**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**Transfiguration of Our Lord or the 103rd Sunday of Covid**

**February 27, 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

Our slideshow today is “Luminaria Sunday.”

 Welcome, Announcements, and Moment for Mission

 Prelude

 Lighting the Candles (John 1:14)

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

 Call to Worship (Revelation 21:6)

 Leader: And let everyone who hears the invitation say, “Come.”

 **People: And let those who thirst come.**

 Leader: All who desire to drink, let them take and drink,

 **People: Drink freely from the water of life!**

 **All:** **Let us worship God.**

 Hymn 192: *Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining (Shine, Jesus, Shine)* (verses 1, 3)

Verse 1

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us;
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me; shine on me.**

Chorus

**Shine, Jesus, shine;
Fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze;
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow;
Flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord,
And let there be light.**

Verse 3

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
So our faces display your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me; shine on me.**

Chorus

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 Prayer of Confession:

**Lord God, you came to us in Jesus Christ. We have seen your glory, yet we fail to reflect the light we have received. Through grace and love, you have forgiven us. Now, through the power of the Holy Spirit alive within us, transform us more and more into your likeness and image.** **Help us carry your light. 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 581: *Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, 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.

 *Jesus Loves Me*

 Prayer for Illumination

 Scripture Lesson: John 9:1-41

 Sermon: “Jesus Is the Light of the World”

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)
  from *The Heidelberg Catechism* (Question 1 and answer)

**What is your only comfort in life and in death?**

**That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death –
 to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

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

 *(Christ, Be Our Light)*

Verse 1

**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.**

Chorus

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness,**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

Verse 2

**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.**

Chorus

**Verse 5**

**Many the gifts, many the people,**

**Many the hearts that yearn to belong.**

**Let us be servants to one another,**

**Making your kingdom come.**

Chorus

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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: *In the Bulb There Is a Flower (Hymn of Promise)* Natalie Sleeth

 \**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.**

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 Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

 Hymn 649: *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*  (verses 1, 2)

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!**

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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
Deacon at the Door: Steve Sanders

Musicians: Karen Archbold, Southminster Singers

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Ron Birchall, Steve Henkels, Chris Kozich

Flowers today are given by Lynn Ferino to celebrate the birthday of her granddaughter, Reese.

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 at: <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 – February 27, 2022**

**Music Notes for Today**

Today we welcome Karen Archbold as our accompanist. We are grateful that she can step up for us because our Music Director Tom Anderson had an emergency appendectomy this week. Thank you, Karen, and healing prayers for Tom.

Our offertory today is a gift from a few members of our choir. *Hymn of Promise* was sung at Linda Wolf-Jeziorski’s mother’s funeral. May you be blessed by their gift.

With love and care our singers are taking the following precautions:

The singers will sing from the platform, 12 feet from other people.
The liturgist and pastor will leave the platform during the offertory.
The singers will be fully vaccinated and boosted.
The singers will take a Covid test 24 hours prior and test negative.
The singers will have masks on when not singing the offertory.

**Luminaria Sunday**

On March 18, 2012, Mission Ministry began a new activity- Luminaria Sunday. Our Luminary Ceremony is a way that we can embody our prayers for those who are living with cancer and those who are with Our Lord. Since then, we have moved Luminaria Sunday to a Sunday in February. This is a way for us to give support and comfort to everyone facing cancer. With all our hearts, we pray for a cure. Each luminary represents at least $10 toward the American Cancer Society for research; this year we raised $1,040. If you are present for worship, the list of names is at the back of your bulletin. If you received the worship materials by email, the list of names was one of the attachments. May we be united in prayer for full cures for everyone.

**Slideshows help us feel connected!**Our pre-worship slideshows are one way for our church family and friends to enrich our connections. Here is an upcoming opportunity to share your photos:
**Change in date:
March 13**: “**Hobbies**” What are your hobbies—how do you spend your “free time?”
 Send photos by Thursday, March 10.

Send photos to David Kozich, who assembles the PowerPoints: kozichd1@gmail.com. (Email is preferred, but if you need to send a photo to David by text, call the church office to get his cell phone number.) Include ***the date and slideshow title for which your photos are to be used.***

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 almost finished with Nahum, then it is on to 2 John (which won’t take long), and then Habakkuk. Join us at 11:15 a.m. by using this Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82920574961?pwd=dEwxU2NhaFM5VWhPSzBtYkZvUld2dz09>
Meeting ID: 829 2057 4961 Passcode: 537355.

**Youth: Pizzaless Games** today, 4:00-5:30 p.m. Wendy will be joining us to talk about Ash Wednesday. Confirmands, remember that the Ash Wednesday service is the official beginning of your Confirmation Class. For those who are not confirmands, you will get to learn a bit about confirmation; of course, and we will have our regular fun and silliness, too. See you there.

**The Talent Show is coming!**What is the most fun you can have at a church event? Clearly, it is seeing each other's incredible entertainment talent. Our annual **Talent Show** is coming Sunday, April 24. How we run the show (in-person, online, or hybrid?); we will see what the virus says. So, polish up your act, and be prepared to be in person or to record it ahead of time. Sign-ups for the show will appear on the church website soon, or you can contact Blair to say that you are in! If you choose to record, we encourage you to plan to record your act at church using the sanctuary equipment. Of course, that means you need to contact Blair to schedule a time for one of our techs to help you. But, that will insure an even quality of the sound and video.

**Easter Saturday Celebration**!
Spread the word! Southminster is hosting a big **outdoor Easter story and egg hunt** on the day before Easter – Saturday, April 16. No reservations are needed for this free event, and everyone is invited!

Volunteers are needed! Watch for bags of Easter eggs to stuff at home. Also, please let Angela Smith know if you can come to help with the party on April 16.

**Starting today, February 27**:

**Candy donations** – please donate candy that will fit in a small, plastic Easter egg.
 - Prewrapped
 - No nuts, no nut butter (no Snickers, no Reese’s)
  - No hard candy
  - No chewing gum
  - *Leave candy in the collection bin in the hallway across from the church office***Stuff Easter eggs at home**
  - Eggs will be available for pick up inside the nursery
 - Please return stuffed eggs to the nursery
  - Please use the sign in/sign out board, to help us keep track of our progress

**Donate plastic bags**
  - We will use these bags to package crafts, to send home with the kids from the Easter celebration.
  - We need some quart size and gallon size sealable bags.
  - Leave bags in the collection bin in the hallway across from the church office.

**Come join the Presbyterian Women for a fun filled Purse Auction!
TODAY! Sunday, February 27, 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary**
All ages are welcome! There will be a variety of new and gently used purses (some with surprises inside!) available for auction in person or online.

**Joining in person**: Please come prepared to adhere to current Covid-19 guidelines. All attendees must wear a mask indoors and consent to contact tracing. Socially-distanced seating will be available.
**Joining online**: For the first time, we will also feature our purse auction via our Facebook page! We will have a live stream of the purses available and the auction action. Use the link to watch; to bid on an item, simply add a comment.
<https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/>
 **From the Worship Ministry
This Wednesday, March 2, is Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of the Lenten Season, which leads us to the Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter Sunday. Join us for an **Ash Wednesday** **Taizé worship** this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.
A full Lent and Easter schedule will be in the March *Dialog*.

Worship Ministry is still in need of liturgists, Word with Children leaders, and musicians. We are also always looking for people to join the Worship Arts Team to help beautify the sanctuary for both regular and special services. Come join us!

**Flowers costs are going up!**Due to rising costs, our Sunday flower supplier***,*** *Green Branch Florist*, will be increasing the price of weekly flowers to $35.00 for 2022. This is completely reasonable, as they have worked very hard to keep the flower cost at $30.00 for many years. For anyone who has already **pre-paid** $30 for your 2022 flowers, no additional monies need to be sent to church. But going forward, all flower arrangements in 2022 will be $35.00.

Very few dates are still open: April 3, April 10, and October 23 are available, at least as of today. Please check the flower chart in the narthex or email Sarah Allen at ridesrowdy@aol.com with your choice of date and honoree and make $35 check out to SPC with “flowers” in the memo line.

**From the Mission Ministry**Coming soon – **March Mission Madness**, in which your competitive spirit benefits the missions that Southminster sponsors! Keep your eye on NCAA men’s basketball and watch for upcoming Dialog and eBlast information about how you can join the fun.

The Session of Southminster Presbyterian Church has called the **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** to be held following the worship service on Sunday, Match 27. That means the annual reports are due soon! **Staff and Ministry Moderators, all narrative reports for the annual reports packets are due by noon on Wednesday, March 9.**

**Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey): **Note: Now only one order date per month!**
Next Sunday, March 6, is your next opportunity to order Jubilee Bucks. This is a good way to prepay for groceries and other items as well as earn “free” money for our church. It will also be your only chance to order in March. Please email bobbifrey@aol.com with your order, number and value of cards and total of your order by 9:00 p.m. on the 6th. Cards will be delivered to you and payment can be made at that time.

**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** celebrate the 12th birthday of Lynn Ferino’s granddaughter, Reese..

**We celebrate joys:** - Tom and Bobbi Frey have a new grandchild, Penelope Grace Frey, daughter of Matt and Elle.
 - Craig and Sarah Allen also have a new grandchild, Allison Shirley Ross, born Monday to Laura and Thure.
 - Avery Rose, daughter of Andee and Brad Benson and granddaughter of Pete and Pam Petersen, is going home from the NICU at Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn.
 - Marilyn and Burton Barr celebrated their 69th anniversary.
 - new jobs for Alec Parks and Max Nelson!
 **We pray for the whole world and our nation:**  - Prayers for the people of Ukraine  - We pray for an end to gun violence in our nation.
 **We pray for those who mourn:** - Our good friend, Bill Curry, died in his sleep on February 17. We pray for comfort and peace for Gretchen and for Bill’s family and friends. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held Saturday, March 19, at 11:00 a.m.; visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m.
 - Remember the 5 lives lost and others affected by the shooting 14 years ago last Monday at NIU.
  - for the family and friends of Debbie, who died after a long struggle with cancer. She was the sister of the Rasnics’ friend, Karen.
  - For the family and friends of Ret. Fire Chief Jim Lamonte, a friend of Lanny’s
  - We continue to remember families who still mourn **We pray for all who are affected by cancer:**  - Dan Bohi
 - John Wallace, former longtime member of Southminster, recently diagnosed with cancer
 - Kurt Parent (a friend of several Southminster members), facing cancer surgery this spring
  - Karin Formento, wife of Mike Formento, a friend of Wendy’s
  - Connie Vernon, a friend of Angela Smith, diagnosed with breast cancer
  - 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.
 - Jim Rundquist, friend of Angela Smith, colon surgery **We pray for all who are infected with and/or affected by COVID:**  - Prayers for our leaders as they discern the wise way forward  - Prayers for all who are trying to navigate school, travel, work, and other activities, and all those who are still feeling vulnerable, especially those who are immunocompromised or have underlying health conditions.
  - Those facing unforeseen consequences from the pandemic
 - Strained relationships due to the pandemic

**We pray for all who are dealing with mental or physical health challenges.**
 - Barb’s Aunt Ruth and cousin Mike both remain hospitalized with multiple health concerns.
 - prayers for peace for Amanda
 - Angela’s father, Frank cataract surgery
  - Ed Koska, who is receiving care at Tabor Hills
  - Jan Kaskovich’s mother, Norma, who is having health problems. Jan is with her now
to help.
 - former pastor Rich Thompson, hospitalized following a fall
  - Katha, a friend of Jeziorskis, health complications
  - Judith, a friend of the Ellsworths, who has continuing health and financial issues
 - Carolyn Hudson, friend of Angela Smith, continued recovery from brain aneurism surgery
 - Renne Lorton, friend of Angela Smith, recovering from hip replacement surgery
  - 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 who serve 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 this weekend, call Deacon Heidi Shierry (630-853-6836). Beginning March 1, 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.

**Office Schedule Change:** Barb will now be in the office most Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings (usually 8:45-11:00 a.m.) while her son attends his day program part-time. (The change from Wednesday to Thursday was made based on the scheduling at the day program; more changes will come.) 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:**
**If you still have something that needs to be in the March Dialog, it needs to be in the office email by 9:00 a.m. Monday.

Sunday, February 27
Luminaria Sunday** **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
 **Purse Auction** from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and on Facebook Live
 **Youth: Pizzaless Games** in Fellowship Hall from 4:00-5:30 p.m.
**Monday, February 28** – **Pastor’s Sabbath**
 **Prayer Vigil for the People of Ukraine** at 7:30 p.m. at Hope Presbyterian
 Church, Wheaton **Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** live on Facebook at 4:16 p.m. **Tuesday, March 1**
 A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday, March 2 – *Ash Wednesday***
 **Ash Wednesday Taizé Service** at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary and livestreamed
 on Facebook
**Thursday, March 3** Because of Ash Wednesday, we’ll **send the March Dialog today** rather than
 on Wednesday
 Hawthorn Garden Club at noon in the Sanctuary and narthex **Friday, March 4**
 A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Next** **Sunday, March 6 – 1st Sunday in Lent, communion** **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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Looking ahead – Moderators and staff, please take note:
**Wednesday, March 9** is the **deadline for narrative reports for the annual reports** packets.