**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**22nd Sunday after Pentecost or the 85th Sunday of Covid**

**October 24, 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: *It Is Good to Sing Your Praises;* *Commit Your Way to God the Lord; We Give Thee but Thine Own:* *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought*

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: Variations on *We Lift Our Voices (We Are an Offering)*

 Call to Worship (Psalm 100:4-5)

 Leader: Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise!

 **People: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever.**

 **All:** **We worship and thank God for the faithfulness shown to all generations.**

 Hymn 700: *I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* (verses 1-3)

**I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I’m gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I’m gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I’m gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I’m gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

 Prayer of Confession:

**Gracious God, you are the giver of every good and perfect gift. You have blessed us with our talents, our freedom, and our financial resources. We struggle to give back to you from these gifts. We often worry that these gifts are not enough, that we must hold onto them for ourselves and for our family. Remind us again that you have blessed us to be a blessing to others. In the power of the Holy Spirit in our hearts, and 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 (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 701: *Lord, Prepare Me (Sanctuary)* (sing 2 times)

**Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living
Sanctuary for you.**

CCLI Song # 24140

John W. Thompson | Randy Scruggs

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 The Passing of the Peace

 Word with Children Sarah Allen

 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: 2 Samuel 6:12-15

 Acts 2:17

 Sermon: “Listening and Responding”

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)

from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (11.1))

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

 Hymn 710: *We Lift Our Voices (We Are an Offering)*

**We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
We lift our lives up to you:
We are an offering.
Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;
Lord, use our lives; they are yours:
We are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are,
All that we hope to be,
We give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
We lift our lives up to you:
We are an offering; we are an offering.**

CCLI Song # 16220

Dwight Liles

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 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: *Now Thank We All Our God*

 \**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 697: *Take My Life*  (verses 1, 2, 4, 5)

**Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise;****Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee,**

**Swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Every power as thou shalt choose,
Every power as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.
It shall be thy royal throne.**

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: Sarah Allen, Blair Nelson

Musicians: Tom Anderson, David Kozich

Greeter: Diane Swiss

Worship Associate: David Kozich

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

Flowers today are given by Rita Zapel for Rita and Scott’s 30th wedding anniversary, and by Betty Eichin in memory of Ric.

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 at 4:16 p.m.*Pastor Wendy will be away on Tuesday, so for this week Heart to Heart will be streamed Wednesday through Friday.*

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 24, 2021
Loving One Another and Loving Neighbor**

Today we are dedicating our pledges to Southminster’s 2022 budget. Not all the pledges are in, but we do encourage everyone to try to get their pledges in by the end of the month. These last 20 months we have had to “think out of the box,” and we will likely need to do so for a while longer. This is one of the ways we love each other: we make the budget together. The budget does not depend on any one person; rather, our session discerns the budget based on the total amount of the pledges we receive. God knows what the future holds, and God holds us.

We also love our neighbor through the Glen Ellyn Interfaith Prayer Breakfast. Southminster has been a leader from the beginning of the Glen Ellyn Interfaith Prayer Breakfast. Over the years we have had a variety of local leaders and Glen Ellyn natives as a speaker. In 2018 our own John Shepherd, Bill and Marie Shepherd’s son, spoke on the theme of “Glen Ellyn, a Home for Everyone.”

John told a story about a prison for youth - the Gainesville State School. The school is a juvenile correctional facility of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, where the students have convictions for assault, drugs, and robbery. Like many schools they have a football team, the Tornadoes.

Some team members had families who had disowned them. When these kids played football they never had a home field advantage, because the prison was not home. The team not only didn’t have a home field advantage, they didn’t have any fans. In 1997 the Tornadoes played against the Faith Christian School in Grapevine, Texas.

Kris Hogan, the head coach for Faith Christian School, came up with an idea to love the team by giving the Gainesville State School a home team advantage. Half of the community of Grapevine sat on the Gainesville side of the football field, wore their colors, and cheered every play. The Tornadoes lost that day, but Rick Riley of ESPN said, “There are some games in which cheering for the other side feels better than winning.” The people of Faith Christian not only welcomed the Tornadoes but made a home for them that day.

This year you can love your neighbor by attending the Glen Ellyn Interfaith Prayer Breakfast reinvented. In 2021 free Blackberry Market coffee will be offered as we meet outdoors this Wednesday, October 27, at Lake Ellyn, 645 Lenox, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137. We will gather at 7:30 a.m., with the program from 8:00 to 9:00.

Rain Date: the following Wednesday, November 3

This is not a “Christian event”; rather, it is an opportunity for us to love our neighbors who are not from our faith tradition by gathering (socially distanced) and seeking good will for all of us in Glen Ellyn. The Rev. Dr. James Shannon of the People’s Church will be speaking on our theme” “Hope Is Our Future.”
Additional information here: [www.glenellynprayerbreakfast.com](http://www.glenellynprayerbreakfast.com)

We bear the fruit of God’s love by loving God, neighbor, and one another.

**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.

**Out of the Box Thinking**
Many thanks to all who have turned in their pledges for 2022. The good news is that there is still time to get in your pledge this month. Feel free to contact Chris Kozich if you have any questions, need a pledge card, or just want to tell her your pledge. Chris's email is kintonck@gmail.com.

Be sure to stop by after worship today and next Sunday to receive a special thank-you treat from your Stewardship Ministry.

Southminster is thankful for you! If you would like to share what you are thankful for, please send a photo to Chris Kozich (email listed above), so that it may be included in next Sunday’s pre-worship slideshow.

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**

**Youth**: We helped yesterday at Clean-Up Day! We will skip any further activities this weekend and also next Sunday (Halloween), but remember that November 6 is **Sleep Out Saturday (SOS)**. If you have not let Blair know that you are doing SOS, tell him soon. Gotta get you registered and your donation page up and running soon.

**Sleep Out Saturday**:  Southminster has had a long relationship with Bridge Communities’ Transitional Housing program that helps homeless families got off the streets and back on their feet. Every year our youth and their families participate in Sleep Out Saturday, Bridge Communities’ big fundraiser. You can help by donating to Bridge in support of our intrepid sleepers. Just go to <https://www.bridgecommunities.org/group128> and choose which sleeper or family of sleepers you want to sponsor, then pray that the night of November 6th is not too cool! Or wet! Please!

**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 this Wednesday, October 27, as an outside open-air event at Lake Ellyn Park in Glen Ellyn (next to the boat house). Parking will be available from Linden to Essex streets and other streets; be sure to follow the signage for parking restrictions. Gather at 7:30 a.m.; the program will be 8:00-9:00 a.m. with the Rev. Dr. James Shannon of the Peoples Community Church as the keynote 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):
Order today – Sunday, October 24. Just email bobbifrey@aol.com by 9:00 p.m. with merchant, number and denomination of card, and total amount of order. So far this year our orders have brought in $1,496.93 in “free” money for Southminster.

**Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):
For 83 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 Rita Zapel in honor of Rita and Scott’s 30th wedding anniversary, and from Betty Eichin in memory of Ric.

**A joy**: The Ellsworths are “almost all recovered” from Covid, and their daughter and son-in-law are completely recovered and back to work teaching.

**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, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Colombia, Myanmar, India, Palestine, Brazil, and Greece
  - We continue to pray for peace in the Holy Land.

**We pray for those who mourn:**
 - Prayers of healing and comfort for Carolyn and Tyler, whose first child, Adeline, was welcomed into God’s loving arms a couple of hours after her birth on Tuesday. Carolyn's mother is a friend of Chris Kozich’s.
 - the Zapel family on the death of Scott’s aunt, Rosemary Hunter, on Tuesday
 - 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:**
  - 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.**  - Dave Zink, who is now at Seasons Hospice and would love to have visitors: Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care, 2195 Diehl Road, Naperville 60563. 1-630-416-5201
 - Frank Barfod, Wendy’s bonus dad, who has a serious cold (not Covid)
 - Craig Allen, recuperating from surgery
 - “Brenda,” a friend of the congregation
 - Pastor Daniel Diss of Glen Ellyn 1st United Methodist Church
  - Hal and Linda Ellinghausen; Hal is now in hospice care at home.
  - Marie Shepherd, who is at CDH
  - Linda Wolf Jeziorski’s mother, Janet, who still 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
  - 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 24
Order Jubilee Bucks** by emailing bobbifrey@aol.com by 9:00 p.m. **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
 **Adult Ed**. **Bible Study** at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom
**Pastor Wendy Boden will be away** from Sunday afternoon through late Tuesday evening.
**Tuesday, October 26** – **No Heart to Heart today** while Pastor Wendy is away.
 A.A. at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall **Wednesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** live on Facebook at 4:16 p.m. **Wednesday, October 27
eNotes will go out today, but it’s also the deadline for the November 3 Dialog**
 **Glen Ellyn Interfaith Prayer Service** (gathering at 7:30 a.m., service is at 8:00 a.m.) at Lake Ellyn. Free event – all are invited. There will be chairs, but you may want to bring your own. Blackberry Market will supply free coffee. **Next Sunday, October 31 – Reformation Sunday** **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
 **Adult Ed**. **Bible Study** at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom
 **No Youth activity** until Sleep Out Saturday (Nov. 6)