**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**2nd Sunday after Epiphany or the 97th Sunday of Covid**

**January 16, 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.

 Gathering Music: *God the Sculptor of the Mountains;
 Unless the Lord the House Shall Build; In the Midst of New Dimensions;*

 *The Church’s One Foundation*

Our slideshow today is “Meet Our Elders.”

 Welcome and Announcements

 Improvisational Prelude

 Lighting the Candles (John 1:14)

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

 Call to Worship (Psalm 100)

 Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

 **People: Serve the Lord with gladness!**

 Leader: Give thanks to God; bless God’s name!

 **People: For the Lord is good;**

 **All:** **God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

 Hymn: *Cornerstone* (verses 1, 2)

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' name.**

**Christ alone, Cornerstone,
Weak made strong in the Savior's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord,
Lord of all.**

**When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.**

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Weak made strong in the Savior's love.
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Lord of all.**

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 Prayer of Confession:

**Loving and gracious God, we bring you our open hearts so that we may have courage to tell you the truth of the past week. There is much that is lovely and good, but there were moments of hurt and hate. Forgive us, and help us to forgive ourselves and those around us. We lean into your grace as we call upon 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 (John 1:9, 14, 17)

 Leader: The true light that gives light to everyone came into the world.

 **People: The Word became flesh and lived among us.
 We have seen his glory!**

 Leader: We have received grace and truth from Jesus Christ.
 Let us declare the good news.

 **All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.
 Alleluia!**

 Response 582: *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,**

**And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,**

**And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

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

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

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

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 The Passing of the Peace

 Word with Children Chris Kozich

 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: Psalm 127:1-2

 John 2:13-25

 Sermon: “Flipping Tables”

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison) from *The Confession of Belhar* (10.5)

**We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world; that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker; that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells[.]**

 Hymn 314: *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness* (verses 1, 2, 5)

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.Longing for truth, we turn to you.Make us your own, your holy people,light for the world to see.**Refrain:**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.Shine through the darkness.Christ, be our light!Shine in your church gathered today.Longing for peace, our world is troubled.Longing for hope, many despair.Your word alone has power to save us.Make us your living voice.**Refrain

**Many the gifts, many the people,many the hearts that yearn to belong.Let us be servants to one another,making your kingdom come.**

Refrain

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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: *Resurrender* Hillsong Worship

 \**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 339: *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (verse 1)

**Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies;
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith
That the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope
That the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on, till victory is won.**

J. Rosamond Johnson | James Weldon Johnson

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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: Blair Nelson

Musicians: Tom Anderson, Southminster Singers

Worship Associate: David Kozich

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

Flowers today are given by Lynn Ferino in memory of her mother, Jerrie.

If you are present for worship, following the service you are invited by the deacons to gather for **in-person fellowship** in the narthex. No food or beverages will be served at this time; everyone must remain masked and try to keep social distancing in mind.

If you are online, we’re glad to have you! Note that **we will not offer Zoom fellowship** **until further notice**. Our deacons will explore other ways to stay connected.
 **Sunday Morning Adult Ed. Bible Study – 11:15 a.m. via Zoom.** We are still 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 – January 16, 2022**

**The Souper Bowl**

The Super Bowl is February 13, but churches around the United States call it “Souper Bowl”! In 1990, Brad Smith, a seminary intern serving at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina, delivered a simple prayer: “Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat.” It inspired a youth-led movement to help hungry and hurting people around the world.

The senior high youth of the Spring Valley congregation were stirred by the prayer and invited other area churches to join them in collecting for the hungry. Twenty-two Columbia churches participated that first year, reporting their results so a total could be determined, and then sending all $5,700 they had raised to area non-profits. Since 1990 ordinary young people have generated an extraordinary amount – more than $90 million – for soup kitchens, food banks, and other charities in communities across the country.

In 2020, over 5,000 groups collected over $10.6 million in dollars and food donations for hunger-relief charities across the country through the Souper Bowl of Caring. Over $163 million has been collected since Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990.

Here at Southminster we have been faithful and caring toward our community by weekly donations to the People’s Resource Center since mid-March 2020. Thank you to the Freys for delivering our donations! Let’s make an extra effort this year to bring some extra warmth for our community by stepping up our donations in the weeks leading up to the Super Bowl/Souper Bowl. Whoever wins the big game is not as important as reaching out to our community.

Our own youth and children invite you to join them in bearing God’s love by bringing soup and canned food leading up for the big game and supporting our own Souper Bowl here at Southminster Presbyterian Church. The special Souper Bowl collections will be encouraged between Sunday, January 30, and Sunday, February 13. The donations will go to People’s Resource Center. Come over to God’s house before the game.

**Slideshows help us feel connected!**Our pre worship slideshows are one way for our church family and friends to enrich our connections. Here’s an opportunity to share your photos:

**February 6**: “Ground Hogs: Outside Nature Photos”
 If you have nature photos (not just of ground hogs) or want to take some this month, send
 them by February 1 to David Kozich, who assembles the PowerPoints:
 kozichd1@gmail.com.

We are interested in your ideas for slideshows. Please connect with Sarah Allen at ridesrowdy@aol.com or with Pastor Wendy at wendy@southminsterpc.org. Please note that we try to confirm slideshow content a month in advance.

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**

**Adult Education**: We are nearing the end of 1 John, but there is lots to learn even if you come in at the end. Soon we will move on to Nahum. (I said Obadiah in my last message, but I goofed!) Please join us! We meet for an hour via Zoom starting at 11:15 a.m.
Use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82920574961?pwd=dEwxU2NhaFM5VWhPSzBtYkZvUld2dz09>
Meeting ID: 829 2057 4961 Passcode: 537355

**Youth and families: Pizzaless Games** returns this evening from 4:00 to 5:30. Wear a mask, smile with your eyes, and prepare for socially-distanced fun!!! Also, watch for an email from Blair with details about our Cascade Snow Tubing weekend coming Feb. 11-12.

**Presbyterian Readers** meet at 7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month, currently by Zoom. You’re invited to join them this Wednesday, January 19, to discuss ***The Giver*** by Lois Lowry.
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

**Presbyterian Women’s Circle** will meet this Friday, January 21, at 9:30 a.m. in the church parlor. Janet Birchall will present a program on “Thinking Outside the Box.” All women of the church are invited!

**From the Mission Ministry**We will have **Luminaria Sunday** on February 27. This will be our 11th annual Luminaria Sunday, a service when we honor and remember those touched by cancer. Luminaria bags will light the sanctuary during the worship service. Names of those remembered and honored will be read and prayed for during the Prayers of the People.

Luminaria bags will be available for $10 for each person honored or remembered. Checks will be accepted from January 30 through February 13. Please send your check, **made out to the American Cancer Society**, by February 13. Please print the name(s) of those you wish to honor (those living who have cancer or have had cancer) and those remembered (those who are deceased who had cancer). For each name, please indicate if the person is to be honored or remembered. Example: “John Jones, remembered, $10. Jane Smith, honored, $10. Total: $20.” Then mail your check and the names to Southminster Presbyterian Church, 680 S. Park Blvd., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137, or drop it off at church at your convenience by February 13.

 **From the Worship Ministry**The **flower chart for 2022** is now posted in the narthex. Sign up to provide flowers in memory or in honor of someone, a special occasion, or simply in thanks for God’s grace.
If you’re not at church to sign up, contact Sarah Allen (630-988-8231 or ridesrowdy@aol.com) and let her know the date(s) you want and who/what you wish to honor. There are only a few dates left in 2022!

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):
Your next chance to order Jubilee Bucks is this Sunday, January 16. Don’t forget that Jubilee Bucks cards can pay for your groceries, gas, sale items, online shopping, and so much more! Email Bobbi at bobbifrey@aol.com by 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, letting her know merchant, number and denomination of card(s), and total amount of your order. Delivery of the cards will be made to your house mid-week, and payment can be made at that time.
The next order date after January 16 will be February 6 – in time for Valentine’s Day!

**Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):
We continue to make weekly deliveries of donated food, personal items, paper goods, etc. to PRC. No donation is too small! Everything is greatly appreciated and put to good use. The collection box is in the entryway of the church. Donations can also be dropped off on the Freys’ front porch.

**Care Notes:**“In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” -Philippians 4:6
Even though we aren’t all together for worship, 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 full prayer list will be in the Sunday bulletin. These are the newest additions and ongoing concerns for members:***

**The flowers today** are from Lynn Ferino in memory of her mother, Jerrie.

**We celebrate a joy:**  - Lizzy Davidson successfully defended her thesis and will receive her master’s degree in analytical chemistry! **We pray for the whole world and our nation:**  - all who are affected by natural disasters: earthquakes, hurricanes, and tropical storms, and especially all those in Illinois and Kentucky who were affected by the massive tornado that destroyed so many communities and left many people dead and the thousands affected by recent wildfires in Colorado.
  - Pray for an end to gun violence in our nation.
  - 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.
 - Our translator in Cuba, Jorge Silverio Gomez, was ordained as an elder in his home church.
**We pray for those who mourn:**
  - Rita Boserup Zapel and family on the death of her aunt, Eyd Boserup
  - Linda Wolf Jeziorski and family following the death of her mother, Janet Wolf
  - the family of Linda Meester, who died December 21. No date has been chosen for a service, but it will be at First Presbyterian Church of Chicago Heights, where Del, her husband, and she ministered for many years.
  - We continue to remember the Jablonski family on the loss of Haley
**We pray for all who are affected by cancer:**
  - Dan Bohi
  - Barb’s Aunt Ruth, who has breast cancer. She will have surgery this Thursday.
  - Connie Vernon, a friend of Angela Smith, diagnosed with breast cancer
  - Katha, a friend of Paul Jeziorski, as she faces cancer and a broken back
  - Beverly Webb, Bill Curry's sister, who had previously undergone treatment for ovarian cancer but now expects additional treatment after a scan showed cancer in some lymph nodes.
  - Shelayne Larson, a friend of Angela Smith, recovering from a very painful surgery, but they believe they got 100% of the cancer. She is very grateful for her prayer shawl and wears it every day.
  - Katie Boehmer’s father, Rod Boehmer
  - Harlene Sperling, a friend of the Boden-Nelson family. She is also very grateful for her prayer shawl.
**We pray for all who are infected with and/or affected by COVID:**
  - Heidi Shierry
 - Grace Van Beveren, who is in isolation.
 - Barb’s daughter and grandson (age 3 – too young for a vaccination) both have Covid. Barb asks for special prayers for Becky’s unborn baby, due in March.
  - Chris Yoos, Heidi Shierry’s cousin, who is hospitalized with breathing difficulties from Covid (in addition to MS). He was placed on a ventilator late last week.
  - Prayers for all who are trying to navigate school, travel, work, 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.**
 - Sue Knisely, recovering from a mild concussion after a fall on ice
  - Ed Koska and for his wife, Joan, as she cares for him.
  - Ethan Moon, friend of Angela Smith, hospitalized with pneumonia
  - Jack Harris, Louanne Jourdan’s friend, is home from the hospital
  - Dan, a friend of Barb’s, hospitalized with kidney failure and high blood pressure as a result of high-dose antibiotics for a massive infection. He’s still in Kentucky, where he was visiting when he first became ill shortly after Thanksgiving, but he and his wife are still hoping he can transfer closer to home (Aurora) soon.
  - prayers for healing for Sharon Eckert, a retired Briar Glen teacher, who is recovering from surgery
  - Jeremy, who is struggling right now
  - Judith, a friend of the Ellsworths, who has continuing health and financial issues
  - Bill Curry and Gretchen Fleming who is caring for him.
  - the many people who struggle with depression
  - people struggling with difficult family concerns
**We pray for those who are far from home:**
**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, the boards of the local school districts: 41, 44, 87, 89, 200, COD, and our library boards.

 **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 January 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 is 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:**
***Elders, moderators, staff: Items for the Session docket were due Thursday. If you have something that still needs to be included, please send it in by tomorrow morning.*Sunday, January 16**
 **Order Jubilee Bucks** by emailing bobbifrey@aol.com by 9:00 p.m.
 **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook.
 **In-person Fellowship** following the service. During winter fellowship gatherings will be in the narthex, masked and distanced, no food or drinks served.
 **Online Fellowship** is canceled until further notice. **Adult Ed. Bible Study** meets at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom
 **Youth: Pizzaless Games** from 4:00-5:30 p.m.

**Monday, January 17 – Pastor’s Sabbath**
**Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** live on Facebook at 4:16 p.m. **Tuesday, January 18**
 **Session** meets at 7:30 p.m. in the parlor
 A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday, January 19**
 **Presbyterian Readers** meet via Zoom at 7:00 p.m.
**Friday, January 21
 Women’s Circle** meets in the parlor at 9:30 a.m. A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Next Sunday, January 23** **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook.
 **In-person Fellowship** following the service. During winter fellowship gatherings will be in the narthex, masked and distanced, no food or drinks served.
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