**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**3rd Sunday after Epiphany or the 46th Sunday of Covid**

**January 24, 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: *Light Dawns on a Weary World, Make Me a Channel of Your Peace, Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples, Will You Let Me Be Your Servant, Take My Life, Amazing Grace*

Today our slide-show features friends and members of Southminster simply living
as people in the world. We carry the light of Christ each day as his disciples.

Some slides were taken pre-Covid.

 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: Welcome in the time of worship.

 **People: Holy Spirit, we welcome you in this time of worship.**

 Leader: Please, shape us and mold us as we answer your call upon our lives.

 **People: Transform us each day as we live out our calling.**

 **All: Let us worship God.**

 6 Hymn 726: *Will You Come and Follow Me*  (verse 1)

**“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?**

**Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?**

**Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;**

**Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”**

 7 Prayer of Confession:

**You whisper to us each day asking us to follow you. You offer us your word found in scripture, asking us to be light of the world. We have been inattentive to your presence and have at times missed an opportunity to serve you. We are sorry and ask for your help so that we may be more faithful each day. 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.**

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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 Melissa Hammer

12 Prayer for Illumination

13 Scripture Lessons: Luke 5:1-3

 Luke 5:4-11

14 Sermon: “One Day at Work”

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

 from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (11.72-76)

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

16 Hymn 721: *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* (verse 1)

**Lord, you have come to the lakeshore**

**Looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;**

**You only asked me to follow humbly.**

**O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,**

**And while smiling have spoken my name;**

**Now my boat’s left on the shoreline behind me.**

**By your side I will seek other seas.**

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: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

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 720: *Jesus Calls Us*  (verse 1)

**Jesus calls us o’er the tumult**

**Of our life’s wild, restless sea;**

**Day by day his sweet voice soundeth**

**Saying, “Christian, follow me.”**

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, Jessica Parks

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

The flowers today are from Sarah Allen celebrating Craig’s 75th birthday.

***Hey friends, please send Craig Allen a birthday card! He tells Pastor Wendy that she is his mom.***

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 began 1 Peter last week and got pretty deeply into Peter’s encouraging words to Christians suffering persecution. There is more to come, so join us from 11:15-12:15 by using this link:
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.There will be a **special meeting of the Session** this Tuesday, January 26, at 7:30 p.m. to vote on the proposed 2021 budget. Watch for a link.
 **Notes from Blair Nelson:**
**Youth**:  We get to go inside! Today’s SPY event will be in Fellowship Hall! Which means: 1. No fire pit! 2. No meal, so eat before or after—it is still too dangerous to have masks off to eat. 3. Masks are required, and you will be reminded to keep it on. 4. We will be social distancing—so Animal Names with pool noodles instead of the wappalator (explain that to you parents!). Join us from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. this Sunday.

**Cookies and Valentines**:  How do you do youth Mission Trip fundraising during a pandemic? You have a cookie competition! Traditionally, the Mission Trip fundraising begins with our Chili/Soup Cook Off in Fellowship Hall, but that is not advisable these days. So, we are giving the bakers a chance to show their stuff. All bakers, please donate a batch of your best cookies to the youth. Packages of cookie entries will be distributed to anyone who wants to vote on the best via a drive-thru on Feb. 13, the day before St. Valentines Day. Voting will be online, and you earn the right to vote by making a donation to the Youth Mission Trip.
                Details will be coming, so… stay tuned!

**Notes from Christine Olfelt:**
**Thursday evening 7:00 Bible study:**
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 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.

**Presbyterian Women’s Circle** will have a special online guest on Friday, February 19th (the third Friday in February) at 9:30 a.m. Save the date!

 **Southminster needs a few more friends!** We are told that having at least 100 “subscribers” for our YouTube channel, and at least 100 “followers” for our Facebook page, will give us access to more features of those services. If you have not already done so, won’t you please “subscribe” and “follow” us?

You may find Southminster’s YouTube channel at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPgWICngOvkmR1OXgCG\_wiA?fbclid=IwAR0xUKijcW47lBjEkJDk6VWWXDXMUPlfYXue6\_XzgujC6XebJA6fJ83Hkus

Southminster’s Facebook page is:  https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn

**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? Stop by the nursery to pick up (and later, return by March 6th) materials that need prepping for the craft kits. You can pick up some yarn to cut into 6-foot lengths, or you can pick up a bag of Miracle-Gro potting soil to scoop into plastic bags. (The soil has won’t be arriving until this weekend.)

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):Thanks to all who ordered gift cards in January. Our “free money” to date is $119.45. The next opportunity to order is February 7.

**Donations for PRC** (also from Bobbi Frey):
This week was the 43rd week of donations delivered to PRC! It is amazing how much we have supported them during the Pandemic. Thanks to all who contribute. Box is out 24/7 at 2S033 Taylor. No donation is too small.

**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, who passed away last week: husband Mike, son Kevin and his wife, Linsey, and daughter Linda. The Hume family had a private service for Sue on Saturday. We expect that the service will be recorded and available for viewing later.
 - 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
  - 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.** - Pat Wiedner’s brother, Terry, recovering from surgery
 - Bobbi Frey’s friend, Sue, a long-time PRC volunteer, who had a stroke. She is now at home with hospice.
 - Bill Curry’s son, Bill, who has a GI blockage
  - Dustin Crews, son-in-law of McHaleys, recovering from heart surgery
  - 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:***