**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**2nd Sunday of Advent or the 91st Sunday of Covid**

**December 5, 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: *Spirit of God; Where the Spirit of the Lord Is;   
 O Holy Spirit, Root of Life;* *She Comes Sailing on the Wind;  
 Spirit, Now Live in Me; O God, Who Gives Life;  
 God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian; Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

Our slideshow today is “Fall Season” – photos by Carol McHaley.

Welcome, Announcements, and Moment for Mission

Improvisational Prelude

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   
Holy peace so still and bright.**

**New tomorrow, free from sorrow -**

**Living in Christ’s Holy Light.**

**Shunning violence, loving neighbor,**

**Joy of silence, trust our savior -**

**Living in Christ’s Holy Light,**

**Living in Christ’s Holy Light.**

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Call to Worship (Isaiah 35:1)

Leader: Let us prepare for the days

**People: When the wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,**

Leader: The desert shall rejoice and blossom;

**People: Like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly**

**All: And rejoice with joy and singing.**

Hymn 82: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* (both verses)

**Come, though long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;**

**From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.**

**Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;**

**Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,**

**Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;**

**By thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.**

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Prayer of Confession: (unison) (edited Jamie Bames)

**Lord God, we praise you for sending light into the world. Yet we confess that we live as though the light did not defeat the darkness. We ignore the Savior you sent to be among us and the Spirit which lives within us. We’ve kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season. Help us yearn for his coming each moment in our waiting hearts. Forgive us for not opening our eyes to Jesus. Prepare us for His return. Help us rejoice in the light that illumines the darkened places in our hearts. 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 (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 Janey Sarther

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: Ezekiel 37:1, 3-4, 7-14

John 14:16-18

Sermon: “A Word from the Lord: Ezekiel”

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!”**

Hymn 102: *Savior of the Nations, Come*  (verses 1, 4)

**Savior of the nations, come;**

**Virgin’s son, make here your home.**

**Marvel now, O heaven and earth,**

**That the Lord chose such a birth,**

**Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,**

**Virgin’s son, incarnate Word!**

**To the holy Trinity**

**Praise we sing eternally.**

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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 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: *Abide with Me*    
 Matt Maher, Matt Redman, Jason Ingram, and David Crowder

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*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 107: *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*  (verses 3, 4)

**In darkest night his coming shall be,When all the world is despairing, As morning light so quiet and free,So warm and gentle and caring.Then shall the mute break forth in song,The lame shall leap in wonder,The weak be raised above the strong,And weapons be broken asunder.**

**Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night. Though dark the winter and cheerless,The rising sun shall crown you with light;Be strong and loving and fearless.Love be our song and love our prayer,And love, our endless story;May God fill every day we shareAnd bring us at last into glory.**

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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  
Advent candles: Terry and Ginny Kline

Musicians: Tom Anderson; Paul Jeziorski; Elise Henkels

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Ron Birchall, Steve Henkels, Chris Kozich

The flowers today are given by the Perkinsons “for love and joy of our blended family.”.

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.

We usually have **Zoom fellowship** at 10:30 a.m. following the worship service, but not today. Our potential hosts have a choir rehearsal. Zoom fellowship will be back next Sunday with Paul Jeziorski as host. (The link will be in next week’s bulletin.)  
 **Sunday Morning Adult Ed. Bible Study:** We are looking at 1 John – a message of love and light. Join us from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. 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 – December 5, 2021**

**Energy, Intelligence, imagination and love!**

**Seeking to follow Jesus, Love Neighbors, and work for the Reconciliation of the World.**

Generally, our Bearing Fruit is written in the third person, but this Sunday I would like to personally thank all our officers, the Elders and Deacons, for their faithful service during the pandemic. To be an officer is different than other volunteer opportunities we may pursue in any civic organization. The expectation is that they will not only go about their tasks, but they will regularly pray for the church and listen for God’s leading.

Below are the Constitutional Questions for Elders and Deacons. There are two that really hit me hard when I answer them:#6 and #8. I believe that our officers have sought to fulfill those two questions to the very best of their abilities in 2020, 2021, and now as we look at 2022. Please keep our officers in your prayers. Of course, I could use a little prayer myself.   
  
In Christ’s love,

Pastor Wendy Boden

Here are the questions we ask when we ordain officers:

**Constitutional Questions for Elders and Deacons**

**Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

1. Do you trust in Jesus Christ your savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

2. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God’s word to you?

3. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

4. Will you fulfil your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

5. Will you be governed by our church’s polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them subject to the ordering of God’s Word and Spirit?

6. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your, neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

7. Do you promise to further peace, unity, and purity of the church?

8. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

9. (For ruling elder) Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

10. (for deacon) Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people’s help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

11. (for teaching elder) Will you be a faithful teaching elder, proclaiming the good news in Word and sacrament, teaching faith and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Serving on ministries or as an officer is one of the ways we bear the fruit of God’s love.

**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 slideshows for which we would like your contributions:  
 Christmas Eve (Dec. 24): Christmas Candles   
 December 26: Christmas Trees   
Send photos to either Blair Nelson ([blair@southminsterpc.org](mailto:blair@southminsterpc.org)) or David Kozich ([kozichd1@gmail.com](mailto:kozichd1@gmail.com)) by December 19 for Christmas candles and by December 20 for Christmas trees.

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

**Presbyterian Readers** will meet on Wednesday, December 15, at 7:00 via Zoom to discuss *All Creatures Great and Small* by James Herriot. 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 Christmas Luncheon** – **order your lunch by this Friday!**  
All women of Southminster are invited to our annual Christmas Luncheon on 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 lunch, please call Louanne Jourdan (630-793-9338) or Linda Ellinghausen (630-469-9039) **by this 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 Mission Ministry: Christmas Mission Giving**  
We are once again collecting two Christmas offerings this year.

One is **the Christmas Joy Offering**, one of the special offerings that supports the work of our denomination, the Presbyterian Church (USA). 50% of that collection assists current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs and 50% of your gifts make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related school and colleges equipping communities of color.

The other is our **Southminster Local Mission Offering**, an envelope illustrated with musical notes. 75% of what is collected from this offering goes into the 2022 Southminster Mission budget and the other 25% will be donated to our 2021 recipient, Bridge Communities.

The offering envelopes will be mailed to you instead of being put in the pews due to COVID. We will collect these offering throughout the month of December. You may bring them to church or mail them to the church office. (If you want to contribute but don’t have a designated envelope, be sure to write on the memo line of your check which offering you are supporting.)

**From the Worship Ministry**

*Advent* means “coming,” so the Worship Ministry hopes you will **come** to our special December worship services, in person or virtually, celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We are especially pleased to be able to worship in the sanctuary on Christmas Eve. We will have a traditional service at 6:30 p.m., including reading the beloved, familiar Scriptures, singing carols, and closing with candlelight while singing *Silent Night* and *Joy to the World*.

Thanks to **everyone who ordered poinsettias** to beautify the sanctuary for Christmas. Please take them home after the service on Sunday, December 26, or pick them up in the narthex on Monday, December 27, from 10-11:00 a.m. (Sarah Allen will be at church.)

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:tomanderson101@gmail.com)).

**Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):   
**Today (December 5) is your only chance to order in December!**

Plan ahead for ordering for Christmas gifts and food! THERE IS A CHANGE IN DECEMBER ORDER DATES! The ONLY date to order in December is **today, Sunday, December 5**. Due to the influx of orders in December, this is the only time we can order to guarantee to receive the cards on a timely basis. Send your order to Bobbi by text or phone (if you have her number) or email her at [bobbifrey@aol.com](mailto:bobbifrey@aol.com) no later than 9:00 tonight. Cards will probably not be received until Wednesday or Thursday.    
  
Next month’s order dates will be January 2 and 16.  
  
**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 Will and Meredith Perkinson for love and joy of their blended family.  
**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. We pray for the community of Oxford, Michigan, where a shooting at Oxford High School this week killed 4 students – Madisyn Baldwin, Tate Myre, Hana St. Juliana, and Justin Shilling – and injured several others.  
  - Prayers for the people of Haiti, Ethiopia, Nicaragua, Afghanistan, Colombia, Myanmar, India, Palestine, and Brazil.   
  - We continue to pray for peace in the Holy Land.  
**We pray for those who mourn:**   
 - the family and friends of Art Fournier, who died Thursday morning. Margaret asks please, no calls right away. Her address: 514 Robert Daniel Dr., Apt. 248, Daniel Island, SC 29492.  
  - 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 Chris Kozich’s sister-in-law, Yasmin Kinton, on the death of her sister, Parveen Werner, who died from pancreatic cancer.  
  - The Jablonski family on the loss of their daughter Haley  
**We pray for all who are affected by cancer:**  
  - Dan Bohi  
  - Shelayne Larson, a friend of Angela Smith. On December 3rd, Shelayne was slated for a six-hour two-part pelvic/abdominal and lung area surgery to remove the diseased spots. Then, after four weeks of painful surgery recovery, she will need another nine weeks of chemo.   
  - 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.**  
 - Ed Koska  
 - Bryan (Barb’s son), who has a skin infection

  - 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  
  - the many 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 tomorrow (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 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](mailto: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:**     
**This Sunday, December 5 – *2nd Sunday of Advent***  
**Order Jubilee Bucks gift cards** by emailing [bobbifrey@aol.com](mailto:bobbifrey@aol.com) by 9:00 p.m.

***This will be your only opportunity to order in December!***

  **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook   
 **Fellowship** following the service for those who worship in person; outdoors until it’s too cold/snowy, otherwise in the narthex, masked and distanced, but with no food or beverages.  
  **Online** **Fellowship** on Zoom will not be available today. It will be back next week!  
 **Choir meeting/rehearsal** at 10:45 a.m.  
 **Adult Ed. Bible Study** at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom   
**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.***

**Tuesday through Friday – “Heart to Heart”** with Pastor Wendy on Facebook Live at approx. 4:16 p.m.   
**Tuesday, December 7** Barb will not be in the office this morning.  
 A.A.at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
**Wednesday, December 8**  
 **Property Ministry** meets at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom  
**Friday, December 10** **Deadline to order box lunches** for the Women’s Christmas Lunch on Dec. 17  
 A.A. at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall **Next Sunday, December 12 – *3rd Sunday of Advent***  
  **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook   
 **Fellowship** following the service for those who worship in person; outdoors until it’s too cold/snowy, otherwise in the narthex, masked and distanced, but with no food or beverages.  
  **Online** **Fellowship** at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom   
 **Adult Ed. Bible Study** at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom   
 **Youth: Pizza & Games** from 4:00-6:00 p.m.  
**Looking ahead:   
 Deacons, there is no meeting in December.  
 Elders, Session will meet on Tuesday, December 14 (a week earlier than usual). Please have docket items turned in no later than noon on Monday, December 13.**  
**A warning that bears repeating**: In this day and age of electronics and fast connection it is easy to be taken advantage of. People have contacted members of the congregation via text asking – in my name, but not from my number – to purchase gift cards for a cause (such as for cancer patients). Please know that I would never ask you to do so – not by email, not by text, not by letter. Thank you for having good hearts, but do not fall for it.   
Pastor Wendy