**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**2nd Sunday after Epiphany or the 45th Sunday of Covid**

**January 17, 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: *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* (Hymnal 338); *God of the Ages, Whose
Almighty Hand* (331); *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (339); *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* (354);
*My Country, ‘Tis of Thee* (337); *Dear Lord and Savior of Mankind* (169); *In Christ There Is No East or West* (317)

Please pray for our nation and prepare to worship during our slide show.

The pictures are of government buildings in our community, around the nation,

and in Washington, D.C.

 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.**

 4 Improvisational Prelude

 5 Call to Worship

 Leader: Let our light shine!

 **People: Let our hearts be glad!**

 **All: God rules in love and is faithful still.**

 6 Hymn 300: *We Are One in the Spirit*  (verse 1)

**We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;**

**We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,**

**And we pray that all unity will one day be restored:**

**And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;**

**Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.**

 7 Prayer of Confession:

**Gracious God, mend our hearts ripped by our unkindness. We pray for the reconciliation of the nation and our world, whose divisions condemn us. We ask not only forgiveness but courage to admit our faults. We trust in the hope of grace through Jesus Christ, who is our 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.**

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

10 The Passing of the Peace

11 Word with Children Blair Nelson

12 Prayer for Illumination

13 Scripture Lessons: Luke 4:14-19

 Luke 4:29-30

14 Sermon: “One Day in Worship”

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

 *Confession of 1967* (9.55-9.56)

**With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. “Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”**

16 Hymn 339: *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (verse 3)

**God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,**

**Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;**

**Thou who hast by thy might led us unto the light,**

**Keep us forever in the path, we pray.**

**Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;**

**Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;**

**Shadowed beneath the hand may we forever stand,**

**True to our God, true to our native land.**

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: *With Malice Toward None* John Williams

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 318: *In Christ There Is No East or West*  (verse 1)

**In Christ there is no east or west,**

**In him no south or north,**

**But one great fellowship of love**

**Throughout the whole wide earth.**

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, David Kozich

Tech support: David Kozich, Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson, Christine Olfelt

The flowers today are in memory of Sue Hume.

Join us for **Zoom fellowship** at 10:30 a.m. following the worship service.
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.

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:** We finished Amos last Sunday and are moving back to the New Testament and beginning 1 Peter, one of the general epistles. 1 Peter is particularly important to Protestants in that Martin Luther grounded his notion of the priesthood of the believer in it. Intrigued? Join us from 11:15-12:15 by using 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** meets at 7:00 via Zoom. The current study is 1 Samuel. You can get the link to Zoom from Tricia Smith. **Session** meets this Tuesday, January 19, via Google Meet at 7:30 p.m. **Staff and Moderators**: Please have all docket items - reports, motions, FYI notes, etc. - turned in by noon on Monday.
 **A Service of Witness to the Resurrection for Sue Hume** is being planned for Saturday, January 23, at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Wendy will have more information after she meets with the family. Details will be included in Wednesday’s eNotes.
 **Notes from Blair Nelson:**
**Youth**: Well, what are we doing today? Bottom-line, check for info from Blair! His phone is 630-917-6035.

**Notes from Christine Olfelt:**
**I invite you to experience “The Bible Project”** on your own, or in a group. In particular in unsettling times like these I recommend the Bible study found at https://bibleproject.com/church-at-home/when-we-cry-out/ Resources include a podcast, a Bible passage video and reflection questions.
Please send me your observations on this tool if you explore it. Christine@southminsterpc.org
 **Thursday evening 7:00 Bible study:**
New Year, new start, still gathering and growing virtually, and everyone is welcome, whether or not you’ve participated in the past!
Our Thursday evening Bible study is examining the **Character of God** via the videos at https://bibleproject.com/explore/category/character-of-god-series.
Please join at 7:00 p.m. at meet.google.com/pjt-houd-eqd  or join by phone: +1 520-485-7653 (PIN: 912344563)
January 21st https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/character-of-god-compassion
January 28th https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/character-of-god-grace
this next one is a kicker – have you ever wondered about the **WRATH of God**?
February 4th https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/slow-to-anger

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 February texts are:
~~February 7 Raising the Centurion’s Servant Luke 7 1-17 (Psalm 119 105-107)~~ – Wendy’s got it
February 14 Transfiguration Luke 9 28-45 (Psalm 36 5-10)
February 21 Good Samaritan Luke 10 25-42 (Psalm 15)
February 28 Lament over Jerusalem Luke 13 1-9, 31-35 (a great text for someone who has experience raising chickens!)

**C.E. Ministry** will meet today (Sunday, January 17) at 1:00 via meet.google.com/pjt-houd-eqd or join by phone: +1 520-485-7653 (PIN: 912344563) Be thinking about your vision and your hunger for Christian Education and Discipleship at Southminster.

**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.
 **Christmas Offerings:** Thank you for your generous donations to the two Christmas offerings. $2,000 was contributed to the Joy offering and $1,725 was contributed to the Local Mission offering. 25% - $431 - of the Local Mission offering was donated to DuPage PADS.
 **Easter Saturday Celebration, April 3, 2021**Our community Easter Saturday celebration, like everything else this year, will be different. Instead of hosting jostling groups of eager crafters in Fellowship Hall, we plan to send craft supplies home with the kids, so that they can work on three different Easter crafts with their families.

Want to help? First up: Yarn will be available to cut into lengths. The yarn will be used to make napkin holders for Easter supper. Stop by the church nursery on Saturday, January 16th or later, and pick up some yarn to cut at home. If you don’t have a key to the church, plan to stop by during the week, Tuesday through Friday, and give the church a call first to make sure that someone is available to let you in.

Or, have some of your own yarn in light or bright colors that you would like to donate? Either drop it off in our nursery, or if you would like to cut it yourself, let Chris Kozich know, and she will explain what to do. We need to receive all prepared craft supplies back by March 6, for assembly into take home packs for the kiddos.
 **From the Worship Ministry:**

**Worship Music**There was a meeting recently to discuss the best way to pre-record ensemble music for worship - choir, duets, etc. We are looking to have an anthem for Communion Sunday, February 7th. If you would like to participate, please let us know. We must have the recording done by February 4th at noon. The anthem will be *Celtic Communion*.

There are a few things you will want to consider if you would like to participate in the recording for February 7th.

* 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 someone shows 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 each track will be layered on the others.
* Can I record at home? Yes, we may be able to arrange that, but it will take some conversation.
* How do I sign up to sing? Just call, text, or email Tom Anderson or Wendy Boden. The email addresses are tomanderson101@gmail.com and wendy@southminsterpc.org.

There are 52 Sundays in 2021, so we now have 49 more Sundays to praise God this year. If you would like to prerecord a piece of music or sing on Sunday, please contact Pastor Wendy and she will talk with you about the different themes for worship this year.

**Sanctuary Flowers in 2021**We have donors for Sunday flowers for the next 3 months with the exception of February 28. If you’d like to donate flowers for February 28 or any date in April or beyond, be sure to email Sarah Allen – the slots are filling up fast.

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. **Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey): ***Today*** is a Jubilee Bucks order date! Prepay your groceries or other household items by buying yourself a gift card and giving the church some “free money”! Also, plan ahead, as it will be 3 weeks until the next order is placed (Feb. 7). Email bobbifrey@aol.com with merchant, amount, number of cards and total of order by 9:00 p.m. today (Sunday, Jan. 17).

**Donations for PRC** (also from Bobbi Frey):
For 42 weeks you have been dropping off food, cleaning supplies, and toiletries for PRC. It is amazing how much we have donated during this Pandemic! I cannot begin to tell you how much it is appreciated! Some of the stories are heartbreaking... The donation box is out 24/7 on the front porch at 2S033 Taylor Road. Thanks for all 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:**  - our country, in the transition of leadership. We pray for wisdom for the leaders and the citizens of the United States.
  - Luke Anderson, deployed with the Army, Luke’s email is the best way to get in touch with him: ssj3rocks@gmail.com
**We pray for those who mourn:** - the family of Sue Hume: husband Mike, son Kevin and his wife, Linsey, and daughter Linda. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held at Southminster on Saturday, January 23, at 11:00 a.m. Under Covid restrictions, attendance will be limited. Details will be in Wednesday’s eNotes.
 - Sue and Mike Ashpole, whose son Mikeal died suddenly from a heart attack on December 6
 - Gretchen Fleming on the loss of her friend, Rose Morgan, who passed away on Thursday
 - the family and many friends of Kathy Alholm, who died just before Christmas
**We pray for all who are infected with and/or affected by COVID:**  - a joy that Kathy Davidson’s friend, Dorothy Hess, has almost completely recovered from Covid
 - also a joy that Barb’s daughter is out of Covid isolation without developing symptoms
  - Donna Marton’s brother, Richard, in ICU with Covid pneumonia
  - Chris Vanderford with Covid complications
  - prayers for parents, guardians, teachers, students, and all who are trying to navigate school and sports during this pandemic
**We pray for all who are dealing with mental or physical health challenges.** - Bill Curry’s son, Bill, who has a GI blockage
  - 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 and stroke
  - 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.
  - Judith Le Fevere, a friend of the Ellsworths, with ongoing health and financial 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 Olfelt’s brother-in-law, Jim
  - Scott B., who has dementia and cancer
  - Paul Yoos, brother of Heidi Shierry, getting divorced
  - 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 during January, you may call Joy Ellsworth (630-858-7449). 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:***