**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**Transfiguration of the Lord or the 49th Sunday of Covid**

**February 14, 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: *When We Are Tested* (783); *In Deepest Night* (785);
 *O Christ the Healer* (793); *Give to the Winds Thy Fears* (815)

Today our slideshow features our prayer shawl ministry,
another way we bear the fruit of God’s love.

 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 (Psalm 27)

 Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation;

 **People:** **Whom then shall we fear?**

 Leader: The Lord is the strength of our lives! Wait for the Lord!

 **People:** **Be strong, take heart, and wait for the Lord.**

 6 Hymn 192: *Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining* (verse 1)

 *(Shine, Jesus, Shine)*

**Lord, the light of your light is shining,**

**In the midst of the darkness, shining;**

**Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us;**

**Set us free by the truth you now bring us.**

**Shine on me; shine on me.**

Refrain:

**Shine, Jesus, shine;**

**Fill the land with the Fathers glory.**

**Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.**

**Flow, river, flow;**

**Flood the nations with grace and mercy.**

**Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

 7 Prayer of Confession:

**Eternal and loving God, we pause today to thank you for our loved ones,
to honor God’s presence in the midst of life’s challenges, and to remember with thankfulness the resurrection of Christ Jesus. Forgive us for the times when we have hidden from your light or have not shared your light with others. 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 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.**

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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 Sarah Allen

12 Prayer for Illumination

13 Scripture Lesson: Luke 9:28-36

14 Sermon: “Brilliant”

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

 from *A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)*

**In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

16 Hymn: *Shine on Us* (verses 1-3)

**Lord, let Your light, light of Your face shine on us.**

**Lord, let Your light, light of Your face shine on us.**

**That we may be saved, that we may have life;**

**To find our way in the darkest night,**

**Let Your light shine on us.**

**Lord, let Your grace, grace from Your hand fall on us.**

**Lord, let Your grace, grace from Your hand fall on us.**

**That we may be saved, that we may have life;**

**To find our way in the darkest night,**

**Let Your grace fall on us.**

**Lord, let Your love, love with no end come over us.**

**Lord, let Your love, love with no end come over us.**

**That we may be saved, that we may have life;**

**To find our way in the darkest night,**

**Let Your love come over us,**

**Let Your light shine on us.**

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: *May You Find a Light* David Gungor and John Arndt

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 834: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*  (verses 1, 2)

**Precious Lord, take my hand;**

**Lead me on, help me stand;**

**I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.**

**Through the storm, through the night,**

**Lead me on to the light;**

**Take my hand, precious Lord,**

**Lead me home.**

**When my way grows drear,**

**Precious Lord, linger near;**

**When my life is almost gone,**

**Hear my cry, hear my call,**

**Hold my hand, lest I fall;**

**Take my hand, precious Lord,**

**Lead me home.**

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, Sarah Allen, Blair Nelson

Musicians: Tom Anderson, Alec and Jessica Parks

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

The flowers today are given by Melissa Hammer in memory of her cousin Jason,
who died last February 2020.

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:** Our study in 1 Peter has been enlightening; soon Peter will begin meddling. What is that, you say? In chapter 2, Peter talks politics! What is the Christian’s attitude toward the state? Use this link to join us from 11:15-12:15:
<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. The current study is 1 Samuel. You can get the link to Zoom from Tricia Smith.
 **This Wednesday, February 17, is** **Ash Wednesday**, an observance of confession and repentance as we begin the season of Lent. We will have a pre-recorded service including prayers, readings from Psalm 51, and musical offerings. The service will be posted on our website on the 17th at 9:30 a.m.
 **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. ***If you know someone to whom you would like to give a Lenten resource bag, please contact the church office or email*** ***christine@southminsterpc.org******.***

 **Thursday evening 7:00 Bible study:**
We have begun a conversation around the similarities and differences among the four gospels. Might you want to join us as a spiritual practice for Lent?
Please join at 7:00 p.m. at [meet.google.com/pjt-houd-eqd](https://meet.google.com/pjt-houd-eqd)  or join by phone: +1 520-485-7653 (PIN: 912344563)
February 11 we started with Mark.
February 18: Luke - <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/luke-1-9> AND
 <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/luke-10-24>
February 25: Matthew - <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/matthew-1-13> AND
 <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/matthew-14-28>
March 4: John - <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/john-1-12> AND
 <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/john-13-21>

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 at the church.
Our texts are:
February 28: Lament over Jerusalem Luke 13:1-9, 31-35 (a great text for someone who has experience raising chickens!)
March 7: Lost Sheep, Lost Coin Luke 15:1-32
March 14: Rich Man and Lazarus Luke 16:19-31
March 21: Zacchaeus Luke 18:31—19:10

**Presbyterian Women’s Circle** will have a special visit from Amie Cantarella this 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](https://meet.google.com/pjt-houd-eqd)  or join by phone: +1 520-485-7653 (PIN: 912344563)
 **Notes from Blair Nelson:**
**Cookie Bake-Off!** Thanks to who baked for our Cooke Bake-Off. The cookies are in the hands and mouths of the judges, and results will be announced later this week. Good luck to all contestants, and may the sweetest cookie win!

**Easter Saturday Celebration, April 3
*Easter egg stuffing time is here!***Drive by to pick up eggs on Sunday, February 28 after worship until 12:30 p.m.
Or, stop by church any time, starting Sunday, February 14, to pick up eggs – look for them in the hallway across from the church office. Someone is usually around to let you in Tuesday - Friday from 11:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., or stop by anytime if you have a key.

Please return stuffed eggs to church as soon as possible. Last day to return eggs is Saturday, March 20.

For the Easter Saturday Celebration we need to borrow two empty fish tanks or glass display cases. Ideally we could pick them up close to the date since storage space at church is limited. If you have one to loan, please contact christine@southminsterpc.org.

 **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](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86861724721?pwd=TE0yYXZGZUtUNkdvYWh4UEhaTFc0dz09)
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.

**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

 **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):Thanks to all who ordered last Sunday! We earned $160.48 in “free money” for Southminster. Buying gift cards for others (and yourself) definitely helps our church! The next opportunity to order is Sunday, Feb. 21. For reference, an order form listing all the cards available is on our web site, and we will send it out on Fridays with Sunday worship materials.

**Donations for PRC** (also from Bobbi Frey):
The support of those in need of food has been incredible! Monday was the 46th delivery we have made to People’s Resource Center since the pandemic began. This delivery also included the soup donations for Souper Bowl/Super Bowl Sunday. The box is out 24/7 on the porch at 2S033 Taylor Rd, G.E. 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:** - Flowers today: from Melissa Hammer, remembering her cousin, Jason, who died last February
 - Lois, recovering from cataract surgery
 - Grace is recovering from surgery on her broken hip. She is recovering at Oak Brook Care: Grace Van Beveren, c/o Oak Brook Care, 2013 Midwest Road, Oak Brook, IL 60523-1312.
 - Kurt Parent and his wife, Marla. Kurt is an elder at Hope Presbyterian and a Cuba ministry activist. He is recovering from extensive surgery for esophageal cancer.
  - our country, in the transition of leadership. We pray for wisdom for the leaders and the citizens of the United States.
 - for our sisters and brothers around the world, and especially in Haiti and Myanmar
**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
**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 having seizures of unknown origin. She will need to have a pacemaker and a feeding tube implanted, and her spirits are low.
  - 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:**  - Haley 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 at Fort Bliss  as he waits deployment. 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!

For those that are facing medical issues and those who are having medical procedures.

**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:***