**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**26th Sunday after Pentecost or the 89th Sunday of Covid**

***Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday***

**November 21, 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: *Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart;
 Now Thank We All Our God; Come, Ye Thankful People, Come;*

 *Let All Things Now Living*

Our slideshow today is “Bridge Communities Sleep Out Saturday.”

 Welcome, Announcements, Moment for Mission

 Lighting the Candles (Isaiah 60:1)

**Arise; shine; for your light has come,**

**And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

 Improvisational Prelude: *We Gather Together*

 Call to Worship (Psalm 118:24)

 Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!

 **People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it,**

 **All:** **For our Lord reigns!**

 Hymn 37: *Let All Things Now Living* (verse 1)

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.
God’s banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.**

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 Prayer of Confession:

**Beloved God, you have blessed us, but often we forget all the many ways you have touched our lives. You ask us to share love and life, but we are haunted by scarcity.
Help us to look to you and trust your faithfulness in plenty and in want. Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

 (Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

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

 Leader: The Lord is compassionate and gracious;

 **People: The Lord is slow to anger, abounding in love.**

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

 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.**

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 The Passing of the Peace

 Word with Children Caroline Linde

 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: Isaiah 9:1-7

 John 8:12

 Sermon: “A Word from the Lord: Isaiah”

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison) from *The Confession of 1967*

**With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.**

 Hymn: *We Will Feast in the House of Zion* (verse 2)

**We will feast in the house of Zion,
We will sing with our hearts restored.
He has done great things, we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more.**

**In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long
O God of Jacob, be my strength.**

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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: *Lead On, O King Eternal*

 \**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 Medley

#336 *We Gather Together* (verse 3)

**We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
And pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!**

#367 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* (verse 4)

**Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
There forever purified, in thy presence to abide:
Come, with all thine angels, come; raise the glorious harvest home.**

#643 *Now Thank We All Our God* (verse 2)

**O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in God’s grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world in the next.**

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 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, David Kozich

Worship Associate: David Kozich

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

Flowers today are given by the Brineys celebrating Sue’s birthday.

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. In inclement weather (as determined by the Moderator of Deacons and the Pastor), fellowship will be in the narthex. No food or drinks will be served in the narthex at this time, and everyone will need to remain masked and distanced.

If you are online, join us for **Zoom fellowship** at 10:30 a.m. following the worship service. Lynn Ferino is hosting this week. Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73261558795?pwd=RnRtbUZzaWJZeEVnekR6SW50L1cxUT09>
No meeting ID or password needed.
 **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. (Because of Thanksgiving, Wendy will host Heart to Heart only on Tuesday and Wednesday this week.)

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 – November 21, 2021**

**Christ the King Sunday and Love of Neighbor**

It’s not often that we have scripture in our Bearing Fruit, but with the themes of Sleep Out Saturday, Women’s Thank Offering, and Christ the King, it is fitting for this before-Thanksgiving weekend.

From Matthew, Chapter 25:

***31****“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory.****32****All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats,****33****and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.****34****Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world;****35****for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,****36****I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’****37****Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?****38****And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?****39****And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’****40****And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family,] you did it to me.’*

Our special music today is *Lead On, O King Eternal* in recognition of Christ the King or the Reign of Christ Sunday. We may not be comfortable with “King” language, but one idea is how we owe our allegiance to Christ who came to set us all free from death.

The Sunday before Thanksgiving we also collect the Presbyterian Women’s Thank Offering, which is not only an expression of our gratitude to God but also a way for our gratitude to touch the lives of others with God’s love.

On November 6 our youth and adults slept outside and raised money for Bridge Communities’ Sleep Out Saturday. They not only learned about homelessness in DuPage County but experienced firsthand what it might be like to be homeless overnight. This year they collected $2,665. Our slideshow is in recognition of that event. Good work, Youth!

The question that we answer each week in Bearing Fruit is How will we live faithfully as followers of Christ and bear the fruit of God’s love? These are two examples of loving neighbor. Maybe next year we can once again enjoy our fellowship with Thanksgiving pie as we enjoy our love for one another face to face.

**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.

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.

 **Easter Saturday Celebration Task Force: Visioning Meeting**Although we have not yet celebrated Thanksgiving, Christmas, or the New Year, it is the time of year that we begin to plan for our Easter Saturday Celebration. You are invited to a “visioning” meeting today at 11:15 a.m. downstairs in Fellowship Hall.
The Task Force is not connected to any ministry. The most important goals for the meeting are to have a solid, agreed-upon purpose statement, figure out how the task force will report to session, and agree upon who will submit communications to the congregation.

Pastor Wendy will lead this first meeting but plans to stand back after that. You can still count on her sharing the story of the Resurrection on Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday! And you will have many opportunities to volunteer to help between now and next Easter Saturday.

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**

**Youth & Families**: Our **Fall Family Hike** is today. Meet at 2:00 p.m. at Herrick Lake Forest Preserve – meet at the parking lot accessed from Herrick Road just south of Butterfield Road. I will bring a thermos of hot chocolate, but that won’t be enough for everyone. Can someone else bring some, too? It should be cloudy with some chance of rain, temperatures in the 40s. Dress for the weather. See you all there. Please let Blair know that you are coming.

Also, be sure to have Dec. 3-4 marked on your calendar for **our annual** **Charlie Brown Christmas Party and Lock-In**. Yes, we are going to spend the whole night at the church, watching Charlie Brown and other videos, making an ugly tree beautiful, playing games, and snacking. Lots of fun!

**Young Adults: A new event – “Around the Firepit”**
Tacos before Turkey is being replaced this year by a marshmallow roast around a fire pit in Wendy and Blair’s backyard! Join us next Wednesday, November 24, between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. Just come around to the back yard. The gate is on the right side of the house. We are at 2S172 Huntington Pl., Glen Ellyn. Looking forward to catching up with you all.  **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 just until noon next Sunday, November 28. There will be a special form for ordering Jubilee Bucks – your last chance is today, November 21. You will find the special order form in the Friday email with the bulletin 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 just until noon on the 28th.

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

**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).

**Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):
Order today, November 21! ***This is also your last opportunity to order gift cards through Jubilee Bucks 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 together to STS. (Cards you order for yourself will be delivered to you as usual.) Email bobbifrey@aol.com no later than 9:00 p.m. today.

Regular order forms and the special Share the Spirit order forms are available at church and are attached on Friday to the email that contains 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, so please keep those donations coming. Items 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 the Brineys celebrating Sue’s birthday.
 **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 the people of Haiti, Ethiopia, Nicaragua, 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 friends of longtime member Marie Shepherd, who died November 10. A private memorial for family and friends was held on Friday afternoon. Condolence cards can be mailed to Marie’s daughter, Joni Spata, at 22W155 2nd Street, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137.
 - the family and friends of Dave Zink, who died on November 1. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection was held at Southminster yesterday.
 - the family and friends of Betsy Rogers, who died November 11 in South Africa. There will likely be a memorial service for her at some time in the future.
 - Prayers for Susan and Alan Galle in the death of Susan’s mother, Patricia “Pat” Colleen Fiorentino, on November 6. The Galles’ address is 4659 White Oak Lane, Mount Pleasant, WI 53403.
 - the family and friends of Dow Nichol, a dear church friend of Barb’s, who died November 5
 - the family of Joe Eberhardt, who died September 16. A service for Joe was held at last weekend.
  - the family and many friends of Hal Ellinghausen, who died October 28
 - 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 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
 - Harlene Sperling, a friend of the Boden-Nelson family

**We pray for all who are infected with and/or affected by COVID:**
  - Jonathan and Del Meester have recovered from 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.**
  - Jeremy, who is struggling right now
  - Linda Wolf Jeziorski’s mother, Janet, who still needs tests
  - Linda Meester is now situated in memory care
  - Judith, a friend of the Ellsworths, who has continuing health and financial issues
  - Bill Curry and Gretchen Fleming
  - people who struggle with depression
  - people struggling with difficult family concerns

**We pray for those who are far from home:**  - Luke Anderson is now home. Alleluia! Now he’s in the market for a cheap car.

**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) while her son attends his day program part-time. (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 21
Order Jubilee Bucks gift cards** by 9:00 p.m. by emailing bobbifrey@aol.com  **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook, **Thank Offering** collected
 **Fellowship** at 10:30 a.m.(outdoors, if weather permits) following the service for those who worship in person. If weather is bad, fellowship will be in the narthex, masked and distanced.
  **Online** **Fellowship** at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom
 **Adult Ed**. **Bible Study** meets at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom
 **Easter Saturday Celebration Visioning Meeting** at 11:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
 **Youth & Families: Fall Hike** at Herrick Lake. Meet at 2:00 p.m. at the parking lot off Herrick Road just south of Butterfield.
**Monday, November 22 – Pastor’s Sabbath**
**Tuesday-Wednesday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** live on Facebook at 4:16 p.m. (This week Heart to Heart will be on Tuesday and Wednesday only because of Thanksgiving.)
**Tuesday, November 23**
 A.A. at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, November 24**eNotes go out, but it’s also the **deadline for the December Dialog**
 **Young Adults: Gather Around the Fire Pit** from 6-8:00 p.m. in Wendy and Blair’s back yard
**Thursday, November 25 – Thanksgiving Day** *“Praise God from whom all blessings flow!”***Friday, November 26** A.A. at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall **Next Sunday, November 28
Donations for Share the Spirit are due by noon**
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