**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**8th Sunday after Pentecost or the 71st Sunday of Covid**

**July 18, 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: *Our God Is an Awesome God; O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High;
 Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven; Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven;
 I will call upon the Lord*

Our slideshow today is “Meet Vince Gaddis.”

 Welcome and Announcements

 Lighting the Candles (2 Corinthians 5:17)

**So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!**

 Improvisational Prelude

 Call to Worship (Philippians 2)

 Leader: Let the same mind be in us that wasin Christ Jesus,

 **People:** **Though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God
     as something to be grasped.**

**All:** **Let us worship God with all that we are.**

 Hymn:  *Grace Alone*  Scott Wesley Brown and Jeff Nelson

**Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,**

**Every difference we will make is only by His grace.**

**Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,**

**Every blessing left behind is only by His grace.**

**Grace alone which God supplies,**

**Strength unknown He will provide.**

**Christ in us our cornerstone;**

**We will go forth in grace alone.**

**Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach,**

**Everywhere we share His peace is only by His grace.**

**Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away,**

**Every sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace.**

**Grace alone which God supplies,**

**Strength unknown He will provide.**

**Christ in us our cornerstone;**

**We will go forth in grace alone.**

 Prayer of Confession: (Joanna Harader, edited**)**

**Holy God, for the times when our minds are far, far away from the mind of Christ, when our obedience to you ends, when the difficulties and discomfort begins, forgive us. Through the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, help us to fully live out the beloved life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is both savior and Lord. Amen.**

 (Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

 Declaration of the Grace of God/Assurance of Pardon (Titus 3:4-6, NRSV, edited)

 Leader: Through the loving kindness of God our Savior, we are saved.

 **People: Not by our righteousness, but by God’s mercy.**

 Leader: The Holy Spirit has been poured on us through Jesus Christ.

 **People: We are forgiven!**

 **All: Thanks be to God!**

 Response 288: *Spirit of the Living God* (sing 2 times)

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

 The Passing of the Peace

 Word with Children Melissa Hammer

 For children worshiping in the sanctuary, please stay with your families during the Word
 with Children. When our Covid rules change, we will welcome you back up front.

 Prayer for Illumination

 Scripture Lesson: Philippians 2:12-13

 Sermon: Misunderstandings of Biblical Proportions:
 “Look Busy; Christ Is Coming.” Dr. Vincent Gaddis

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)
 from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

 Hymn 846: *Fight the Good Fight* (verses 1, 2)

**Fight the good fight with all thy might.**

**Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.**

**Lay hold on life, and it shall be**

**Thy joy and crown eternally.**

**Run the straight race through God’s good grace;**

**Lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ’s face.**

**Life with its way before us lies;**

**Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.**

 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: *Amazing Grace*

 \**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 264: *At the Name of Jesus*  (verse 1)

**At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,**

**Every tongue confess him King of glory now;**

**‘Tis the Father’s pleasure we should call him Lord,**

**Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.**

 Charge and Benediction

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

 Postlude

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Guest Preacher: Dr. Vincent Gaddis

Liturgist/Worship Host: Sarah Allen

Musicians: Tom Anderson; Suzanne Tennyson

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Ron Birchall, Steve Henkels, Chris Kozich

Flowers today are given by Tricia and Jim Smith in honor of Tricia’s dad, Harlan.

If you are present for worship, following the service you are invited by the deacons to gather for **in-person fellowship** of beverages and conversation out in front of the building. Please wait until you are outside to visit.

If you are online, join us for **Zoom fellowship** at 10:30 a.m. following the worship service. Heidi Shierry will host in July. Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87217989949?pwd=cVByMWtVaXhKZG9TR1dZZXFIOS9wQT09>
Meeting ID: 872 1798 9949
Passcode: 728773

You are invited to join us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/>), where we have a live sharing of “**Heart to Heart**” at 4:16 p.m. During the first 3 weeks of July, Wendy will share “Heart to Heart” only on Wednesdays.

Even though we have returned to in-person worship, we will also continue to be live on **Sunday morning for worship** at 9:30 a.m. (slideshow beginning at 9:15)
at <https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/>
*If for any reason the feed falters, rest assured that a recording will be posted to Facebook and You Tube as soon as possible.*

You can also find links to recordings of the weekday sessions, special services, and Sunday worship 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** will resume next Sunday, after Blair’s vacation.

**Slideshows help us feel connected! Please help us.**
Here are some of the ideas we have for upcoming slideshows. Start taking photos now (or go through ones you’ve already taken), and we’ll let you know later when and where to send them.
**For July 25: “Iowa Roots”** – pictures of Iowa and people who have a connection to Iowa. Deadline for photos is this Wednesday, July 21. Please send your photos to David Kozich: kozichd1@gmail.com.
**For August 1**: **“What I Did on My Summer Vacation.”**Please send photos to Blair Nelson by Wednesday, July 28. Blair@southminsterpc.org
Other ideas for slideshows:
Cross Town Rivalry: Sox and Cubs or Cubs and Sox
Sunflowers
Other state connections (Wisconsin, Missouri, Indiana, Minnesota, Michigan?)
First Day of School

If you have skill with PowerPoint please connect with Wendy@southminsterpc.org.
She will connect with you after her vacation.

 **E-Notes this week will go out a day early, on Tuesday, July 20.** Barb is scheduled to have minor surgery on her hand this Wednesday morning and would like to have the weekly eNotes out of the way before the procedure. If you have anything you want included this week, please send it in by noon on Tuesday so that eNotes can be sent out by the end of the day.

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**
**Adult Ed.:** Wendy and Blair will be in and out of town for the next few weeks, so our Adult Bible Study will be on hiatus until July 25th. We will begin discussing Micah when we resume.

**Youth**: The next **Pizza & Games** will be next Sunday, July 25, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Bring your smile, a mask, and $5 for the food.
Also, mark your calendars for our annual **Fox River Naval Battle** on Aug. 22.

**Youth Mission Team**: We will give our **Mission Trip report** during the worship service on August 22 (and then head out to the Fox River).
 **From the Worship Ministry
Hymn Sing**! Save the date: Thursday, August 5, at 7:00 p.m. Tom Anderson will lead us in singing outdoors on the church grounds. Details to come.

Worship is seeking **liturgists** over the summer. If you have never done so, take a leap of faith and try it! Wendy and seasoned liturgists will train/assist you. The sanctuary congregation is **very** small, **very** friendly, and after seeing how easy it is—hopefully, you will feel comfortable to keep on, even with a fuller congregation. It is a truly wonderful way to serve Him! Contact Sarah Allen, if you might be interested. (Sarah Allen: 630-988-8231 or ridesrowdy@aol.com)

Worship is also seeking **ushers** comfortable being back in the sanctuary. If interested, please contact Lanny Russell. (630-738-3600 or lansonrussell@aol.com)

**Musical talents** are also sought for summer worship. We need you! If you can serve Him in this capacity, please contact Tom Anderson, Music Director. (651-246-5029 or tomanderson101@gmail.com)
 **Presbyterian Readers** meet this Wednesday, July 21, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom to discuss *Leonard and Hungry Paul* by Ronan Hession, the story of two friends trying to find their place in the world. It is about the uncelebrated people of this world. And it asks a surprisingly enthralling question: Can kind people change the world?
Here is the link:
[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86861724721?pwd=TE0yYXZGZUtUNkdvYWh4UEhaTFc0dz09)
Meeting ID: 868 6172 4721 Passcode: 600865

Every 3 years **Presbyterian Women have a National Gathering Event**. This is the year, and this year it’s virtual, so anyone (even men!) can attend.

Wednesday, August 4 (All times listed here are CDT.)

 Noon-2:00 p.m. Business meeting only - you can observe to see what the business is,
 but only delegates can vote.

Thursday, August 5

 Noon-2:00 p.m. Conclusion of the business portion

 3:00-5:00 p.m. “Rejoice in Hope” - Worship, speakers, rejoicing, and renewal!

You can use these links:

Information: [www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering)

Watch on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/presbyterianwomenpcusa>

An additional invitation has been issued by the women of First Presbyterian-Wheaton: come to their church and watch in community. The church is at 715 N. Carlton Avenue, Wheaton. Park in the church lot - the building is handicap accessible. There will be communion during the worship service, and the church will provide the elements. Women from other area churches are invited, so even though it’s not the national/international group that will be present, it will be women worshiping and rejoicing together. All are invited! No log-in or registration is required, either for the online connection or for attendance at Wheaton First.

 **From the Mission Ministry**
**Recycle** your old shoes, your used gift cards, and your bread tags!
Mission will be collecting used shoes September 5-26. Start setting aside your gently-worn shoes now; please bundle each pair with a rubber band. All kinds of shoes are welcome, including children’s, men’s, women’s, sandals, and boots. More information will follow in August.

Used gift cards are turned into guitar picks, and bread tags help purchase a wheelchair.
You can bring these items to church at any time; there are jars for them on the shelf opposite the office.

 **Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):Thanks to all who ordered! We have now made $991.46 in “free” money for Southminster. The next opportunity to order is August 1, just in time for school supplies and back-to-school clothes for kids and grandchildren.

After that, our next order date will be August 22, we’ll skip Labor Day weekend, and then we’ll order again on September 12. These are 3-week intervals instead of the normal 2-week intervals, so plan ahead. Bobbi will continue to deliver cards to you the Tuesday or Wednesday after the order date.

**Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):
The collection box is now in the entry way at church. Food, paper products, personal care items are always welcome! Also, thru July, the PRC is collecting **items for their Back-to-School program**. Items needed are pencils, pens, erasers, loose leaf paper, spiral notebooks, 2-pocket folders, glue, glue sticks, crayons, colored pencils, kids’ scissors, highlighters, rulers. Any school items can also be put in the donation box.

**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 are not all meeting together, we’re missing our blue slips. We are still collecting prayer requests! Please leave a message on our answering machine at 630-469-9149.

***Friends, with our new communication style the eNotes Joys and Concerns (sent most Wednesdays) will include new information and members’ ongoing concerns. For the eNotes/Dialog (sent on the first Wednesday of the month) and Sunday bulletins our list will be full and complete.*

Joys and Concerns**
 - We pray for our sister church in Cuba and for the Cuban people in this time of political protest and very difficult economic conditions in that country. In addition, they are experiencing a surge in COVID cases and cannot obtain enough syringes to vaccinate people rapidly.
 - several joys in Jack Thorne’s family this past weekend: the 37th birthday of his first grandson and the marriage of his second grandson, Walter Joseph Thorne, to Sarah Taylor in the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.
 - Linda Meester is home now after a long hospitalization
 - Bob Carlson has been moved to Memory Care
 - prayers for rest and refreshment for Pastor Wendy and Blair during their vacation
 - Marie was hospitalized for tests
  - Prayers for healing, and to qualify for surgery for Parveen Werner, newly diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Parveen is a loving mother of four and sister-in-law of Chris Kozich’s brother.
  - Jan Kaskovich is asking prayers for improved health for her mother, who has a heart condition
  - Bill Curry is home. Gretchen has an aide from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
  - ongoing concerns for the Rogers and the water damage done to their home
 - Pray for volunteers for when the DuPage County Care Center reopens for worship.
  - Pray for an end to gun violence in our nation.
  - prayers for Haiti, Colombia, Myanmar, India, Israel, Palestine, Brazil
  - We continue to pray for peace in the Holy Land.
**We pray for those who mourn:** - Longtime former member Betsy Hess let us know that her husband, Bill, died June 11.
A memorial service will be held for him on July 31 in Crossville, Tennessee, which is where they moved when they left Glen Ellyn. His obituary is here: <https://obituaries.crossville-chronicle.com/obituary/william-hess-1082643559>
  - prayers for Bette, a friend of Bill and Gretchen, who was recently widowed  **We pray for all who are infected with and/or affected by COVID:**
 - Paul Anderson’s nephew, Adam, who is hospitalized with Covid
  - Prayers for healing and the ability to return home for Mary, a Western Springs resident with Down syndrome, recovering in the hospital from COVID-19, finally off her ventilator but dealing with lung damage.
  - Donna Marton’s brother, Richard, in a nursing home recovering from Covid
  - Prayers for all who are trying to navigate reopening activities, and all those who are still feeling vulnerable.
  - those facing unforeseen consequences from the pandemic
**We pray for all who are dealing with mental or physical health challenges.**
  - Grace is living at Oak Brook Care: Grace Van Beveren, c/o Oak Brook Care, 2013 Midwest Road, Oak Brook, IL 60523-1312. You may visit but must call a day in advance: 630-495-0220.
  - Betsy Rogers, health concerns
  - Judith, a friend of the Ellsworths, who has continuing health and financial issues
  - people struggling with difficult family concerns
  - Tom Freeman, a friend of Lanny’s

**We pray for all who are affected by cancer:**
 - Kathe Rickel, a friend of Wendy and Karen Boden, who is starting cancer treatment
  - Dan Bohi
  - Haley Jablonski
  - Betsy’s friend, Heidi
  - We rejoice for Lanny’s friend, Tony Bednarz, who got a super report on his bone marrow biopsy. We continue to pray for his good health.
  - Lisa B undergoing treatment for Stage 4 colon cancer that has metastasized to her lungs
  - Deshaun, who has thyroid cancer. She is the sister of Wendy’s friend, Tiffany.
  - Devin Leftwich, who has cancer
  - Kurt Parent and his wife, Marla. Kurt is recovering from extensive surgery for esophageal cancer. He is doing well and is trying to gain weight.
  - the Bohis’ friend, Teri, who is recovering and doing well from her breast cancer surgery
  - Sandy Lopata’s friend, Rebecca Moeckler, who has pancreatic cancer and is struggling with chemo **We pray for those who are far from home:**
 - Luke
  - for the reunion of children and parents at the U.S.-Mexican border
**We continue to pray for our friends and family in the health fields**:
**Nurses:**Andee Benson and Nikki Mendoza, both daughters 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 and 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:**Health Department workers
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 and Anna Nelson, who work with them

**Local government bodies/boards**: Prayers for the DuPage County Board, the Village of Glen Ellyn Board, and the boards of the local school districts: 41, 87, 89, 200, COD

**A Special Request for Prayer**We are all feeling the varied pressures of Covid. Some have been vaccinated, some have not. There are frustrations around vaccinations. There is concern about new variations of the virus. There are more than health concerns; there are economic, emotional, and spiritual concerns as well throughout our nation and the world. There is also understandable unrest in our nation around the world issues of race, justice, and disparities of many kinds. 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. Hold the world in your hands and offer the world to God as we trust in God’s grace and mercy.

**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 July call Deacon Angela Smith (630-235-1376).

Pastor Wendy Boden and Minister of Youth and Young Adults Blair Nelson will be on vacation until July 24. In an emergency, you may call Wendy on her cell or home phone (if she has shared the numbers with you).
If you need **pastoral care** while Wendy is away, you may call Rev. Debbie Paton of St. Luke Presbyterian Church, Downers Grove. Phone: 630-886-6785. You may also **call your deacon** if you need help from the church.

Barb is back in the office most Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings (8:45-11:00 most days) now that her son has resumed part-time attendance at his day program.

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***