**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**21st Sunday after Pentecost or the 84th Sunday of Covid**

**October 17, 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: *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart;
 Take, O Take Me as I Am; Make Me a Servant*

Our slideshow today is “Now Thank We All Our God: Things We Are Thankful For.”

 Welcome, Announcements, Moment for Stewardship

 Lighting the Candles (Ephesians‬ 5:8-9‬ NRSV)

**For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children
of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.**

 Improvisational Prelude

 Call to Worship

 Leader: God of grace, you have given us minds to know you.

 **People: You have given us hearts to love you.**

 **All:** **Fill us with your Spirit that we may celebrate your glory.**

 Hymn 452: *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.
Open the eyes of my heart,
I want to see you;
I want to see you.**

**To see you high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love
As we sing “Holy, holy, holy.”**

**Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy,
I want to see you.**

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 Prayer of Confession:

**Loving and gracious God, you look deeper than what we can see. You see our hearts and thoughts. Teach us to go deeper when we deal with others so we can see beyond what we think we see and find the true treasure they are to you. Forgive our snap judgments and shallow assessments. Through your Holy Spirit, grant us an extra measure of understanding and love for others. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord and savior. Amen.**

 (Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

 Declaration of the Grace of God/Assurance of Pardon (Psalm 103:8-12, edited)

 Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious;
     slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

 **People: He does not deal with us according to our sins,
     nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

 Leader: As far as the east is from the west,
     so far he removes our transgressions from us.

 **All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia!**

 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.**

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 The Passing of the Peace

 Word with Children Andrea Schmidt

 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 Lessons: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

 John 7:24

 Sermon: “Listening and Seeing”

Children, as you listen to the sermon, you may want to choose an activity
from the children’s packet that will help you think about what you hear in the sermon.

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)

 (2 Corinthians 5:16-18)

**From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation[.]**

 Hymn 450: *Be Thou My Vision* (verses 1, 2)

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tower;
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.**

 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: *Going to See the King*

 \**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 451: *Open My Eyes, That I May See*  (verses 1, 2)

**Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.**

**Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.**

**Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

 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**

Rev. Wendy Boden

Liturgists: Andrea Schmidt, Blair Nelson

Musicians: Tom Anderson

Greeter: Paul Jeziorski

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Ron Birchall, Steve Henkels, Chris Kozich

Flowers today are given by Julie Storey, celebrating Dana and Eric’s birthdays. Flowers have also been given by a grateful congregation for devoted and faithful service during this challenging time by our beloved Pastor Wendy Boden, honoring her during Pastor Appreciation Week.

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 is hosting this week. Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87217989949?pwd=cVByMWtVaXhKZG9TR1dZZXFIOS9wQT09>
Meeting ID: 872 1798 9949 Passcode: 728773
 **Sunday Morning Adult Ed. Bible Study – 11:15 a.m. via Zoom.** We are looking at 1 John – a message of love and light. It is not too late to get in on the study for the edification, fellowship, and fun. Join us from 11:15-12:15 by following this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82920574961?pwd=dEwxU2NhaFM5VWhPSzBtYkZvUld2dz09>
Meeting ID: 829 2057 4961 Passcode: 537355

You are invited to join us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/>), where we have a live sharing of “**Heart to Heart**” with Pastor Wendy Boden Tuesday through Friday at 4:16 p.m. ***This week it will be Wednesday through Friday; Pastor Wendy will take her Sabbath day on Tuesday, since Monday is a holiday.***

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>

**Bearing Fruit – October 17, 2021**

**Deacons: Bearing the Fruit of God’s Love**

Our community of faith, Southminster Presbyterian Church, seeks to be characterized by the love of God found in Jesus Christ. We seek to not only love God and neighbor but also one another. One of the most evidential places of that love is our Board of Deacons.

All of the officers of our congregation answer the same ordination and installation questions, but each has its own unique question. The Deacons are asked, “Will you be a faithful Deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people’s help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?”

The Deacons at Southminster partner with the pastor in caring for the members of the congregation. Each Deacon has her or his “flock,” and that means you! Each member has their Deacon who may reach out to them in a variety of ways: cards, texts, phone calls, email, or an invitation to visit. If there is a special need, like an addition to the family, or an illness, or grief, the Deacons will work with the Congregational Care Ministry and help with meals. Prior to Covid, they also helped with transportation to medical appointments. Of course, they can only help if you reach out and let them that you could use some help. Also, prior to Covid, the Deacons offered a coffee fellowship. These days they have thought out of the box and offer canned or bottled water. One way to look at that is love in a bottle.

Our Deacons have also supported the ministry of Southminster through partnerships. Through the generosity and ingenuity of a member, the Deacons gave out face masks when the pandemic first began. Deacons have partnered with Christian Education and Worship to bring devotionals to members. This season the Deacons are helping Stewardship. Due to the pandemic we had to once again cancel our annual Pig Roast, but this year Stewardship is thinking “Outside of the Box” and giving away boxed treats each week to worshipers. Our Deacons are helping to bring a treat to those who are at home. Before the end of the month, expect a “little boxed treat” brought to you by Stewardship through the Deacons. When it comes to love, we need sometimes to think out of the box, and our Deacons are doing just that.

The members of the Board of Deacons are Andrea Davidson, Linda Ellinghausen, Norm Ellsworth, Lynn Ferino, Paul Jeziorski, Louanne Jourdan, Nick Kaskovich, Caroline Linde, Steve Sanders, Heidi Shierry, Angela Smith, and Diane Swiss.

Thank you, Deacons, for bearing the fruit of God’s love.

P.S. Deacon Anny Davidson is making shortbread for everyone for Reformation Sunday!

**Slideshows help us feel connected! Please help us by sharing your photos.**Our pre-worship slideshows are one way for our church family and friends to enrich our connections. We can use your help with these upcoming slideshows:
**Through October 31 we have a single theme: “Now Thank We All Our God.**” Please send pictures of things you are thankful for to Chris Kozich: text 630/673-4286 or email kintonck@gmail.com.

If you have skill with PowerPoint or have an idea for a slideshow, please connect with Wendy at Wendy@southminsterpc.org. Please note that we try to confirm slideshow content a month in advance.

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**

**Youth**: Join us for **Pizza & Games** today at our new time of 4:00-6:00 p.m. Bring $5 for the meal and dress for the weather, as we will be outside as much as possible. Also, **Sleep Out Saturday** is all night November 6-7. You and your family members can brave the elements to raise money for Bridge Communities’ transitional housing program that gets homeless families into a home and back on their feet. Send Blair the email address you want to use to set up your donation page on the SOS website, and he will send you the link.

**Presbyterian Readers** meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month – which is this Wednesday, October 20. This month’s book is *Still Life* by Louise Penny, the first book in a mystery series set in Quebec. Join the discussion on Zoom at 7:00 p.m. by using the following link:
[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86861724721?pwd=TE0yYXZGZUtUNkdvYWh4UEhaTFc0dz09)
Meeting ID: 868 6172 4721 Passcode: 600865

**Women’s Circle** has had to change plans from what was originally set for October 15. See Wednesday’s eNotes for information about alternate plans.

Our annual **Fall Clean-Up Day** is this Saturday, October 23, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. (or whenever we finish). We’ll have a formidable list of outside and inside projects waiting for volunteers. Please come and help; we can use you for however many hours you can give. We’ll have the usual tools and good cheer — in abundance.

**From the Worship Ministry
We will observe All Saints Day on November 7.**

As usual on All Saints Sunday, we will pray during our Prayers of the People for those who died during the past year. If you have someone you would like to include, please send their name and their date of death to the office (admin@southminsterpc.org) by Wednesday, November 3.

If the name might be difficult to pronounce, please include a phonetic spelling that will help, for example: *John Cikanek (sih-KAN-ick)*. If you leave a message on the answering machine with a name we might not recognize, please spell it.

**It’s not too early to think about poinsettias**! If you are interested in ordering one of the large poinsettias that will grace the sanctuary at Christmas, contact Sarah Allen by phone or text (630-988-8231) by November 1. Cost is $40 each.

Worship is seeking **liturgists**. 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 (630-988-8231 or ridesrowdy@aol.com) or Pastor Wendy.

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

If you have **musical talent**, we need you! If you can serve Him in this capacity, please contact Tom Anderson, Music Director. (651-246-5029 or tomanderson101@gmail.com).

The **Glen Ellyn Interfaith Prayer Service** will be held Wednesday, October 27, as an outside open-air event at Lake Ellyn Park in Glen Ellyn. Gather at 7:30 a.m.; the program will be 8:00-9:00 a.m. The Rev. Dr. James Shannon of the Peoples Community Church will be the featured speaker. The event is free; seating will be available, but you are welcome to bring your own chair. Blackberry Market will provide free coffee. The rain date for this event is Wednesday, November 3.
 **Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):
Thanks to all for the orders last Sunday – so far this year our orders have brought in $1,496.93 in “free” money for Southminster. Your next chance to order is October 24. You don’t have to wait for that date, however – you can order at any time. Just email bobbifrey@aol.com with merchant, number and denomination of card, and total amount of order. The order form is sent out every week with the worship bulletin.

**Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):
For 82 continuous weeks deliveries of food, household products, cleaning supplies, toiletries have been delivered to PRC. The support from the members of this church has been amazing! Donations can be left in the box in the entryway of church on the Freys’ front porch. Thanks for all your support!

**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**
 - The flowers today are from Julie Storey, celebrating the birthdays of Dana and Eric. And flowers are given by the congregation with love and appreciation for the devoted service of Pastor Wendy Boden!

**We pray for the whole world and our nation:** - all who are affected by natural disasters: wildfires, earthquakes, hurricanes and tropical storms
  - Pray for an end to gun violence in our nation.
  - Prayers for Haiti, Afghanistan, Colombia, Myanmar, India, Palestine, Brazil, and Greece
  - We continue to pray for peace in the Holy Land.

**We pray for those who mourn:**
 - the family of Joe Eberhardt, who died September 16. A service for Joe will be held at Southminster on November 13 at 2:00 p.m.
 - the Jablonski family on the loss of Haley
  - those who have lost family and friends in Afghanistan
  - those who have lost family and friends to natural disasters
 **We pray for all who are affected by cancer:**
  - Dan Bohi
  - Prayers for Parveen Werner, mother of four, suffering from pancreatic cancer, for relief of pain and for comfort. She is a relative of Chris Kozich.
  - Shelayne Larson, a friend of Angela Smith, diagnosed with lung cancer
 - Katie Boehmer’s father, Rod Boehmer

**We pray for all who are infected with and/or affected by COVID:**
 - Norm and Joy Ellsworth, who are now recovering from Covid after a visit to Michigan. Prayers for their daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Mike, as well.
  - Prayers for all who are trying to navigate school and other 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.** - Hal and Linda Ellinghausen; Hal is now in hospice care at home.
 - Dave Zink, who is at CDH
  - Marie Shepherd, who is also at CDH
 - Linda Wolf Jeziorski’s mother, Janet, who needs tests
  - Linda Meester, waiting for an exam for which the earliest date is next June. She is going through cognitive therapy.
  - Kathy and Steve Sanders request three prayers: for Liz Kuziak Dawson, who is on the mend. She is the wife of Kathy’s brother, Dan; for Lynn Smith, Steve’s sister and Traci Smith’s mother; and for their son, Ryan, who is working 12-hour-a-day shifts.
  - Judith, a friend of the Ellsworths, who has continuing health and financial issues  - Bill Curry and Gretchen Fleming, and Gretchen’s niece, Kate
  - Betsy Rogers’s health
 - people who struggle with depression
  - people struggling with difficult family concerns

**We pray for those who are far from home:**  - Luke

**We continue to pray for our friends and family who work in the health fields**: **nurses, doctors, and all other health care workers.**
**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, 44, 87, 89, 200, COD

**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 through the rest of October, call Deacon Heidi Shierry (630-853-6836). 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 when she is in the office.) You may also **call your deacon** if you need help from the church.

Barb is 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!

**Dates to remember this week:**
**Sunday, October 17
Staff and ministry Session reports/docket items are due** **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook
 **Outdoor Fellowship** following the service for those who worship in person
  **Online** **Fellowship** at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom
 **Staff Meeting** 10:45-11:05 a.m.
 **Adult Ed**. **Bible Study** at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom
 **Youth: Pizza & Games**, at the new time – 4:00-6:00 p.m.
**Monday, October 18 – Pastor’s Sabbath
Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** live on Facebook at 4:16 p.m.
**Tuesday, October 19** **Session** meets at 7:30 p.m. in the parlor
 A.A. at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall **Wednesday, October 20**
 **Presbyterian Readers** meet at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
**Friday, October 22**
 A.A**.** at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall **Next Sunday, October 24
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Pastor Wendy Boden is leaving Sunday afternoon and will be back in the office on Wednesday.