**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**4th Sunday after Epiphany or the 99th Sunday of Covid**

**January 30, 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: *As Pants the Deer for Living Streams;   
 I’ve Got Peace Like a River; Woman in the Night;*

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken; Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Our slideshow today is “Meet Our Nominating Ministry.”

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 42)

Leader: As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

**People: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.**

**All:** **Let us worship God!**

Hymn: *Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King* (verses 1, 3)

Verse 1

**Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace.  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of Thy redeeming love.**

Chorus

**Come, Thou Fount, come Thou King,  
Come, Thou precious Prince of Peace!  
Hear Your bride! To You we sing:  
Come, Thou Fount of our blessing.  
Come Thou Fount, come Thou King.  
Come Thou precious Prince of Peace!  
Hear Your bride! To You we sing:  
Come, Thou Fount of our blessing.**

Verse 3

**O, to grace how great a debtor,  
Daily I'm constrained to be.  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.**

Chorus

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Prayer of Confession:

**Holy God, you have told us to love you, neighbor, and one another. You have told us to love our enemies, as well. Four ways of being, and none of them easy. We have missed the mark more than once. If we are to fulfill your desire for our lives, we will need your help. May your spirit be alive within us as we dare to share the grace and mercy we have found in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. 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 Pastor Wendy and Sarah Allen

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 Lesson: John 4:1-38

Sermon: “Overflowing Love”

Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)

from *The Confession of 1967* (9.15, edited)

**God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love.**

Hymn: *The Heart of Worship*

**When the music fades, all is stripped away  
And I simply come,  
Longing just to bring something that's of worth  
That will bless your heart.**

**I'll bring you more than a song,  
For a song itself is not what you have required.  
You search much deeper within;  
Through the way things have been,  
You're looking into my heart.**

**I'm coming back to the heart of worship,  
And it's all about you, it’s all about you, Jesus.  
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it  
When it's all about you, all about you, Jesus.**

**King of endless worth, no one could express  
How much you deserve.  
Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is yours,  
Every single breath.**

**I'll bring you more than a song,  
For a song itself is not what you have required.  
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And it's all about you, it’s all about you, Jesus.  
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When it's all about you, all about you, Jesus.**

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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: *I Go to the Rock* Dottie Rambo

\**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 475: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (verse 1)

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing;  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God’s unchanging love!**

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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: Sarah Allen, Blair Nelson

Musicians: Tom Anderson, Linda Wolf Jeziorski, Southminster Singers

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Ron Birchall, Steve Henkels, Chris Kozich

Flowers today are given in appreciation for the elders and deacons of Southminster for their dedicated service to the church and the congregation.

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.** 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 30, 2022**

**Luminaria Sunday**

Many of us know the grief, the stress, and uncertainty of cancer firsthand. Either we have been diagnosed with cancer or loved ones have been. Years ago, the word “cancer” was whispered about, but that is true no longer. People have brought cancer out of the shadows and now talk about it more freely than they did in the twentieth century. Over the years, Southminster showed support for cancer patients through the “Relay for Life.” Since 2012, we have held a very special worship service on the last Sunday of February; we call it Luminaria Sunday.

2022 will be our 11th annual Luminaria Sunday, a service where we honor and remember those touched by cancer. Luminaria bags light the sanctuary during the worship service, and we lift the names of people who are remembered or honored. The sight of luminarias is inspiring and heartfelt. The luminarias are enacted prayer. This is a way for us to give support, love, and comfort to everyone facing cancer. When we sing, we are praying to God. When we light the luminarias, we are praying to God, as well. We pray for healing and hope. We give thanks for those no longer with us and share our grief as a community with one another and with the Lord. In the end, it is about the love that God has poured in our hearts for others and ourselves. With all our hearts, we pray for a cure.

We will have **Luminaria Sunday** on February 27. 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 starting today 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.

Together 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’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](mailto:kozichd1@gmail.com).

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

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**

**Adult Education**: 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:** Come for **Pizzaless Games** this evening from 4:00 to 5:30. Wear a mask, smile with your eyes, and prepare for socially-distanced fun!!! Blair will text or email with you if the Games are cancelled for today.

**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.  
  
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**Cheers for the “Souper Bowl”!**The Christian Ed. Ministry is sponsoring the “**Souper Bowl**” collection of canned goods for the People’s Resource Center (PRC) on Super Bowl Sunday. We collect donations for the PRC throughout the year, but this is a special effort related to a nationwide food drive called “the Souper Bowl of Caring.” Donations of soup or other canned goods will be accepted at church today through Super Bowl Sunday, February 13. The donation container is in the entryway, right next to the box that’s always out for PRC contributions. Let’s fill them both!  
  
 **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](mailto: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](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)).

An invitation from and for our women of all ages:  
**Come join us for a fun filled Purse Auction** on Sunday, February 27, 2:00-4:00 p.m. There will be many laughs, refreshments, and fellowship.   
  
A box is in the coat room to collect purses and small (must fit inside of a purse) white elephant donations to enhance our sale. On the day of the auction, bid on a purse - and be surprised at what you’ll find inside!  
  
This is truly a wonderful way to spend an afternoon. Please come join us and bring some friends - all ages are welcome.   
  
*Due to ongoing concerns with the Omicron and Delta Covid variants, we realize not everyone is able to join in person. This year, we will also be live streaming the auction from our Facebook page! Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.*  
  
  
**Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey)**: Note: Change in ordering schedule!**Thanks to all who have ordered in January, we have earned $93.32 for Southminster. For the next few months, we will be taking orders for gift cards *only on the first Sunday of the   
  
month*. The next opportunity to order is February 6 (just in time for Valentine’s Day!), followed by March 6.  
  
**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 flowers today** are given in appreciation for the elders and deacons of Southminster for their dedicated service to the church and the congregation.  
**We celebrate joys:**  - Pete and Pam Petersen have a new granddaughter – Avery Rose – daughter of Andee Benson and her husband, Brad.  
  - Dan, a friend of Barb’s, released from care and heading home to Aurora today. Since December 2, he’s been in and out of the hospital and rehab in Kentucky, where he was visiting his daughter and family. **We pray for the whole world and our nation:**  -The Jewish congregations in our nation as they respond to the hostage situation that occurred at a synagogue in Texas   
  - all who are affected by natural disasters: tornadoes, fires, earthquakes, hurricanes, tropical storms, volcanos, tsunamis…  
  - We pray for an end to gun violence in our nation.  
  - Prayers for the people of Ukraine, 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:**   
 - Barbara Williams on the death of her husband, Chris  
  - We continue to remember the Jablonski family on the loss of Haley.  
**We pray for all who are affected by cancer:**  
  - Dan Bohi  
   - Karin Formento, wife of Mike Formento, a friend of Wendy’s  
  - 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:**  
  -Floyd Rogers’ brother, Marshall, who is hospitalized with Covid and pneumonia  
  - Heidi Shierry’s cousin, Chris Yoos, is off the ventilator. He needs to regain strength but if all goes well, he will be released on Monday.  
  - 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.**  
  - Ed Koska, hospitalized at Good Sam  
  - Jan Kaskovich’s mother, Norma, who is having health problems  
  - Bill Curry and Gretchen Fleming, who is caring for him    
  - Judith, a friend of the Ellsworths, who has continuing health and financial issues     
  - 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 or February, 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](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 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. (Additional changes to her office hours may be made based on the scheduling at the day program. When she is not in the office, she’s working from home.)   
  
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, January 30**  
**First day luminaria bags will be available in honor or in memory of someone who has had cancer  
Also first day collecting soup and other canned goods for “Souper Bowl”** **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** in Fellowship Hall from 4:00-5:30 p.m.  
**Monday, January 31 – Pastor’s Sabbath**  
**Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** live on Facebook at 4:16 p.m. **Tuesday, February 1**  
 A.A. at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
**Wednesday, February 2** **eNotes/Dialog** goes out **Thursday, February 3** Hawthorn Garden Club at noon in Fellowship Hall **Friday, February 4**  
 A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall   
**Next Sunday, February 6  
Order Jubilee Bucks gift cards** – your only chance in February – by emailing [bobbifrey@aol.com](mailto:bobbifrey@aol.com) by 9:00 p.m.  
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