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| We listen | We pass the peace | We read along | We give our offering of time, talent and treasure | We stand | We sing if we are at home | We pray | We respond | We participate  in the Word  with Children |

(Kids – use your worship packet and the tools listed at the end of the bulletin to do all these things.)

**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**Baptism of the Lord or the 44th Sunday of Covid**

**January 10, 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/](about:blank)  
2) our web site: [https://www.southminsterpc.org/worship-videos](about:blank)  
3) our YouTube channel:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPgWICngOvkmR1OXgCG\_wiA/videos](about:blank)

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: *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* (Hymnal 8); *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name* (263); *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (275); *Be Thou My Vision* (450); *Morning Has Broken* (664)

****Our winter slide show is curated from photos our member Carol McHaley took

on her walks in the Morton Arboretum. Read more in Bearing Fruit.

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-discipline.   
Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

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4 Improvisational Prelude

**** 5 Call to Worship (Psalm 43)

Leader: Do not fear, for God has redeemed you;

**People: God has summoned you by name.**

**All: We belong to God.**

Leader: When we pass through the waters,

**People: God will be with us.**

**All: We belong to God.**

**** 6 Hymn 649: *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*  (verses 1, 2)

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,**

**That saved a wretch like me!**

**I once was lost, but now am found,**

**Was blind, but now I see.**

**‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,**

**And grace my fears relieved.**

**How precious did that grace appear**

**The hour I first believed!**

**** 7 Prayer of Confession:

**Lord God, we remember our baptism today and rededicate ourselves to you and your family. We claim the priceless gift of being called your beloved children. Forgive us when we demonize others. Make us more dedicated to look at our world and one another with your loving eyes. We ask 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 (Psalm 103)

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious; slow to anger,   
 and abounding in steadfast love,

**People: For as the heaven is high above the earth,   
 so great is God’s mercy and love.**

Leader: As far as the east is from the west,

**People: So far hath he removed our wrongdoings from us.**

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**All: Alleluia! Amen!**

9 Response 582: *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,**

**And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,**

**And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

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10 The Passing of the Peace

11 Word with Children Christine Olfelt

****12 Prayer for Illumination

13 Scripture Lessons: Luke 3:7-14

Luke 3:15-22

14 Sermon: “Pleasing God” Dr. Blair Nelson

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Children, as you listen to the sermon, you may want to choose an activity   
from the children’s packet that will help you think about what you hear in the sermon.

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

*******The Heidelberg Catechism*, Lord’s Day 1, 4.001

**What is our only comfort in life and in death? That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

****16 Hymn 408: *There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* (verse 2)

**There are blessings you cannot receive**

**Till you know him in his fullness and believe;**

**You’re the one to profit when you say,**

**“I am going to walk with Jesus all the way.”**

Refrain:

**Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,**

**Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;**

**And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;**

**Without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived**

**When we shall leave this place.**

****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.**

****Children, draw or write something you would like to say to God in prayer this morning.   
If you want to share it with the church, you may also leave a message   
on the church phone line.

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

****18 Offertory: *Down to the River to Pray*

****19 \**Doxology* Hymnal #606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

****20 Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

****21 Hymn 475: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  (verses 1, 3)

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;**

**Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.**

**Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;**

**Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love!**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!**

**Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.**

**Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;**

**Here’s my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

22 Charge and Benediction

**** Leader: Now go and serve the Lord,

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

****23 Postlude

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden

Liturgists: Christine Olfelt, Blair Nelson

Musicians: Tom Anderson; Lynn Ferino, Elise Henkels, Linda Wolf Jeziorski, Paul Jeziorski, Victor King

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

The flowers today are from Sue and Mike Ashpole in memory of their son, Mikeal.

**Good Morning to our Children:**

To complete all the activities in this worship folder you will need:

* ears to hear
* a mouth to sing
* hands to fold
* eyes to read
* a brain to think
* a worship kit including:
  + something to color with – crayons, markers or colored pencils
  + something to write with, like a pen or pencil
  + something to write on, like a table or a clipboard
  + scissors and tape

If you would like a worship kit for your child, please contact [Christine@southminsterpc.org](about:blank) and one will come to you!

**A Guide to Our Worship Symbols**

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| Ear | **We listen**: “Basically, the sermon is God’s dynamic, eternal Word spoken to us in such a way that we might hear what God has to say to us and be encouraged to follow the Lord  in faith. |

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| Dove | **We pass the peace**: “…We greet one another with the peace of Christ as common forgiven sinners. As we are forgiven, so we forgive. This is also a good time to reconcile with those family members who drove us crazy trying to get to church on time, church members with whom we have tensions, or people we're not so happy to see.” |
| Open book | **We read along**: “God’s Word comes to us in many ways—through scripture, special music, sermons. Listen for God's eternal Word addressing you with good news about the Lord’s love for you and all people.” |
|  | **We give our offering of time, talent, and treasure**: “This is the time when we give ourselves, all that we are, and all that we have, to God’s service. As a symbol of what is of value to us, we make an offering… to promote the gospel.” |
| Man with kid | **We stand**: “We stand as a way of saying, “This is where I stand,” and as a way of standing in continuity with the people of God of ages past…” |
| Music notes | **We sing**: “…We sing praise with hearts and minds (even if that's a little out of tune), just enjoying God for who God is. As we open up the pathways of breath to sing praise, we make space for the Spirit breath to fill us.” Even if we simply listen and read the words, we are praising God. |
|  | **We pray**: The first thing we do is pray—for our world, the church, other people, and ourselves. The prayer is our prayer as a church. One person may pray for us, but we are all praying together as one in our hearts, continuing Christ’s ministry of prayer for the world.” |
| Pencil | **We respond**: Responding by writing or drawing helps us remember what we are hearing and is a chance to express our beliefs. |
| Children | **We participate in the Word with Children**: It is called the Word WITH Children because the whole church is invited to listen with the fresh, faith-filled ears of children to the proclaimed message. |

Quotations for our Worship Symbols Guide are taken from *Our Order of Worship* by Teresa Lockhart Stricklen, Associate for Worship, Presbyterian Church (USA), found at [https://www.pcusa.org/site\_media/media/uploads/theologyandworship/pdfs/order\_of\_worship\_brochure\_dec\_2008.pdf](about:blank). Edited.