**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**4th Sunday after Epiphany or the 47th Sunday of Covid**

**January 31, 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: *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us; Lead Me, Guide Me; Amazing Grace;*

 *Go in Grace and Make Disciples; As Dew Falls Gently at Dawn*

Today our slideshow features the faces of our Nominating Ministry.
Please support their work by prayer, submitting names for them to consider
for the offices of Elder and Deacon as well as for the Nominating Ministry.
Please consider whether you would like to join some of our ministries,
which are listed in today’s 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.**

 4 Improvisational Prelude

 5 Call to Worship

 Leader: Who may be part of the family of faith?

 **People: Everyone is welcomed.**

 Leader: Everyone is called to rest in the grace of Jesus Christ.

 **People: We rest and worship in the knowledge of God’s love for everyone.**

 6 Hymn: *In Christ Alone*  (verse 1)

**In Christ alone my hope is found,**

**He is my light, my strength, my song;**

**This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,**

**Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.**

**What heights of love, what depths of peace,**

**When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.**

**My Comforter, my All in All,**

**Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

 7 Prayer of Confession:

**God, through Jesus Christ, we belong to you and one another, but belonging sometimes chafes, and we judge one another harshly. Forgive us. Help us to be an encouragement to one another and to welcome others to the light of your grace and the warmth of your love. Strengthen us so that we may live in the unity you grant us. We ask this through 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 has 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.**

10 The Passing of the Peace

11 Word with Children Chris Kozich

12 Prayer for Illumination

13 Scripture Lessons: Luke 6:1-5

 Luke 6:12-16

14 Sermon: “One Saturday”

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

 from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all
to repent and believe the gospel.**

16 Hymn 729: *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* (verses 1, 2)

**Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;**

**Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.**

**In my heart (in my heart), in my heart (in my heart),**

**Lord I want to be a Christian in my heart.**

**Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;**

**Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.**

**In my heart (in my heart), in my heart (in my heart),**

**Lord I want to be more loving in my heart.**

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: *Love and Grace* Kutless

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 307: *God of Grace and God of Glory*  (verse 1)

**God of grace and God of glory,**

**On thy people pour thy power;**

**Crown thine ancient church’s story;**

**Bring its bud to glorious flower.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,**

**For the facing of this hour,**

**For the facing of this hour.**

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, Sean Salins

Tech support: Ron Birchall, Steve Henkels, David Kozich, Chris Kozich,
 Blair Nelson, Christine Olfelt

The flowers today are from Linda and Paul Jeziorski in honor of Paul’s birthday.

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:** Rough times? 1 Peter was written to Christians experiencing rough times. So, maybe Peter has something to say to us today! 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.
**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.
 **Notes from Blair Nelson:**
**Youth**:  Snow!! We have snow! So, let’s plan on meeting at Newton Park tonight for sledding and other snowy fun at, 5:00-6:00 p.m. If anything changes, we will have Pizza-less games in Fellowship Hall, 5:00-6:30 p.m. Watch for my message closer to the event time. Also, see the note below about our cookie contest.

**Cookie Contest**! Do you like cookies? Do you bake cookies? If either answer is “yes,” then be a part of SPY’s (Southminster Presbyterian Youth) fabulous St. Valentine Cookie Bake Off.
**Bakers**, you can enter by dropping three dozen (or so—we won’t turn you down for having less or more) of your most romantic cookies at the church by the end of Friday, Feb. 12th.
**For those you like to eat cookies**, you can eat and judge by picking up a package of these so-sweet entries between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13th. The youth will be packaging the entries, and all you need to do is pull up to the main entrance, roll down a window, and a masked and gloved youth will hand you a bundle of cookies for you and yours to enjoy on St. Valentines. Then you can vote online for the best (more on that later).
**Are they free**?! Sorry, but NO. You get cookies for a free-will donation to Southminster’s 2021 Youth Mission Team, heading (we hope—virus-willing) to Mission S.D. on the Rosebud reservation of the Sioux Nation, and the childhood home of Bob Barker (remember the Price Is Right?) So, please help us help others.

**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**:
Our Thursday evening Bible study is following an examination of 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)
This last 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 (Feb. 7 and 14 have been claimed):
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!)

**Presbyterian Women’s Circle** will have a special guest speaker on Friday, February 19th (the third Friday in February.) at 9:30 a.m. Meet at meet.google.com/pjt-houd-eqd  or join by phone: +1 520-485-7653 (PIN: 912344563)

 **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

 **Easter Saturday Celebration, April 3**As we continue to prepare for our annual Easter Saturday celebration, we are asking for assistance in preparing take-home crafts for the children. If you have a key, stop by church any time. Or, call the church Tuesday - Friday to check that someone is there to let you in; someone is generally there 11:15 a.m.-5:15 p.m. Supplies are located on the table in the hallway, across from the church office. Please pick some up to work on at home.

What we need:
\* Yarn, cut into 6-foot lengths. Come by to pick up/drop off yarn.
\* Soil, measured into separate baggies. We have three large bags of Miracle Gro potting soil - please stop by to pick one or more of them up, and grab some quart-sized bags from the table.

Please return all craft supplies no later than March 6th, so that they may be assembled into individual take-home bags.
 **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 next week: Communion Sunday, February 7th. If you would like to participate, please let us know. **We must have the recording done by this Thursday, February 4, 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):Next time to order is Sunday, February 7. Or go ahead and send Bobbi an email in advance of that date, and she’ll submit your order on the 7th. The order form is attached to the email with this bulletin.

**Donations for PRC** (also from Bobbi Frey):
Our 44th weekly delivery of food and paper goods was made this week. As the PRC workers helped unload my car Monday, they expressed their amazement at the amount of food and the length of time we have done this. Many thanks for all the donations! **We are also collecting soup for Super Bowl/Souper Bowl Sunday (next Sunday, February 7) to add to our donations**. The donation box is out 24/7 at 2S033 Taylor Rd., Glen Ellyn. 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:** - Grace is recovering from surgery on her broken hip. She is expected to have recovery time at Oakbrook Care.
  - 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:** - Deb Bohi and her family on the death of her nephew, Joe Grimsey, on Friday
  - Harriet Byers, longtime friend of Steve and Heidi Shierry, who died last week from pancreatic cancer
 - the family of Bobbi Frey’s friend, Sue Keenan, a long-time PRC volunteer, who died as a result of a stroke
 - the family of Sue Hume: husband Mike, son Kevin and his wife, Linsey, and daughter Linda. The Hume family had a private service for Sue on Saturday.
 - 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
**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
  - Carol (mother of Barb’s friend), already recovering from heart surgery and stroke, now hospitalized with pneumonia and having seizures of unknown origin. She is expected to have a pacemaker implanted soon.
 - Bill Curry’s son, Bill, who has a GI blockage
  - Dustin Crews, son-in-law of McHaleys, recovering from heart surgery
  - 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’ friend, Teri, with recurring breast cancer
  - Sandy Lopata’s friend Rebecca Moeckler, who has pancreatic cancer
 - Sue and Jan, college friends of Barb’s, who has breast care both fighting cancer
  - Marji S., undergoing treatment for cancer
  - Christine Olfelt’s brother-in-law, Jim
  - Scott B., who has dementia and cancer
  - the 611 children who were separated from their parents at the U.S.-Mexican
border and whose parents still 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); during February call Deacon Angela Smith (630-235-1376). 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:***