**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**1st Sunday in Lent or the 50th Sunday of Covid**

**February 21, 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.

 Gathering Music:  *Help Us Accept Each Other* (754); *The Church of Christ Cannot
 Be Bound* (766); *Together We Serve* (767); *Live into Hope* (772) *Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days (166)*

Our slideshow today is “What Do Southminster’s Youth Do?”,
another way we bear the fruit of God’s love.

 Welcome, Announcements, and Moment for Mission

 Lighting the Candles (Colossians 3:12)

**As God’s chosen ones, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.**

 Improvisational Prelude

 Call to Worship (Psalm 51)

 Leader: Create in us a clean heart, O God;

 **People: Put a new and right spirit within us.**

 **All: Restore to us the joy of your salvation**

 Hymn: *Hold Me Fast* (verse 1)

**I am not there yet; I’m still flawed and broken.**

**Sometimes I can taste the sweetness but I can’t hold it fast.**

**Christ Jesus, hold me fast; Christ Jesus hold my soul;**

**Christ Jesus hold my life; Christ Jesus bring me home.**

 Prayer of Confession:

**Lord God, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Please forgive us and help us to follow you faithfully. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

 (Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

 Declaration of the Grace of God/Assurance of Pardon (Exodus 34:6-7; Romans 8:1)

 Leader: God is slow to anger and full of compassion.

 **People: He forgives all who humbly repent and trust in his Son
 as Savior and Lord.**

 Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

 **All: In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

 Response: *Kyrie*

**Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

**Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

**Christe, Christe eleison.**

**Christe, Christe eleison.**

**Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

**Kyrie, Kyrie eleison, eleison.**

 (The words are Greek for *Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.*)

 The Passing of the Peace

 Word with Children Christine Olfelt

 Prayer for Illumination

 Scripture Lesson: Luke 10:25-37

 Sermon: “Family Feud”

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)

 from *The Confession of Belhar* (10.01-10.3)

**We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.**

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.**

**We believe that Christ’s work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another.**

 Hymn 771: *What Is the World Like* (verses 2, 3)

**What is the world like when God’s will is done?**

**Witness the wandering child coming home;**

**Watch as the parent breaks into a run.**

**This is how God longs for us when we roam.**

**What is the world like when God’s will is done?**

**No more is neighbor just ally or friend;**

**Peace thrives in places where once there was none.**

**This is how God works when rivalries end.**

 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

 Offertory: *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* (Hymnal 835)

 \**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.**

 Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

 Hymn 707: *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*  (verses 1, 4)

**Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray;**

**Give us the mind of Christ each passing day;**

**Teach us to know the truth that sets us free;**

**Grant us in all our thoughts to honor thee.**

**Take thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;**

**Through our surrendered souls thy plans fulfil.**

**We yield ourselves to thee: time, talents, all;**

**We hear, and henceforth heed, thy sovereign call.**

 Charge and Benediction

 Leader: Now go and serve the Lord,
 **People: For we are blessed to be a blessing!**

Leader:  The cross, **All:  We shall take it.**
  Leader:  The bread, **All:  We shall break it.**
  Leader:  The pain, **All:  We shall bear it.**
  Leader:  The joy, **All:  We shall share it.**
  Leader:  The Gospel, **All:  We shall live it.**  Leader:  The love, **All:  We shall give it.**
  Leader:  The light, **All:  We shall cherish it.**  Leader:  The darkness, **All:  God shall perish it.**  Leader:  For Jesus’ sake. **All:  Amen.**

 Postlude

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden

Liturgists: Blair Nelson, Christine Olfelt

Musicians: Tom Anderson, Paul and Linda Wolf Jeziorski

Tech support: Ron Birchall, Steve Henkels, David Kozich, Chris Kozich

The flowers today are given by Lanny Russell in memory of Jerry Tonne.

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:** 1 Peter deals with some delicate topics: politics, relationships between women and men, and relationships between masters and slaves. Lots of room for controversy here! But Peter is not telling us which political party to join (you are on your own on that one) or how women and men should relation or what to think about slavery. What is he saying about those topics? Well, you are just going to have to join our Adult Bible Class! Use this link to join us from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.:
<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.

**Welcome & Outreach** will meet today, Feb. 21, at 7:00 p.m.
Join Zoom Meeting at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86521678528?pwd=MkwwMUtxZjl5cTdpdXI1eTU5RzhkQT09>
 **Notes from Christine Olfelt:**
**Lenten Resource Bags**

If you are geographically close to the church you should have received your Lenten Resource bag by now. If you have a neighbor to whom you would like to give a Lenten bag, please contact Christine@southminsterpc.org and I will make up some more. I plan to send out some of the contents by email for those who live at a distance. If you would like this email, please send me your best email address.
 **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 and continued with Luke on Feb. 18. (If you’d like to go back and see the videos for these two gospels, the links are in the Feb. 17 eNotes.)
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>
 **Notes from Blair Nelson:**
**Youth**:  Join us for games, Deep Thoughts, laughter, and other good stuff (but no food until the pandemic ends) tonight from 5:00-6:30 in Fellowship Hall. Bring your mask and your enthusiasm.
And now for a riddle: What do a six-fingered man, a peasant princess, a pirate, and the son of a sword-maker have in common? You figured it out! Inconceivable! Now you have a clue about what we are doing next Sunday, Feb. 28th.

**St. Valentine’s Day Cookie Bake-Off**!  Thanks to all who entered the Bake-Off, and may the best cookie win! Voting continued through Wednesday, so the names of the bakers and the winners will be revealed soon! But, we do know now that over $750 was contributed by generous cookie-eaters, money that will send our Youth Mission Team to their workcamp in Mission, South Dakota, this June (assuming conditions allow). Thanks to all and stay tuned for the big reveal!
**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 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 help us by signing the check out sheet to indicate how many bags you are taking.

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

Candy donations: Please donate candy that will fit in a small, plastic Easter egg. Candy donations may be placed in the white plastic basket on the bench just inside the main church doorway. We are looking for:
  \* Prewrapped candy
  \* No nuts, no nut butter (so, no Snickers and no Reese's)
  \* No hard candy
  \* No chewing gum
  \* We have lots of Tootsie Rolls and Starburst, so something different, if possible

For the Easter Saturday Celebration we need to borrow two empty fish tanks or clear 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.

 **From the Worship Ministry:**
**Easter Flowers 2021**
Easter is coming early this year on April 4th! We would love to have at least **6 Easter lilies** (2 stem plants @ $25 each) and **6 pink azalea plants** (6” pots @ $23 each) to beautify the sanctuary on Easter. Plants can be picked up at church on Easter from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or on Monday morning from 10 a.m.-12 noon. Please email Sarah Allen at ridesrowdy@aol.com with your plant order by March 3. She will confirm your order by email. Checks should be mailed to SPC and please include “Easter flowers” on the memo line. Thanks for your support!! Questions call Sarah 630-988-8231.

 - 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.
 **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, so there’s no need to feel daunted by technological demands. The piece for March is “Jesus Took This Cup.” The music is on the piano in the choir room along with two other pieces for Holy Week. Please contact the church office for your practice recording,
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
 **From the Mission Ministry:**- Thank you to all who contributed to **Luminaria Sunday**. We raised $830 for the American Cancer Society.
 - If it’s the middle of February, then March is just around the corner… and that means it’s almost time for **March Mission Madness**! March Madness is the excitement that builds over the NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament; March Mission Madness lets you combine your competitive spirit with an opportunity to raise money for mission. You pay for each bracket you pick, and the people who made the best predictions get to choose which Southminster-supported mission receives their share of the “winnings.” Last year at the last moment the NCAA cancelled the tournament because of Covid… this year their plans are going forward, and so will ours! Watch for details to come!
The **Presbyterian Readers** meet the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Upcoming books for discussion:
March 17: *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson
April 21: *The Hideaway* by Lauren K Denton.
The Zoom link remains the same each month. We’ll post it again closer to the next discussion.
 **Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):The next time to order gift cards will be this Sunday, Feb. 21. Treat yourself (if only to the grocery store) or others, and give the church some “free money” in return. Cards will be delivered to you on the 24th. Email bobbifrey@aol.com by 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, as the order will be placed later that night. So far in 2021 we have made $279.97 for Southminster! The order form can be found on our web site and was attached to the email with this bulletin.

**Donations for PRC** (also from Bobbi Frey):
Even the cold weather didn’t stop our contributions to People’s Resource Center. The 47th delivery since the Pandemic was very much appreciated. More new clients continue to show up and always express their gratitude. The donation box is out 24/7 on the front porch 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:** - Flowers today: from Lanny Russell in memory of Jerry Tonne
 - Art Fournier, who needs heart catheterization
 - Devin Leftwich, who has cancer
 - the Joel Jupp family – his wife’s cancer has returned
 - Tracy, a friend of the Schmidts, recovering from cancer surgery on Wednesday
 - those in so many parts of our country who have been affected by extreme weather
 - 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.
  - 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:**
  - 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
 - prayers for those who want vaccinations but are unable to find appointments
**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), recovering from heart surgery, a stroke, seizures, a pacemaker implantation, and insertion of a feeding tube. 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
  - 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!

**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:***

***COVID-19 Update: Looking ahead*In-Person Worship Instructions for Southminster**
**We will resume in-person worship with a limit of 30 individuals on Sunday,
March 7,2021. Please read more of how we will move forward.**
As you are probably aware, DuPage County has entered Covid Tier 4 which permits inside gatherings of 50 or less at one time. Session met on Feb 16th and, with approval of the SPC Covid Team, voted to reopen in-person worship with a limit of 30 individuals in the sanctuary at one time, starting Sunday, March 7, 2021. So that our environment is as safe and hospitable as possible for all, we ask for your adherence to the following:

- **If you are sick or not feeling well, PLEASE STAY HOME**-Please arrive between 9:15-9:30 a.m. The doors to the church will be locked at 9:40 a.m.
- Please use the hand sanitizer provided at the building entrance
- Please confirm at the door your health status of no symptoms and no fever
- Wrist  laser temperature will be taken. If over 100.0 degrees, please go home and rest.
- Be sure to fill out the Covid-19 contact tracing form.
 - MASKS ARE REQUIRED. Please wear it the entire time you are inside the church building. If you do not have a mask one will be provided for you.
- Please do not linger or gather prior to the service in the Narthex.
- Please proceed directly to the Sanctuary. Pews are marked for safe social distancing.
- Please sit in a green taped pew. An usher will be present to assist with safe distancing in seating
- Contact forms are kept for one month and then destroyed. Forms are strictly confidential and only used if there is necessity of contacting you about possible Covid-19 exposure
- Please maintain 6 feet social distancing at all times
- There is no congregational singing.
- During the opening slideshow please keep noise to a minimum.
 - Please wash hands thoroughly and exit if you use the restrooms. Doors are propped open to limit surface area touching.
- Please do not linger or gather inside the building after the service is over.

Thank you for your support in making our worship service as safe as possible for all attendees.

Pastor Wendy Boden
Sarah Allen, Worship Moderator, and the Worship Ministry

This is what the Contact Tracing forms will look like:
**Contact Tracing Information
NAME**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
**CONTACT PHONE NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
**DATE OF ATTENDANCE**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
Information will be stored after services and destroyed after one month. All Information collected is **CONFIDENTIAL** and will **ONLY** be used if there is a need to contact you regarding possible exposure to COVID-19.