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| We listen | We pass the peace | We read along | We give our offering of time, talent and treasure | We stand | We sing if we are at home | We pray | We respond | We participate  in the Word  with Children | We take com-munion |

(Kids – use your worship packet and the tools listed at the end of the bulletin to do all these things.)

**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**2nd Sunday of Christmas or the 95th Sunday of Covid**

**January 2, 2022**

**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.

**** 1 Gathering Music: *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy;   
 Listen, God Is Calling;* *I Come with Joy;  
 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

**** Our slideshow today is “Meet Grayson Van Camp.”

2 Welcome and Announcements

**** 3 Improvisational Prelude

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4 Lighting the Candles (John 1:14)

**The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
full of grace and truth.**

**** 5 Call to Worship (Isaiah 60:1-6)

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come,   
        and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

**People: For darkness shall cover the earth,   
        and thick darkness the peoples;   
   but the LORD will arise upon you,   
        and his glory will appear over you.**

Leader: Nations shall come to your light,   
        and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

**People: Lift up your eyes and look around;   
        they all gather together, they come to you;   
   your sons shall come from far away,   
        and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses’ arms.**

Leader: Then you shall see and be radiant;   
        your heart shall thrill and rejoice,   
   because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,   
        the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

**People: A multitude of camels shall cover you,   
        the young camels of Midian and Ephah;   
        all those from Sheba shall come.   
   They shall bring gold and frankincense,   
        and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.**

**** 6 Hymn 109: *Blest Be the God of Israel* (verses 1, 3)

**Blest be the God of Israel,  
who comes to set us free;  
who visits redeems us.  
who grants us liberty.  
The prophets spoke of mercy,  
of freedom and release  
God shall fulfill that promise  
and bring the people peace.**

**On those who sit in darkness  
the sun begins to rise,  
the dawning of forgiveness  
upon the sinner's eyes.  
God guides the feet of pilgrims  
Along the paths of peace.  
O bless our God and Savior  
with songs that never cease.**

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**** 7 Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Forgive us, O God, when we limit you –  
When we remake you in our image,  
When we claim our causes as your own,  
When we box you in,  
And explain you away,  
And in our attempts at understanding, whittle away all mystery.  
Forgive us for our human impulses, and change us:  
Awaken us to your blinding glory,  
Confound us by your love,  
Shower us with grace so that we will be made new,  
Recreated in your image,  
Grateful for all that we cannot know.  
In the name of Christ, who brought us closer to you, we pray. Amen.**

(Confession written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, “Hold Fast to What Is Good.” Used with permission.)

(Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

**** 8 Declaration of the Grace of God/Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, let us proclaim the Good News:.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

Leader: Let us go out into the world as people made new by God.

**All: Alleluia! Amen.**

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**** 9 Response 134: *Joy to the World* (verse 3)

**No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.**

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10 The Passing of the Peace



11 Word with Children Rev. Grayson Van Camp

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.

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12 Prayer for Illumination

13 Scripture Lessons: Hebrews 2:10-18

John 1:35-51



14 Sermon: “So Now What?”

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

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

****16 Hymn 130: *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light*

**Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light,  
And usher in the morning,  
You shepherds, shudder not with fright,  
But hear the angel's warning.  
This child, now weak in infancy,  
Our confidence and joy shall be,  
The power of Satan breaking,  
Our peace eternal making.**

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Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

****17 Offertory: *See Amid the Winter’s Snow* Edward Caswell (1858), John Goss (1871)

****18 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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19 Prayer of Dedication

Service of the Lord’s Supper

20 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.]

21 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.**

22 *The minister gives thanks…*

23 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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24 *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.**

****Children, draw or write something you would like to say to God in prayer this morning.   
If you want to share it with the church, you may also leave a message   
on the church phone line.

Words of Institution

**** Communion

25 Communion Music: *New Year’s Carol*  Traditional

**** *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.”*

26 Prayer after Communion

****27 Hymn 152: *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright*  (verses 1, 4)

**What star is this, with beams so bright,  
More lovely than the noonday light?  
'Tis sent to announce a newborn king,  
Glad tidings of our God to bring.**

**O Jesus, while the star of grace  
Impels us on to seek your face,  
Let not our slothful hearts refuse  
The guidance of your light to use.**

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****28 Charge and Benediction

Leader: Now go and serve the Lord,  
 **People: For we are blessed to be a blessing!** **All: Alleluia! Amen!**

****29 Postlude

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Guest preacher: Rev. Grayson Van Camp

Liturgist: Lynn Ferino

Worship Host: Lanny Russell

Musicians: Tom Anderson; James Van Camp

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Ron Birchall, Steve Henkels, Chris Kozich

The flowers today are given by Lanny Russell in celebration of Johnny’s birthday.

**Good Morning to our Children:**

To complete all the activities in this worship folder you will need:

* ears to hear
* a mouth to sing
* hands to fold
* eyes to read
* a brain to think
* a worship kit including:
  + something to color with – crayons, markers or colored pencils
  + something to write with, like a pen or pencil
  + something to write on, like a table or a clipboard
  + scissors and tape

If you would like a worship kit for your child, please contact Pastor Wendy ([wendy@southminsterpc.org](mailto:wendy@southminsterpc.org)) and one will come to you!

**A Guide to Our Worship Symbols**

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| Ear | **We listen**: “Basically, the sermon is God’s dynamic, eternal Word spoken to us in such a way that we might hear what God has to say to us and be encouraged to follow the Lord  in faith. |
| Dove | **We pass the peace**: “…We greet one another with the peace of Christ as common forgiven sinners. As we are forgiven, so we forgive. This is also a good time to reconcile with those family members who drove us crazy trying to get to church on time, church members with whom we have tensions, or people we're not so happy to see.” |
| Open book | **We read along**: “God’s Word comes to us in many ways—through scripture, special music, sermons. Listen for God's eternal Word addressing you with good news about the Lord’s love for you and all people.” |
|  | **We give our offering of time, talent, and treasure**: “This is the time when we give ourselves, all that we are, and all that we have, to God’s service. As a symbol of what is of value to us, we make an offering… to promote the gospel.” |
| Man with kid | **We stand**: “We stand as a way of saying, “This is where I stand,” and as a way of standing in continuity with the people of God of ages past…” |

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| Music notes | **We sing**: “…We sing praise with hearts and minds (even if that's a little out of tune), just enjoying God for who God is. As we open up the pathways of breath to sing praise, we make space for the Spirit breath to fill us.” Even if we simply listen and read the words, we are praising God. | |
|  | | **We pray**: The first thing we do is pray—for our world, the church, other people, and ourselves. The prayer is our prayer as a church. One person may pray for us, but we are all praying together as one in our hearts, continuing Christ’s ministry of prayer for the world.” |
| Pencil | | **We respond**: Responding by writing or drawing helps us remember what we are hearing and is a chance to express our beliefs. |
| Children | | **We participate in the Word with Children**: It is called the Word WITH Children because the whole church is invited to listen with the fresh, faith-filled ears of children to the proclaimed message. |
|  | | **We share communion.** The Lord’s Supper not only nourishes, it also teaches, and we learn about communion by participating in it. Even very young children can sense that the Lord’s Supper is a special meal to be received with respect, and they can share a deep sense of belonging to the forgiving, accepting, loving community of the church. Parents or guardians may decide when their children have reached this point and are ready to celebrate communion. |

Quotations for our Worship Symbols Guide are taken from *Our Order of Worship* by Teresa Lockhart Stricklen, Associate for Worship, Presbyterian Church (USA), found at <https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/theologyandworship/pdfs/order_of_worship_brochure_dec_2008.pdf>. Edited.