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**2nd Sunday of Christmas or 43rd Sunday of Covid19**

**January 3, 2021**

**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, we will continue to record and then post the full video on Facebook and our web site as soon as possible.

 1 Gathering Music: *So This Is Christmas* John Lennon

 Luke Anderson, bass Tom Anderson, piano

 Our prayers go with Luke Anderson, who is being deployed today.

 2 Welcome, Announcements, and Moment for Mission

 3 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.**

 4 Piano Prelude: *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*

 5 Call to Worship

 Leader: Behold, God makes all things new.

 **People: Sing to the Lord a new song;**

 Leader: Sing to the Lord, bless God’s name.

 **People: Share God’s love from day to day.**

 6 Hymn 152: *What Star Is This with Beams So Bright*  (verse 4)

**O Jesus, while the star of grace**

**Impels us on to seek your face,**

**Let not our slothful hearts refuse**

**The guidance of your light to use.**

 7 Prayer of Confession:

**Lord, as the New Year is born we remember and regret many things. Even so, you come near to us in Jesus Christ and invite us to a new beginning. Fill our hearts with hope and the Holy Spirit as you continue to make all things new. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is both savior and Lord. Amen.**

 (Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

 8 Declaration of the Grace of God/Assurance of Pardon

 Leader: What you are longing and hoping for is nearer than you know.

 **People: Jesus Christ is Emmanuel, God with us.**

 Leader: People of God, believe the promise. Believe the good news. Rejoice!

 **People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made new.**

 9 Response 150: *As with Gladness Men of Old*  (verse 4)

**Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way;**

**And when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last**

**Where they need no star to guide; where no clouds thy glory hide.**

10 The Passing of the Peace

11 Word with Children: Christine Olfelt

12 Prayer for Illumination

13 Scripture Lesson: Luke 2:40-45

 Luke 2:46-52

14 Sermon: “At Home with Jesus”

15 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)

 *The Apostles’ Creed* [Ecumenical]

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

16 Hymn: *Amen, Amen* Nelsie Johnson

**Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.**

**See the little baby (Amen)**

**Lying in a manger (Amen)**

**On Christmas morning.**

**Amen, amen, amen.**

**See him at the temple (Amen)**

**Talking to the elders (Amen)**

**How they marveled at his wisdom.**

**Amen, amen, amen.**

**Al-le-lu-ia! (Amen)**

**Jesus is my savior (Amen)**

**And he lives forever.**

**Amen, amen, amen.**

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

17 Offertory: *Sweet Little Jesus Boy* Robert MacGimsey

18 Response 151: *We Three Kings* (verse 5)

**Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Sounds through earth and skies.**

**O-o star of wonder, star of night,**

**Star with royal beauty bright,**

**Westward leading, still proceeding,**

**Guide us to thy perfect light!**

19 Prayer of Dedication

 Service of the Lord’s Supper

20 Invitation

 [We extend an invitation to the Lord’s Supper to all who have been baptized. You do
 not need to be a member of this congregation or a Presbyterian to share in this meal.
 We remember that access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a
 privilege given to believers who come in faith, repentance, and love.]

21 Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

 Leader: The Lord be with you.

 **People**: **And also with you.**

 Leader: Lift up your hearts.

 **People: We lift them to the Lord.**

 Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

 **People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

22 *The minister gives thanks…*

23 The congregation responds by reading together:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heav’n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

24 *The minister continues the Thanksgiving…*

 **Dying you destroyed our death,**

 **Rising you restored our life.**

 **Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

*The minister continues with Intercessions for the Church and the World
and Prayers of the People…*

 Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

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

 Our 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.**

 Words of Institution

 Communion

25 Communion Music: *Born in the Night, Mary’s Child* (Hymnal 158)

26 Prayer after Communion

27 Hymn 147: *The First Nowell*  (verse 6)

**Then let us all with one accord**

**Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,**

**That hath made heaven and earth of nought,**

**And with his blood our life hath bought.**

**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,**

**Born is the King of Israel.**

28 Charge and Benediction

 Leader: Now go and serve the Lord,

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

29 Postlude: *Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child* (Hymnal 126)

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden

Liturgists: Christine Olfelt, Blair Nelson

Musicians: Cindy Trowbridge, Tom Anderson, Luke Anderson, Paul Jeziorski, David Kozich

Virtual choir: Lynn Ferino, Elise Henkels, Linda Wolf Jeziorski, Paul Jeziorski, Victor King, Caroline Linde

Tech support: Ron Birchall, David Kozich, Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson

The flowers today are from Lynn Ferino in memory of her mother, Jerrie.

**Meeting of the Congregation today - Sunday, January 3**T**he session has called a congregational meeting for after worship, about 10:30 on January 3, 2021.** We will meet in the parking lot; dress for the weather and wear your mask. We need to have at least 17 members present for a quorum.
Here are our agenda items for that meeting:

1. Vote to elect Gretchen Fleming as an elder to fill an open position in the class of 2018. Gretchen’s term will expire in May 2021. She will moderate Nomination committee/ministry.

2. Vote to amend Southminster’s By-Laws. The upshot is that at session’s October meeting we voted to recommend to the congregation that session membership should be lowered from 15 to 12. This was announced in our November Dialog.

3. Vote to amend Southminster’s By-Laws that the annual meeting of the congregation for 2021 shall take place on such date and at such location on the church premises (whether inside or outside of the church edifice) as set by session.

Join us for **Zoom fellowship**. Because of the congregational meeting, we will aim to begin the Fellowship Zoom around 10:50 a.m. Please be patient, and we will start as soon as we can!
Join Zoom Meeting: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73261558795?pwd=RnRtbUZzaWJZeEVnekR6SW50L1cxUT09
Meeting ID: 732 6155 8795
Passcode: mq3iAK

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. Pastor Wendy will take a New Year’s Day break from “Heart to Heart” but will resume regular scheduling next Tuesday.

We’re 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:** Our adult Bible Study continues today from 11:15-12:15. We have almost finished our study of Amos, then we move back to the New Testament and 1 Peter. Use this link to join us online:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82920574961?pwd=dEwxU2NhaFM5VWhPSzBtYkZvUld2dz09
Meeting ID: 829 2057 4961
Passcode: 537355

The **Sunday Evening Women’s Bible Study** will start up again this evening at 7:00 via Zoom. The current study is 1 Samuel. You can get the link to Zoom from Tricia Smith.The **deadline for the January 6 eNotes/January Dialog is tomorrow (Monday, Jan. 4).

Finance Budget Meeting** this Thursday, Jan. 7, at 7:30 p.m.
Join with Google Meet
meet.google.com/idw-mton-xay

 **Easter Party Task Force** will meet next Sunday, January 10, at 12:45 p.m. Watch for a link to the meeting. **Notes from Blair Nelson:**
**Youth**, you’ll get a text or email from Blair about this evening’s youth event.

**Notes from Christine Olfelt:**
**No Thursday night virtual thematic Bible Study this week**.
We will resume on January 14 as we begin an examination of the Character of God via the videos at https://bibleproject.com/explore/category/character-of-God-series. The schedule and weekly links to videos are published each week in eNotes.

Looking ahead: Would you be willing to give the **Word with Children**? You can record it at home, or come in and we’ll pre-record it safely here.
Our January texts are:
January 10: Jesus’ Baptism Luke 3:1-22
January 17: Sermon at Nazareth Luke 4:14-30
~~January 24: Fish for People Luke 5:1-11~~  taken! missed your chance
January 31: Healing on the Sabbath Luke 6:1-16

**Presbyterian Women’s Circle** is in the planning stages for an online guest speaker from the Alzheimer’s Foundation on Friday, January 15th (the third Friday in January.) Stay tuned and save the date.

**From the Mission Ministry:**
**Luminaria Sunday:** We will be holding Luminaria Sunday on February 14, 2021. This will be our 10th annual Luminaria Sunday when we honor and remember those touched by cancer. Luminaria bags will light the sanctuary during the worship service. Names of those remembered and those honored will be read and prayed for during the Prayers of the People.
Luminaria bags will be available for $10 for each name read. Please send your check, made out to the American Cancer Society, to the church by Friday, February 5. Please print the name(s) of those you wish to honor (living who have cancer or have had cancer) and those remembered (those who are deceased who had cancer).
For each name, please indicate if the person is to be honored or remembered. Example: John Jones, remembered. $10.
Then mail your check and the names to Southminster Presbyterian Church, 680 S. Park Blvd., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137.

 **From the Worship Ministry:**

**Sanctuary Flowers in 2021**Thank you to everyone who supported dedicated flower arrangements, beautifying the sanctuary and parlor during virtual services in 2020, despite not being able to personally enjoy them due to the pandemic. Worship Ministry truly appreciated your generosity. 2021 presents a new challenge, with suspended in-person worship for the near future, eliminating the ability to sign up for various Sundays on the narthex flower chart.

If you would like to sign up for a particular Sunday in 2021, please email the date and dedication information to ridesrowdy@aol.com (Sarah Allen, Worship Moderator). She will respond confirming that date is available. Flowers remain at $30 each. Thank you so much for your continued support of the Flower Ministry. Hopefully, we will soon be back to in-person worship, where flowers can more easily be taken home.

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.
Sarah Allen, Worship Moderator
 **Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):Our first order date in 2021 is today (Sunday, Jan. 3), with delivery on the 6th. A copy of the order sheet can be found on the church website. Just email bobbifrey@aol.com with your order - merchant, card amount, number wanted, and order total. Payment can be mailed to the church or given to me when I deliver your order. Thanks in advance!

The next chance to order will be the January 17.

**Donations for PRC** (also from Bobbi Frey):
For 41 weeks I have made deliveries of food, paper goods, cleaning supplies, toiletries from you to Peoples Resource Center. I cannot begin to tell you how greatly appreciated all the donations have been! Many new clients are now using the services. The donation drop box is on the porch (2S033 Taylor, GE) 24/7, and deliveries are made to PRC on Mondays.

**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:** - We pray for safe travels for Luke Anderson as he is being deployed with the Army this Sunday, due back next November.
 - a joy that Heidi Shierry’s recent medical issues have significantly improved
  - blessings on Jessica Parks’ new private practice
We pray for those who mourn.
 - the Hecker family on the death of Paul’s father, John (“Jack”)
 - the family of Art Deem, uncle of Steve Shierry, in the death of his uncle and serious condition of his aunt Ruth Deem
  - the family of Peter Abruzzo, former principal of Glenbard South High School, who died earlier this month
  - Pastor Daniel Diss and his sister, Cindy, as they cope with the deaths of both their parents within 3 months
We pray for all who are infected and/or affected by COVID:
 - Chris Vanderford is hospitalized with Covid complications
 - Donna Marton’s brother, Richard, hospitalized with Covid pneumonia
  - Kathy Davidson’s friend, Dorothy Hess, who has come home from the hospital but is struggling to regain her strength after having had Covid; she still needs oxygen at night. Her husband, Jim, has recovered from Covid and is able to care for her.
  - 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
  - Dustin Crews, son-in-law of McHaleys, recovering from heart surgery. Between the procedure and medication, he is hoping for great improvement. He and the whole family are grateful for our prayers.
 - Carol (mother of Barb’s friend), recovering from heart surgery. MRIs have shown she has also had a stroke, either during or immediately after the heart procedure. With therapy she is expected to recover most of her speech within 3 months and muscle weakness/coordination within a year.
 - Katie, who is struggling to recover from two major strokes
  - Bonnie, a new widow, who has health issues. She is a neighbor and friend of Jim and Tricia Smith and Lynn Ferino.
  - all who are dealing with mental health challenges
  - 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:
  - Hayley Jablonski, whose cancer has returned
 - Lanny’s friend, Tony Bednarz, diagnosed with an aggressive form of leukemia
 - the Bohis’ nephew, Joe, diagnosed with esophageal cancer
 - the Bohis’ friend, Teri, with recurring breast cancer
  - Harriet Byers, longtime friend of Steve and Heidi Shierry, currently in hospice care with stage 4 pancreatic cancer. Her prognosis is 4-6 weeks.
  - Sandy Lopata’s friend Rebecca Moeckler, who has pancreatic cancer
  - Marji S., undergoing treatment for cancer
  - Christine’s brother-in-law, Jim, who appears to be cancer-free following surgery for pancreatic cancer
  - Scott B., who has dementia and cancer
  - Paul Yoos, brother of Heidi Shierry, getting divorced
  - our country, in the transition of leadership
  - the 628 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. We remember in prayer all those who have been affected by our country’s economic slowdown, especially those who have lost their jobs or have faced greatly reduced income. 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:***