**Bearing Fruit – January 10, 2021**

**Glory to God**

Giving glory to God in all things is distinctive of Presbyterian spirituality. Whatever we are doing—gardening, eating, working, and certainly worshiping—it is to be done to the glory
of God.

Our pre-worship slide show today is provided by Carol McHaley. Each day she restores her soul by walking and taking pictures, mostly at the Morton Arboretum. The gathering music today is a selection of hymns that Carol is fond of. Thank you, Carol, for helping us worship God today. If you would like to give glory to God through your pictures, please contact Pastor Wendy and share your ideas.

Give glory to God by donating the cost of flowers in worship! At this time February 28 is open as well as dates in April and beyond. The cost is $30. See the bulletin announcements for details about signing up for flowers. We also have a team of people who help make our sanctuary beautiful each time we worship. This is the Worship Arts team. Sarah Allen is the new moderator of Worship. If you would like to work with the team, please connect with her.

Unforeseen challenges for worship have been presented during Covid. We need your help in worship. If you are interested in helping us record/broadcast our service, please let us know. If you would like to be a liturgist, please let us know. We can prerecord your part or you can come in on Sunday morning. Please let us know. If you play a musical instrument or sing, please let us know. You can record in advance or be present on Sunday morning. Would you like to sing along with others? Now that poses a challenge in this period of the virus.

Recently a few members got together to discuss the best way to pre-record ensemble music for worship - choir, duets, etc. Several angles were discussed. Will it be easy? The plan is to have a recording set up in the sanctuary for recording. It will be as easy as pushing a button. Will it be safe? The plan is to have a masked person show you which button to push to record and stop. They will then leave the room. You will be alone in the sanctuary, though likely the pastor will be in the building. How will I hear the music while I sing? Please bring a headset or ear buds. You will hear the accompanist through the headset and also the tracks others have sung before you. The idea is that we are building layers of music, “laying track.” Can I record at home? Yes, we may be able to arrange that, but it will take some conversation.

We are looking to have an “anthem” for Communion Sunday, February 7. If you would like to participate, please let us know. We must have the recording done by Thursday, February 4, at noon. Tom, our music director, will be picking out the song this Sunday, January 10. We can scan and email you the music or mail it.

There are 52 Sundays in 2021, and we have 50 more Sundays to praise and give glory to God this year. If you would like to prerecord a piece of music or sing on Sunday, please contact Pastor Wendy. She will talk with you about the different themes for worship this year so that your selection of music will complement the Biblical text that is being preached on.

How do you give glory to God? Do you want to give glory to God through music, art, or service in worship? Please let us know by email to admini@southminsterpc.org or by calling the church at 630-469-9149 and leaving a message.

One of the ways we bear the fruit of God’s love is through the giving of ourselves in worship.