**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**24th Sunday after Pentecost or the 87th Sunday of Covid**

**All Saints Sunday**

**November 7, 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.

For those who are in the sanctuary, please put your phone in airplane mode.

Today we are having communion. Those at home may want to gather the elements (“bread” and “wine” or whatever you have) before the service begins.

 Gathering Music: *Come and Find the Quiet Center;
 God is Calling through the Whisper;* *God, Reveal Your Presence;
 Be Still and Know That I Am God*

 Our slideshow today is from the Glen Ellyn Interfaith Prayer “Breakfast,”
which was held outside on Wednesday, October 27, at Lake Ellyn.
Pastor Daniel Diss of the First United Methodist Church was the photographer.
Our pastor introduced the featured speaker, the Rev. Dr. James Shannon.

 Welcome, Announcements, and Moment for Mission

 Lighting the Christ Candle (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 (Psalm 46)

 Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

 **People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
     though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

 **All: We claim God’s words to us: “Be still, and know that I am God!”**

 Hymn 326: *For All the Saints* (verses 1, 2, 3, 5)

**For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

 Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**God, we are both saints and sinners. You see us as your beloved children, washed and born new by your mercy, living in the blessings of your grace. In all that we have done wrong, forgive us, please. Continue to mold us more and more into the image of Jesus Christ, in whose name 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 581: *Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;**

**World without end. Amen. Amen.**

 The Passing of the Peace

 Word with Children

 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 19:1-10

 1 Kings 19:11-18

 Revelation 21:1-5

 Sermon: “Rest in the Lord”

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison) ( Romans 8:38-39)

**For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor
things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

 Hymn 375: *Shall We Gather at the River*  (3 verses)

*This is Verse 1 in the Glory to God hymnal.*

**Shall we gather at the river,
Where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?**

**Yes, we’ll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.**

*This verse is not in the hymnal.*

**At the smiling of the river,
Mirror of the Savior's face,
Saints whom death will never sever
Lift their songs of saving grace.**

**Yes, we’ll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.**

*This is Verse 4 in the Glory to God hymnal.*

**Soon we’ll reach the shining river;
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace.**

**Yes, we’ll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.**

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

 Offertory: *Will the Circle Be Unbroken*

 \**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 Dedication

 Service of the Lord’s Supper

 Invitation

 [We extend an invitation to the Lord’s Supper to all who have been baptized. You do
 not need to be a member of this congregation or a Presbyterian to share in this meal.
 We remember that access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a
 privilege given to believers who come in faith, repentance, and love.]

 Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

 Leader: The Lord be with you.

 **People**: **And also with you.**

 Leader: Lift up your hearts.

 **People: We lift them to the Lord.**

 Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

 **People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

 *The minister gives thanks…*

 The congregation responds by singing together:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heav’n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

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 *The minister continues the Thanksgiving…*

 **According to Christ’s commandment**

 **We remember his death,**

 **We proclaim his resurrection,**

 **We await his coming in glory.**

*The minister continues with Intercessions for the Church and the World
and Prayers of the People…*

 Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

 **People**: **hear our prayers.**

 Our 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.**

 Words of Institution

 Communion

 Communion Music: *Your Long Journey*

 *The music during communion gives us time to reflect on God's love and grace found
 in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. When the music is finished, our pastor will invite
 everyone to partake by saying, “Take, eat, and drink, all of you.”*

 Prayer after Communion

 Hymn 836: *Abide with Me*  (verses 1, 3, 5)

**Abide with me: fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**I need thy presence every passing hour;
What but thy grace can foil the tempter’s power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.**

**Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

 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: Terry Kline, Blair Nelson

Musicians: Tom Anderson; Paul and Linda Wolf Jeziorski; Southminster Singers;
 Dave Johnston, bagpipes

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Ron Birchall, Steve Henkels, Chris Kozich

The flowers today are given by Tricia and Jim Smith in memory of Tricia’s mother, Mary.

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** will not meet this morning.

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>

**Slideshows help us feel connected!**Our pre worship slideshows are one way for our church family and friends to enrich our connections. We don’t need you to submit any photos this month, but keep watching for your next opportunity to share your photos with us all.

Would you like to be **in** a photo? Our slideshow on November 21 will be “We Miss You.” We have a banner with the phrase “We Miss You.” Call Wendy before November 18 if you would like to have your photo taken with the banner.

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**
November has now begun, and we are starting to tally up the pledges for 2022. Many thanks to all who have turned in their pledges. If we have not received yours, there is still time to turn it in. Since our finance ministry bases next year’s budget on the total amount of pledges made, it is important for us to receive your best estimate of what you will be giving to Southminster in 2022 as soon as possible.

You may complete a paper pledge card and drop it off – or mail it – to Southminster. Or, you may communicate your confidential pledge directly to Chris Kozich, by email (kintonck@gmail.com) or by telephone or text (630-673-4286).

Southminster is thankful for you!

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**

**Youth**: We’ve had enough for this weekend, after sleeping outdoors last night! Next Sunday it will be Pizza & Games at our new time: 4:00-6:00 p.m.

**Sleep Out Saturday**:  You can support our group that slept outdoors last night and also support 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 one or more of our sleepers through this link: <https://www.bridgecommunities.org/group128>

**From the Mission Ministry
Share the Spirit: Making the holidays happier for neighbors in need**

For over 25 years, People’s Resource Center’s (PRC) Share the Spirit program has invited our most vulnerable neighbors throughout DuPage to experience holiday shopping for their families at the DuPage County Fairgrounds. Southminster is once again supporting Share the Spirit by asking for **donations of gift cards (which you can purchase through Jubilee Bucks), hats, mittens, gloves, and family games**.

1) Southminster’s Share the Spirit collection will run from Sunday, November 7, to noon on Sunday, November 28. There will be a special form for ordering Jubilee Bucks on November 7 and 21; you’ll see that form in the Friday emails with the bulletins or you can pick one up from church before emailing your order to Bobbi Frey. The PRC is requesting $10 and $25 gift cards from Amazon, Jewel, Target, and Walmart. (See the blurb about ordering Jubilee Bucks below.)

2)  There will be a decorated box in the vestibule where you can drop off hats, mittens, gloves, and family games during this same time period, November 7 to noon on the 28th.

 **From the Worship Ministry**

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).

**Presbyterian Readers** will meet on Wednesday, November 17, at 7:00 via Zoom to discuss *Surviving Savannah* by Patti Callahan. To join the book discussion, use the following link:

[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86861724721?pwd=TE0yYXZGZUtUNkdvYWh4UEhaTFc0dz09)

Meeting ID: 868 6172 4721 Passcode: 600865

The same Zoom link is good for the entire year.

**Women’s Circle** will not meet this month.

**Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):
In November you will have two opportunities to order Jubilee Bucks: November 7 and 21. These are also your opportunities to order gift cards for Share the Spirit (STS), the PRC’s family holiday gift event. Gift cards to support this program include both $10 and $25 cards for Amazon, Jewel, Target, and Walmart. All you need to do when you order Jubilee Bucks is designate which cards are for STS – those cards will be collected and delivered directly to STS. (Cards you order for yourself will be delivered to you as usual.) On November 7 and 21 you can order by emailing bobbifrey@aol.com no later than 9:00 p.m.

Regular order forms and the special Share the Spirit order forms are available at church and will be attached every Friday to the emails that contain the worship bulletins.

**Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):
Every week since the pandemic began, Bobbi has made deliveries of food, household products, cleaning supplies, and toiletries to PRC! The support from the members of this church has been amazing! More new clients are signing up at PRC, so there is a definite, continuing need for food, cleaning supplies, and personal products. Donations can be left in the box in the entryway of church or on the Freys’ front porch. Thanks to everyone 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 given by Tricia and Jim Smith in memory of Tricia’s mother, Mary.
**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 October 28. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection/Celebration of Life was held at Southminster yesterday.
  - the family and friends of another longtime member, Dave Zink, who died November 1. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held at Southminster on Saturday, November 20, 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 October 28 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. Carolyn's mother is a friend of Chris Kozich’s.
  - the Zapel family on the death of Scott’s aunt, Rosemary Hunter
  - 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:**
 - Jonathan Meester, who is very ill with Covid
 - Rev. Del Meester, who has tested positive for Covid but has no symptoms
  - 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.
  - Jeremy, who is struggling right now
  - Craig Allen, recuperating from surgery
  - Linda Wolf Jeziorski’s mother, Janet, who still needs tests
  - Linda Meester
  - 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 will be in the office most Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings (8:45-11:00 most days) now that her son has resumed part-time attendance at his day program. (Note the change from Thursday to Wednesday; additional changes may be made based on the scheduling at the day program.)

Grace and peace to you! 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.

**Dates to remember this week:**
**Sunday, November 7 – *All Saints Sunday*
Bagpipes in the parking lot before and after the service
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
 **Outdoor Fellowship** following the service for those who worship in person
  **Online** **Fellowship** at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom
 **Adult Ed**. **Bible Study** will not meet today
**Monday, November 8** – Pastor’s Sabbath **Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** live on Facebook at 4:16 p.m. **Tuesday, November 9**
 **Knitting Circle** meets at 10:00 a.m.in the Parlor

 **Deacons** meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Parlor

 A.A. at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall **Wednesday, November 10** **Property Ministry** meets at 7:00 p.m.
**Friday, November 12**
 A.A. at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, November 13**
 **Service of Witness to the Resurrection for Joe Eberhardt** at 2:00 p.m.
**Next Sunday, November 14** **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** meets at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom

 **Youth: Pizza & Games** at our new time 4:00-6:00 p.m.