**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**23rd Sunday after Pentecost or the 86th Sunday of Covid
*Reformation Sunday***

**October 31, 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: *We Are One in the Spirit;
 God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian; Come Sing, O Church, in Joy;
 God of Grace and God of Glory*

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 (1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 27)

 Leader: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

 **People: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

 Leader: God works through each person in a unique way,
 but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.

 **People: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

 **All:** **Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.**

 Hymn: *Ancient Words*

Verse 1

**Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world,
They resound with God’s own heart,
O let the ancient words impart.**

Verse 2

**Words of life, words of hope,
Give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where’er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home.**

Chorus

**Ancient words, ever true,
Changing me, changing you.
We have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.**

Verse 3

**Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice.
O heed the faithful words of Christ.**

Chorus

**Ancient words, ever true,
Changing me, changing you.
We have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.**

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Lynn DeShazo

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 Prayer of Confession:

**You, Lord God, are our refuge and strength, but we all too often act as though you are not present in trouble, challenges, or goals. We forget that you are at work in us through the power of the Holy Spirit. Make us mindful that you guide our journey each and every day. 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 (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

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 The Passing of the Peace

 Word with Children Pastor Wendy

 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 Kings 8:6-11

 John 2:19-21

 Sermon: “Not Built by Hands”

 Hymn 69: *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)* (verse 2 + refrain)

Verse 2

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.**

**I have wept for love of them. They turn away.**

**I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.**

**I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?**

Refrain

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?**

**I have heard you calling in the night.**

**I will go, Lord, if you lead me.**

**I will hold your people in my heart.**

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 Ordination and Installation

 Presentation

**To be Ordained and Installed as Elder**

 Will Perkinson, Class of 2023

**To be Ordained and Installed as Deacon**

 Heidi Shierry, Class of 2023

 Our Common Ministry

 Questions to Elders and Deacons

 Questions to the Congregation

 Leader: Do we, the members of the church, accept these people as
 an elder and a deacon, chosen by God through the voice
 of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

 **All: We do.**

 Leader: Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions,
 and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ
 who alone is head of the Church?

 **All: We do.**

 Prayer of Ordination

 Congregational Prayer (unison)

**Gracious God, pour out your Spirit of power and truth upon the whole church
that we may be for you a holy people, baptized to serve you in the world.
Sustain this congregation in ministry. Ground us in the gospel, secure our hope in Christ, strengthen our service to the outcast, and increase our love for one another.
Show us the transforming power of your grace in our life together, that we may be servants of the gospel, offering a compelling witness in the world to the good news
of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

 Welcome to Ministry

 Response: *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)*

Refrain

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?**

**I have heard you calling in the night.**

**I will go, Lord, if you lead me.**

**I will hold your people in my heart.**

 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: *No One Loves Me Like You* Jars of Clay

 \**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 275: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*  (verses 1, 2, 4)

**A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great,
And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side,
The man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus it is he.
Lord Sabaoth his name,
From age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.**

**That word above all earthly powers,
No thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also.
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.**

 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: Lois Stevenson, Blair Nelson

Musicians: Tom Anderson, Sean Salins; David Johnston, bagpipes

Greeter: Norm Ellsworth

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Ron Birchall, Steve Henkels, Chris Kozich

Flowers today are given in honor of Reformation Sunday and the beautiful handmade banners gracing the front of the sanctuary.

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. 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. each week Tuesday 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 31, 2021**

**Reformation Sunday**

Our faith tradition, the Presbyterian Church (USA), has a Book of Confessions. Together our 12 confessions help us answer the question “What does God call us to do and be in the world?” Our 12 confessions were written by many people in varied contexts. The Book of Confessions does not supplement the Bible; rather each confession is a response to the historical, political stresses of its time.

The core of these 12 confessions is:

* Conviction that Jesus Christ as the one truly human and truly divine Mediator, Lord, and Savior.
* Doctrine of the Trinity
* The Authority of Scripture
* The work of the Holy Spirit in the interpretation of the Scripture.
* The right preaching of Scripture and the right administration of the Sacraments
* God’s sovereign claim on not only our personal lives, but our lives together.
* We live our lives faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ, guided by Scripture, and seek to live as a church family faithful to God’s sovereign call on our lives as a church family.

As Protestant and Reformed Christians, we live by *Christ Alone*, *Grace Alone, Faith Alone,* and *Scripture Alone*. Scripture under the Lordship of Jesus Christ is our authority. The confessions are guides.

The most recent addition to the PCUSA constitution is the Confession of Belhar from South Africa. This confession requires us to ask the important gospel question, “Who is my neighbor?” For those of us who call Southminster Presbyterian home, that question is foundational as we seek to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to love neighbor as ourselves. We live to bless others, to invite others to belong, and to believe.

The PCUSA, our denomination in the Christian tradition, has 11 official banners for our confessions. Each banner represents a particular time in history and place to show how God’s people have tried to faithfully live as followers of Jesus Christ. At this time there is no official banner representing Belhar, but we at Southminster created one under the guidance of Betsy and Floyd Rogers, who split their time between Cape Town, South Africa, and Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

Today we will ordain and install an elder and a deacon who were unable to be present for the pervious ordination service. One of the beauties of our tradition is the call for both pastor and lay leadership to serve together. This polity, with pastor and lay leaders working together, is rare in many traditions and is one of the ways we love one another.

Let us bear the fruit of God’s love by praying not only for Christian unity but also for the peace and well-being for all people. In this way we truly are loving neighbor.

**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. Watch these announcements; we will request photo submissions for upcoming shows as we plan them.

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!

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**

**Youth**: No event this weekend. Enjoy trick or treating! Sleep Out Saturday (SOS) is coming November 6. Let Blair know that you will be a sleeper, if you have not already
told him.

**Sleep Out Saturday**:  You can support Southminster’s SOS sleepers and Bridge Communities’ transitional housing program that gets homeless families off the street and back on their feet. How do you do that?
Donate to support a sleeper through this link: <https://www.bridgecommunities.org/group128>
Sign up to be a sleeper by contacting Blair.
Or, do both!

**Christmas Program**: Southminster’s Christmas program will be pre-recorded as we did last year. We will be shooting parts during Sleep Out Saturday. So, if you wanna be a shepherd, join us and bring your dog – seriously! Contact Blair or Wendy for more information.

**From the Worship Ministry
We will observe All Saints Day next Sunday, 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 this 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 tomorrow, 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).

**From the Mission Ministry**Blair wrote about **Sleep Out Saturday (SOS)** in his Notes (above), but here is more info:
This fall, nearly 1,000 DuPage County community residents will spend a frosty night inside tents, boxes and cars to raise awareness about family homelessness and funds for [Bridge Communities' Transitional Housing Program](https://www.bridgecommunities.org/What-we-do/Programs-Services.html). Southminster youth and their families are participating… and you can help, too, by being a sponsor. To donate online, just go to <https://www.bridgecommunities.org/group128> and choose which sleeper or family of sleepers you want to sponsor.

It will soon be time for the People’s Resource Center’s annual **Share the Spirit** project, providing Christmas cheer to needy DuPage County families. Watch for information in Wednesday’s Dialog.
 **Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):
Thanks for the orders last Sunday! So far this year, the sale of Jubilee Bucks has earned Southminster $1,577.76 in “free” money.
Your next chances to order are November 7 and 21. During November we will have special ordering information in support of PRC’s Share the Spirit project – watch for details in Wednesday’s eNotes/Dialog.

**Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):
For 84 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 or 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 in honor of Reformation Sunday and the beautiful handmade banners gracing the front of the sanctuary.
**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:**
 - the family and many friends of longtime member Hal Ellinghausen, who died Thursday. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held at Southminster on Saturday, November 6, at 11:00 a.m.
 - prayers for Chris Kozich’s sister-in-law, Yasmin Kinton, on the death of her sister, Parveen Werner. Parveen died Thursday from pancreatic cancer.
 - the family of Frances DePasquale, who passed away after 101 wonderful years of life. She was Mark Swiss’s aunt.
 - 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 last week. Carolyn's mother is a friend of Chris Kozich’s.
 - the Zapel family on the death of Scott’s aunt, Rosemary Hunter, last week
 - 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
  - 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.**  - Marie Shepherd is now at Brookdale Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing in Lisle, 1800 Robin Lane, Room 212A, Lisle, IL 60532. Phone (630) 353-5709. Please call first before visiting.
  - Dave Zink, who is home now with hospice home health care. Please call before visiting.
 - Jeremy, who is struggling right now
 - Craig Allen, recuperating from surgery
  - Linda Wolf Jeziorski’s mother, Janet, who still needs tests
 - Linda Meester, having heart issues addressed at Rush
 - 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 November, 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 31 – *Reformation Sunday*
Bagpipes in the parking lot before and after the service!** **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)

*If you have an article, calendar item, or other information that you want included in the Dialog on Wednesday, please send it in* ***now****.***Monday, November 1** – Pastor’s Sabbath **Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** live on Facebook at 4:16 p.m. **Tuesday, November 2**
 A.A. at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall **Wednesday, November 3 – eNotes/Dialog will go out today
Thursday, November 4** Hawthorn Garden Club at noon in Fellowship Hall
**Friday, November 5**
 A.A. at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, November 6**
 **Service of Witness to the Resurrection for Hal Ellinghausen** at 11:00 a.m.
 **Sleep Out Saturday (SOS)** – overnight in Fellowship Hall and outdoors. Get details from Blair.
**Daylight Saving Time** ends at 2:00 a.m. Sunday, so remember to set your clocks
 to “fall back” one hour before you go to sleep on Saturday night!
**Next Sunday, November 7 – *All Saints Sunday*
Order Jubilee Bucks** by emailing bobbifrey@aol.com no later than 9:00 p.m.
 **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook
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