**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**1st Sunday of Advent or the 90th Sunday of Covid**

**November 28, 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: Thanksgiving Medley

Our slideshow today is “Our Thanksgiving.”

 Welcome, Announcements, Moment for Mission

 Prelude: *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

 Lighting the Advent Wreath

 Lighters: We light this candle as a sign of the light of Christ.
 Advent means coming.

 **All:** **Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

 Response (sung to the tune *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*)

**Candles glowing, promise showing
the great hope that calms our fears.**

**Darkness scatters, worry shatters,
Christ will always draw us near.**

**Calms our sighing, hears our crying,
helps our trying, love undying –**

**Christ will always draw us near.**

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 5 Call to Worship (Isaiah 2:4)

 Leader: Let us prepare for the days

 **People: When the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares;**

 Leader: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

 **All:** **Neither shall we learn war any more.**

 Hymn 106: *Prepare the Way, O Zion* (verses 1, 2)

**Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!**

**Let every hill and valley a level way appear.**

**Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.**

**Oh, blest is Christ who came in God’s most holy name.**

**He brings God’s rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above.**

**His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.**

**Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.**

**Oh, blest is Christ who came in God’s most holy name.**

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Music: *Then Swenska Psalmboken*, 1697

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 Prayer of Confession:

**Lord God, you wait for us to turn and come home to you in Jesus Christ. There are hurts that we have caused to family, friends, and coworkers. There are people we deem impossible to love. Forgive us and lead us in humility, so that your light and love may be revealed in us as we seek to live faithful lives. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and savior, who has given us the gift of grace. Amen.**

 (Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

 Declaration of the Grace of God/Assurance of Pardon (Jer. 33:14a, 15; Rom. 13:11)

 Leader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord,
 when I will fulfill the promise.

 **People: Salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed;**

 Leader: The night is far gone, the day is near.

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

 Response 314: *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness* (refrain)

**Christ, be our light!**

**Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.**

**Christ be our light!**

**Shine in your church gathered today.**

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 The Passing of the Peace

 Word with Children Meredith Perkinson

 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: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

 John 14:27

 Sermon: “The Word of the Lord: Jeremiah”

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

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)
 from *A Brief Statement of Faith (11.1-11.4)*

**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 100: *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout* (verses 1, 4) ]

**My soul cries out with a joyful shout**

**That the God of my heart is great**

**And my spirit sings of the wondrous things**

**That you bring to the ones who wait.**

**You fixed your sight on your servant’s plight,**

**And my weakness you did not spurn,**

**So from east to west shall my name be blest.**

**Could the world be about to turn?**

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring**

**Let the fires of your justice burn.**

**Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,**

**And the world is about to turn.**

**Though the nations rage from age to age,**

**We remember who holds us fast:**

**God’s mercy must deliver us**

**From the conqueror’s crushing grasp.**

**This saving word that our forebears heard**

**Is the promise which holds us bound,**

**Till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,**

**Who is turning the world around.**

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring**

**Let the fires of your justice burn.**

**Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,**

**And the world is about to turn.**

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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: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

 Offering Response 123: *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* (verse 5)

**For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,**

**When with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,**

**When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,**

**And the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.**

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 Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

 Hymn 105: *People, Look East* (verses 1, 5)

**People, look east. The time is near**

**Of the crowning of the year.**

**Make your house fair as you are able;**

**Trim the hearth and set the table.**

**People look east and sing today:**

**Love, the Guest, is on the way.**

**Angels announce with shouts of mirth**

**Christ who brings new life to earth.**

**Set every peak and valley humming**

**With the word, the Lord is coming.**

**People, look east and sing today:**

**Love, the Lord, is on the way.**

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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: *March* G. F. Handel

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden

Liturgists: Lynn Ferino, Blair Nelson

Guest Musician: Cindy Trowbridge, Southminster Singers

Advent Candles: Will and Meredith Perkinson

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Steve Henkels, Chris Kozich

Flowers today are given by the Bohis celebrating Dan’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. 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 – November 28, 2021**

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

One of the ways that Southminster bears the fruit of God’s love is through Share the Spirit. For over 25 years, People’s Resource Center’s (PRC) Share the Spirit program has invited our neighbors throughout DuPage to experience holiday shopping for their families at the DuPage County Fairgrounds. For some, these are the only Christmas gifts that they will receive.

Southminster is once again supporting Share the Spirit by asking for **donations of gift cards hats, mittens, gloves, and family games**. When we arrive with the gifts you have donated, the staff at PRC treats us like Saint Nicholas. We come through in a way that many larger congregations don’t.

Christmas comes early with Share the Spirit – today, Sunday, November 28! At noon today, members of the Mission Ministry will collect what has been donated by you. This includes 123 gift cards purchased through Jubilee Bucks totaling $2,340!

Together we partner with PRC in loving our neighbors.

**Welcome, Cindy Trowbridge!**

Our Music Director is away, so we welcome Cindy Trowbridge as our accompanist today. Cindy performs as a collaborative pianist in recitals and competitions throughout the Chicago area. A member of the piano faculty at the College of DuPage, she teaches private and class piano and serves as staff accompanist. Cindy also does extensive work as an accompanist for vocal and instrumental studios and recitals at Wheaton College. She is the principal pianist for Credo Flute summer festival, and has been the pianist for DuPage Opera Theater and music director for Wheaton College’s Opera Music Theater program.

**Slideshows help us feel connected!**Our pre worship slideshows are one way for our church family and friends to enrich our connections. Here are some other slideshows for which we would like your contributions:
 Christmas Eve (Dec. 24): Christmas trees
 December 26: Celebrating Christmas
Send photos to either Blair Nelson (blair@southminsterpc.org) or David Kozich (kozichd1@gmail.com) by December 21 for Christmas trees and as soon as you can get them sent for the 26th.

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

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**

**Youth**: No activity today. Be sure to have Dec. 3-4 marked on your calendar for **our annual** **Charlie Brown Christmas Party and Lock-In**. More on this later.
 **From the Mission Ministry
Share the Spirit: Making the holidays happier for neighbors in need**

Our collection ends at noon today – Sunday, November 28!

**Women’s Christmas Luncheon**!
All women of Southminster are invited to our annual Christmas Luncheon Friday, December 17, at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

We are ordering box lunches\*, which cost $15 each – choose your sandwich: turkey, beef, or vegie. Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements – we want you to be able to eat your box lunch! To order your box lunch, please call Louanne Jourdan (630-793-9338) or Linda Ellinghausen (630-469-9039) **by Friday, December 10**. We cannot take orders after that. You may pay Linda at the luncheon.

Karen and Tim Archbold will entertain us again with beautiful Christmas music.

We will all be socially distanced, but it will be wonderful to get together again and to spread a little holiday cheer!

\* The box lunches will be furnished by Royal Gorge Catering.

 **From the Worship Ministry**

Do you have someone or something you would like to remember by providing **flowers for the December 5 worship service**? Flower arrangements are $30; sign up on the chart in the narthex or contact Sarah Allen (630-988-8231 or ridesrowdy@aol.com).

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):
Wow! What an order we filled this past week for Jubilee Bucks! In all, 201 gift cards were ordered! This gave us $225.48 in “free money” for the church! Our total earned to date is $1,912.79! Many, many thanks to those who supported Share the Spirit by purchasing gift cards. In total, church members purchased 123 cards totaling $2,340 to help make Christmas brighter for many families!

In December there will be 2 days to order Jubilee Bucks to help with your own Christmas shopping. They are December 5 and 19.

**Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):
It is amazing how many donations of food, paper products, toiletries, cleaning supplies and diapers we get on a weekly basis! All are greatly appreciated and definitely needed and used, 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 Bohis celebrating Dan’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:**
 - Lanny Russell and family on the death of his cousin, Jerry Dole, after a 15-year battle with cancer. Jerry was the Assistant Fire Chief of the Manteno Fire Department.
  - the family and friends of Betsy Rogers, who died November 11 in South Africa. At the end of these Care Notes you will find an invitation to a Zoom gathering to celebrate Betsy’s life.
  - the family and friends of other long-time members, whose services have been held: Hal Ellinghausen, Dave Zink, and Marie Shepherd
  - 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.
  - 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:**
  - 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
  - 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

**An invitation from the Rogers family**:
Our beloved Betsy/Mom/Gogo left this Earth on 11 November.
**We invite you to a celebration of her life** on Monday, 06 December, which would have been her 80th birthday.
This celebration will be fully online to accommodate attendees from both South Africa and the United States, her two homes. Please **note your appropriate time zone**, add this to your calendar, and bring yourselves, your memories, your love and laughter. There will be ample opportunity to share your reflections and memories of Betsy.
Feel free to forward this invite to anyone who might be interested in attending.
Love,
Floyd, Becky, Kurt and Zane
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Details as follows:
Topic: Betsy Celebration
Time: Monday, Dec 6, 2021 05:00 PM Cape Town time (UTC+2) = **09:00 AM Chicago time** (UTC -6)

Join Zoom Meeting
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/78498012253?pwd=VFdwREVoc0ZTYnpvK0QzeGhFYmJmZz09](https://protect-za.mimecast.com/s/-Ei-CZ4GJ0iBEOXrCzslcY)

Meeting ID: 784 9801 2253
Passcode: 544487

**If you would like to watch with church friends, gather in the Southminster sanctuary on Monday, December 6, and we will watch together with Zoom projected on the big screen. Please be here by 8:45 a.m. so we will all be settled before the Zoom stream begins at 9:00.**

**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); in December call Deacon Angela Smith (630-235-1376). 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:**
***If you have anything you want to be published in the December 1 eNotes/Dialog, send it in now.*Sunday, November 28 – *1st Sunday of Advent*
Donations for Share the Spirit are due by noon**
 **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook
 **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
**Monday, November 29 – Pastor’s Sabbath**
**Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** live on Facebook at 4:16 p.m.

**Tuesday, November 30**
 A.A. at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday, December 1
December 1 eNotes/Dialog goes out**
**Friday, December 3** A.A. at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Friday-Saturday, December 3-4
 Youth: Charlie Brown Christmas Lock-In** – get details from Blair **Next Sunday, December 5 – *2nd Sunday of Advent*
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**Monday, December 6
 9:00 a.m. Chicago Time – a Celebration of Betsy Rogers’ life via Zoom streamed from South Africa**
Watch at home via the link in the announcement following Care Notes (above) or come to Southminster and watch on the screen in the sanctuary with other friends. ***If you come to the church to watch, please be here by 8:45 a.m.***