**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**5th Sunday after Epiphany or 48th Sunday of Covid19**

**February 7, 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: *The Strife Is O’er* (236); *This Is the Feast of Victory* (513);
*Faith Begins by Letting Go* (684); *Guide My Feet* (741); *Fight the Good Fight* (846)

Today our slideshow features our favorite sports teams.

 2 Welcome, Announcements, and Moment for Mission

 3 Lighting the Candles (Galatians 5:22-23)

**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 (Romans 15:7)

 Leader: Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you!

 **People: Glory to God! Everyone is invited!**

 6 Hymn 770: *I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table*  (verses 1, 4)

**I’m gonna eat at the welcome table;**

**I’m gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia.**

**I’m gonna eat at the welcome table;**

**I’m gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia.**

**Here all the world will find a welcome;**

**Here all the world will find a welcome, Alleluia.**

**Here all the world will find a welcome;**

**Here all the world will find a welcome, Alleluia.**

 7 Prayer of Confession:

**Gracious God, you seem to ask the impossible. We’d prefer to exclude our enemies from your grace. Free us from our hostile hearts and embolden us to forgive for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, we pray. 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: Christine Olfelt

12 Prayer for Illumination

13 Scripture Lesson: Luke 7:1-10

14 Sermon: “Everyone Is Invited”

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

 *The Apostles’ Creed* [Ecumenical]

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

16 Hymn 769: *For Everyone Born* (verse 1)

**For everyone born, a place at the table,**

**For everyone born, clean water and bread,**

**A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,**

**For everyone born, a star overhead,**

**And God will delight**

**When we are creators of justice and joy,**

**Compassion and peace:**

**Yes, God will delight,**

**When we are creators of justice,**

**Justice and joy!**

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

17 Offertory: *At This Table* Idina Menzel, Jonas Myri

18 \**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.**

19 Prayer of Dedication

 Service of the Lord’s Supper

20 Invitation

 [We extend an invitation to the Lord’s Supper to all who have been baptized. You do
 not need to be a member of this congregation or a Presbyterian to share in this meal.
 We remember that access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a
 privilege given to believers who come in faith, repentance, and love.]

21 Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

 Leader: The Lord be with you.

 **People**: **And also with you.**

 Leader: Lift up your hearts.

 **People: We lift them to the Lord.**

 Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

 **People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

22 *The minister gives thanks…*

23 The congregation responds by singing together:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heav’n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

24 *The minister continues the Thanksgiving…*

 **Dying you destroyed our death,**

 **Rising you restored our life.**

 **Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

*The minister continues with Intercessions for the Church and the World
and Prayers of the People…*

 Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

 **People**: **hear our prayers.**

 Our 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.**

 Words of Institution

 Communion

25 Communion Anthem: *Celtic Communion* arr. Mark Hayes

26 Prayer after Communion

7 Hymn: *As We Gather at Your Table*  (verses 1-3)

**As we gather at your table,**

**As we listen to your word,**

**Help us know, O God, your presence;**

**Let our hearts and minds be stirred.**

**Nourish us with sacred story**

**Til we claim it as our own;**

**Teach us through this holy banquet**

**How to make Love’s victory known.**

**Turn our worship into witness**

**In the sacrament of life;**

**Send us forth to love and serve you,**

**Bringing peace where there is strife.**

**Give us, Christ, your great compassion**

**To forgive as you forgave;**

**May we still behold your image**

**In the world you died to save.**

**Gracious Spirit, help us summon**

**Other guests to share the feast**

**Where triumphant Love will welcome**

**Those who have been last and least.**

**There no more will envy blind us**

**Nor will pride our peace destroy,**

**As we join with saints and angels**

**To repeat the sounding joy.**

28 Charge and Benediction

 Leader: Now go and serve the Lord,

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

29 Postlude

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden

Liturgists: Christine Olfelt, Blair Nelson

Musicians: Tom Anderson, Linnea Olfelt; Virtual choir: Wendy Boden, Elise Henkels, Linda Wolf Jeziorski, Paul Jeziorski, Louanne Jourdan, Victor King, Donna Marton, Lois Stevenson

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

The flowers today are from Heidi and Steve Shierry in honor of Steve’s 60th 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 most Sundays at 7:00 via Zoom. (They are not meeting Feb. 7 but will resume on the 14th.) The current study is 1 Samuel. You can get the link to Zoom from Tricia Smith.
 **The Easter Saturday Task Force** meets today at 12:30 p.m. Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89766864817?pwd=ejVsZ0Jyd0Y0S2NyMDhlYjZTZWRJQT09
Meeting ID: 897 6686 4817
Passcode: 117231 **Notes from Blair Nelson:**
**Youth**:  Enjoy the Super Bowl tonight – no youth get-together. Next Saturday, Feb. 13th, we are packing cookies for the Mission Trip fundraiser in Fellowship Hall beginning at 10:00 a.m. We will be distributing cookies until 2:00 p.m. We will get back to Pizza-less Games the following week.

**Cookie Bake-Off!** Our first Covid-appropriate fundraiser for the 2021 Youth Mission Trip is a St. Valentine’s Day Cookie Bake Off.
**Bakers**: Bake about three dozen of your very best cookies, drop them off at church by the end of Friday, Feb. 12. Please let Blair know that you plan to enter cookies so we can plan.
**Tasters**: Everyone gets the delicious privilege of eating and voting on the best cookie for a donation to the Youth Mission Team. Drive up to the main entrance of the church on Saturday, Feb. 13, any time between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., roll down your window, drop your donation in the bucket, and accept a bag of cookies from a smiling youth (take the smile on faith because they will be masked). The voting will be online. More on that later. ***May the best cookie win!!!!!***

**Notes from Christine Olfelt:**
**Lenten Resource Bags**

The Epiphany bags brought to you by your deacon were well received so, Worship, Deacons and Christian Ed. are collaborating on Lenten resource bags, to be delivered to your home before Ash Wednesday. These will contain items for worship, coloring sheets and a guide to explore spiritual practices this Lent.

**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 worked through an examination of the **Character of God** via the videos at https://bibleproject.com/explore/category/character-of-god-series.

Thereafter the tentative plan is to explore the four gospels. Might you want to join us as a spiritual practice for Lent?

February 11th Mark

February 18th Luke

February 25th Matthew

March 4th John

Look for the links to each video in that week’s eNotes.
Please join at 7:00 p.m. at meet.google.com/pjt-houd-eqd  or join by phone: +1 520-485-7653 (PIN: 912344563)

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 at the church.
We still need volunteers for these dates/texts:

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 visit from Amie Cantarella on Friday, February 19th (the third Friday in February.) at 9:30 a.m. Amie is the owner of *Alla Moda,* a boutique in downtown Glen Ellyn.She will give us a virtual tour and discuss how her shop came to be. Meet at meet.google.com/pjt-houd-eqd  or join by phone: +1 520-485-7653 (PIN: 912344563) **From the Worship Ministry:**

 - As more individuals are getting vaccinated and regions move up in tiers, Session, with guidance from the Covid Task Force Team, will be re-evaluating when we can safely return to in-person worship. Please remain patient and watch E-notes for updates.
 - Worship Ministry is seeking musicians, liturgists, and Word with Children speakers. These can be pre-recorded. We also are seeking readers for upcoming Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. Contact Sarah Allen if you are willing to participate.
 - We are looking for people to join the Worship Arts Team, those of you who would love to serve in the work of beautifying the sanctuary, for both regular and special services. Questions or interest? Again, contact Sarah Allen.
 - Don’t forget to email Sarah if you want to supply flowers to beautify the chancel for a special honor, memory or occasion. If a special date is important to you, get your request in as soon as possible. The flower arrangements are $30.
Sarah Allen, Worship Moderator
ridesrowdy@aol.com
 **Worship Music**- Join our virtual choir to sing our **choral anthem for Sunday, March 7**. This will be done via the Acapella phone app. Recording is a piece of cake, as you will be able to see for yourself today, so there’s no need to feel daunted by technological demands. The piece for March has yet to be chosen, but it will be a simple and familiar piece. You don't have to be a current/past/frequent member of the choir to participate; all are welcome! I remain available to help you, if you need it.
 - **Good Friday, April 2**, will be a reflective and intimate service; it is especially suitable for solos, duets, or other musical offerings of similar scope. I am happy to work with you on song selection, to provide piano or organ accompaniment if desired, and to rehearse with you beforehand; if guitar accompaniment is preferred, that is likely viable as well.
 - We are seeking ringers from high school age all the way up to play in a **tone chime choir**. Right now we are in the process of determining interest level, so please let Wendy or me know if you think you might be interested and available.

And as always, if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for any aspect of our music ministry, please feel free to reach out to me at tomanderson101@gmail.com.
Tom Anderson, Music Director
 **Easter Saturday Celebration, April 3**

Did you know that, in 2019, Southminster hosted about 375 people – half of them children – at our Easter Saturday celebration? This is our largest outreach program every year!

We anticipate a large turn-out at this year’s outdoor, socially-distant celebration. Since we cannot gather after worship to stuff eggs and prepare craft items, we will need your help at home to get ready.

***Soon (but not quite yet), we will have bags of Easter eggs to be stuffed at home. We will let you know when those are ready.***

Right now, we have craft materials that can be picked up at church and prepared at home. You may find these items on a table set up across from the church office. Please return all craft supplies no later than March 6th, so that they may be assembled into individual take-home bags. Someone is generally available to let you in to the church building Tuesday-Friday from 11:15 to 5:15 p.m. Or, if you have a key, you can pop in at any time.

Thank you for your help – it takes many hands to pull this off each year!

 **Presbyterian Readers**

Our February 17 book is *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman.

Join our meeting Wednesday, February 17, at 7:00 p.m. by clicking this link: Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting
Meeting ID: 868 6172 4721
Passcode: 600865
Or join by phone. Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kd5Cv8caaj
This same link is good for each meeting until the end of 2022.

 **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 **Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):The next date we are ordering Jubilee Bucks is this Sunday, Feb. 7. Email your order by 9:00 pm on Sunday to bobbifrey@aol.com. Include merchant, amount of card, number of cards needed, and total of your order. See the updated order form attached to the email with this bulletin.

**Donations for PRC** (also from Bobbi Frey):
It has been amazing the support that has been shown with your donations to People’s Resource Center. It is greatly appreciated! During the month of January over 1,350 families have received fresh produce, dairy, canned goods and meat. It is well over 60 tons of food or about 100 pounds for each client visit. It does make a difference in people’s lives during these trying times. If you are looking for suggestions... **soup for Super Bowl/Souper Bowl Sunday (this Sunday, February 7) is an idea**. The donation 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:** - Grace is recovering from surgery on her broken hip. She is recovering at Oak Brook Care, and she’s having a birthday tomorrow! To send her a card: Grace Van Beveren, c/o Oak Brook Care, 2013 Midwest Road, Oak Brook, IL 60523-1312.
  - our country, in the transition of leadership. We pray for wisdom for the leaders and the citizens of the United States.
We pray for those who mourn:
 - Marta Sundquist and family on the death of her Aunt Hazel from Covid
 - Deb Bohi and her family on the death of her nephew, Joe Grimsey
 - the family of Sue Hume: husband Mike, son Kevin and his wife, Linsey, and daughter Linda
 - 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:
 - Greg, Patty, and Ryan Boden – Wendy’s brother and family who live in L.A,
  - Denise Johnson, ill with 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
  - 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.
 - Steve Salins, brother of Sean
 - 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 will need to have a pacemaker implanted soon, and her spirits are low.
 - 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 are both fighting cancer
  - Marji S., undergoing treatment for cancer
  - Christine Olfelt’s brother-in-law, Jim
  - Scott B., who has dementia and cancer
We pray for those who are far from home:
  - Luke Anderson, deployed with the Army, Luke’s email is the best way to get in touch with him: ssj3rocks@gmail.com
  - the 600+ children who were separated from their parents at the U.S.-Mexican border and whose parents still cannot be found, but praise God there have been some reunions!

We continue to pray for our friends and family in the health fields:
Nurses:
Andee 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
Sammie Dearing: phlebotomy technician (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 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:***