**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**4th Sunday in Lent or the 107th Sunday of Covid**

**March 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: *O Wonderous Sight, O Vision Fair;
 Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun;
 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord; We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom*

Our slideshow today is “Annual Meeting: Our Ministries.”

 Welcome, Announcements, and Moment for Mission

  Improvisational Prelude

 Lighting the Candles (John 1:14)

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

 Call to Worship (John 18:37, 38; John 14:6)

 Leader: Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?”

 **People: Pilate asked him, “What is truth?”**

 **All:** **Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life.”**

 Hymn 215: *What Wondrous Love Is This* (verses 1, 2)

Verse 1

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.**

Verse 2

**When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.**

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 Prayer of Confession:

**Gracious God, we confess that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have allowed divisions to rise between one another. We see strangers rather than brothers and sisters created in your image. Grant us courage, we pray, to love others in the name of Jesus Christ, who is both Lord and savior. Amen.**

 (Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

 Declaration of the Grace of God/Assurance of Pardon (1 Peter 1:3-4)

 Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

 **All:** **In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope!**

 Leader: We have an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade.

 **All:** **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

 Response: *Kyrie*

**Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

**Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

**Christe, Christe eleison.**

**Christe, Christe eleison.**

**Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

**Kyrie, Kyrie eleison, eleison.**

 (The words are Greek for *Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.*)

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Antonin Leopold Dvorak | Ruth Elaine Schram

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 The Passing of the Peace

 Word with Children Jessica Parks

 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 Lessons: John 18:28-32 Pew Bible, p. 112 (N.T.)
 John 18:33-40 Pew Bible, p. 113 (N.T.)

 Sermon: “The Kingdom of Heaven”

Children, as you listen to the sermon, you may want to choose an activity
from the children’s packet that will help you think about what you hear in the sermon.

 Reception of New Members

 Presentation of New Members

 Words of Scripture

 Profession of Faith

 Renunciation

 Affirmation of Faith: *The Apostles’ Creed*

 Leader: Do you believe in God the Father?

 **All**: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of
 heaven and earth.**

 Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

 **All**: **I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

 Leader: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

 **All**: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

 Question of Membership

 Leader: Do you promise to be a faithful member of this
 congregation, giving of yourself in every way, and
 so fulfill your calling as a disciple of Jesus Christ
 the Lord?

 **New Members**: **I do.**

 Congregational Prayer (unison)

**O God our Father: we praise you for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for choosing to add to our family sisters in faith. Together, may we live in your Spirit, and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we give honor and glory forever. Amen.**

 Welcome New Members

 Leader: Welcome to this ministry of Jesus Christ.

 Congregational Response (unison)

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with
us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.**

 Hymn 450: *Be Thou My Vision*  (verses 3, 4)

Verse 3

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.**

Verse 4

**High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

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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: *Amazing Love (You Are My King)* Billy J. Foote

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 *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 630: *Fairest Lord Jesus*  (verses 1, 2)

Verse 1

**Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul’s glory, joy, and crown.**

Verse 2

**Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.**

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 ***Please be seated for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation.***

 Charge and Benediction

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

Leader:  The cross, **All:  We shall take it.**
  Leader:  The bread, **All:  We shall break it.**
  Leader:  The pain, **All:  We shall bear it.**
  Leader:  The joy, **All:  We shall share it.**
  Leader:  The Gospel, **All:  We shall live it.**  Leader:  The love, **All:  We shall give it.**
  Leader:  The light, **All:  We shall cherish it.**  Leader:  The darkness, **All:  God shall perish it.**  Leader:  For Jesus’ sake. **All:  Amen.**

 Postlude

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden

Liturgists: Sarah Allen, Blair Nelson
Deacon at the Door: Andrea Davidson

Musicians: Tom Anderson, Linda Wolf Jeziorski, Paul Jeziorski, Southminster Singers

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Ron Birchall, Steve Henkels, Chris Kozich

The flowers today are given by the Anderson family for the birthday of Ann’s brother,
Seth Patterson.

Today we join with the Session in welcoming the following people into membership:

Nalani Johnson and Francine Long.

Please greet our new members in the narthex following the service.

If you are present for worship, following the service and the meeting, 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; masks and social distancing are at your discretion if you are vaccinated.

If you are online, we’re glad to have you! Note that **we will not offer Zoom fellowship** **until further notice**.
 **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 – March 27, 2022**

**This is the docket for the Annual Meeting:**

Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation

March 27, 2022 – immediately after worship

**Moderator:** *The Rev Wendy Boden* **Clerk**: *Christina Kozich*

Docket

• Opening Prayer by the Moderator

• Determination of a Quorum (15) (Clerk)

• Review of Minutes of Congregational Meetings in 2021:

 01/03/21 Special Meeting of the Congregation, approved by Session 01/19/21

 06/20/21 Annual Meeting of the Congregation, approved by Session 09/21/21

• Reports of Staff, Committees, and Organizations

• Motion for Review of Pastor’s Compensation (Personnel Moderator)

Session accepted the Personnel Ministry’s personnel budget, of a proposed 5% raise for members of staff. The pastor’s compensation needs approval from the congregation.

**RESOLVED**, that the salary and housing allowance for the pastor be increased 5% for

2022, and that the pastor receives a bonus in the amount of $1,500, in accordance with the terms of the budget adopted by Session, as presented in the Finance Ministry report.

$750.00 Compensation

$750.00 Housing Allowance

$115.00 Social Security reimbursement

The foregoing bonus also results in an increase to the cost of the Pastor’s pension contribution paid by Southminster.

• 2022 Budget – Reception of 2022 Budget (Finance Moderator)

• Report of the Nominating Committee and Election (Moderator of Nominating)

• Referral of Minutes to the Session

• Adjournment with Prayer

**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 upcoming opportunities to share your photos: .
**April 3: “Throw-Back Talent Show”** In preparation for our annual Talent Show on
 April 24, let’s see photos taken at past shows. Send yours by March 31.
**April 10: “Throw-Back Easter Celebrations”** Do you have photos from our past Easter Celebrations? Send them in by April 7.
**April 17: “Easter Artwork”** No contributions needed.
**April 24: “Easter Celebration”** Photos from this year. Send them in by April 21.

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.

**Deadlines**! This Wednesday, March 30, the eNotes go out, as usual. (Deadline for eNotes is noon on Tuesday.) But since it is the last Wednesday of the month, it is also the **deadline for the following week’s April 6 eNotes/Dialog**!

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**

**Adult Education**: We took last week off, so we will be starting on Habakkuk this week. What a great name, and what great questions he asked. Join us on Zoom at 11:15 a.m.: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82920574961?pwd=dEwxU2NhaFM5VWhPSzBtYkZvUld2dz09>
Meeting ID: 829 2057 4961 Passcode: 537355

**Youth**:  No **Pizza & Games** this week or next. Happy Spring Break! But keep pondering those Talent Show ideas.

**Talent Show is coming - April 24!** Specifics will come later, but we need acts. So, check with your booking agent to see if you are open, then let Blair know that you will perform. Talent Show is a fundraiser for the Youth Mission Team going this July to Huntington, WV, to help folks there. Talent Show is also a whole lot of fun for the whole family.
 **Easter Saturday Celebration**!
**We need stuffed eggs back this weekend!!!** They should be returned to the Nursery on the table marked Returns.

Spread the word! Southminster is hosting a big **outdoor Easter story and egg hunt** on the day before Easter – Saturday, April 16, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. No reservations are needed for this free event, and everyone is invited!

Volunteers are needed! Please let Angela Smith know if you can come to help with the party on April 16.

**From the Mission Ministry**March Madness – and **March Mission Madness** – are in top gear! How well will your bracket(s) do? Even if you aren’t one of the top finishers, the winners in the end are the missions we support!
If you haven’t yet contributed your $15 per bracket (or more, if you feel like it!), please write a check to Southminster and add your bracket name(s) on the memo line so our treasurer can reconcile the contributions.

**One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)** is a special offering collected during Lent that supports the work of our denomination – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. Envelopes for the OGHS offering will be on the Mission shelf at church, or you may write a check to Southminster with “OGHS” on the memo line and mail it, drop it off, or put it in the offering any time before Easter.

**A Special Appeal: Emergency Response to the War in Ukraine**
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is currently working with trusted groups already present in the Ukraine to provide financial assistance for humanitarian aid efforts.  The PDA anticipates that its ongoing work in the Ukraine and the region will include both financial and technical assistance. Southminster invites you to assist in relief efforts by making a special donation—a check to Southminster with PDA on the memo line—that Southminster will send on an unrestricted basis to PDA to use as needs arise.

**From the Worship Ministry**Worship Moderator Sarah Allen is recruiting readers for Holy Week services (Palm Sunday-April 10, Maundy Thursday-April 14, and Good Friday-April 15). Or, you can always volunteers before she asks you.

**Flowers costs have gone up!** Due to rising costs, our Sunday flower supplier***,*** *Green Branch Florist*, has increased 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. make $35 check out to SPC with “flowers” in the memo line.

The Jablonski family has established a memorial fund for their daughter, Haley, who died last September shortly before her 21st birthday, in cooperation with the veterinary hospital where Haley worked in Wheaton, Illinois. Donations may be made to American Veterinary Medical Foundation, a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, and directed to Haley’s Fund. Donations to Haley's Fund will support care for patients and clients in need at Danada Veterinary Hospital.
Click this link for more information:  <https://danadavet.com/haleys-fund>.

**Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):
The next order date is next Sunday, April 3. Orders must be emailed to bobbifrey@aol.com by 9:00 that night. Of course, you don’t need to wait until next Sunday to order – there is an order form attached every Friday with the worship bulletin. If you have any questions on how the Jubilee Bucks sale works, contact Bobbi Frey at the email address above.

**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 flowerstoday are given by the Anderson family celebrating the birthday of Ann’s brother, Seth Patterson. **We celebrate joys:** - Barb’s second grandson was born Tuesday morning. His full name hasn’t yet been announced, but he and the rest of his family are doing well. **We pray for the whole world and our nation:**  - Prayers for the people of Ukraine and an end to war.
  - Prayers for Poland, Hungary, Romania, and all who are helping Ukrainian refugees  - Peace throughout our world
  - We pray for an end to gun violence in our nation. **We pray for those who mourn:**
  - the family of Bill Paradise, a good friend of Pete Petersen, who died earlier this month
  - 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
  - Connie Vernon, a friend of Angela Smith, diagnosed with breast cancer, who got hit by a car but is mending.
  - Kurt Parent (a friend of several Southminster members), facing cancer surgery this spring
  - Karin Formento, wife of Mike Formento, a friend of Wendy’s
  - 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 and all of us as they and we discern the wise way forward **We pray for all who are dealing with mental or physical health challenges.** - Kathy Davidson, preparing to have surgery **April 1**
 - people giving up addictions
  - people struggling with difficult family concerns  - Barb’s Aunt Ruth and cousin Mike
  - prayers for peace for Amanda
  - prayers for Ed Koska, as he adjusts to Tabor Hills, and Joan, his wife
  - Jan Kaskovich’s mother, Norma, who is having health problems. Jan is with her now
to help.
  - 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 **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, Glen Ellyn 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 Village of Glen Ellyn Task Force on Affordable Housing, 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 this month, 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 Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays full days (approx. 8:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m.) while her son attends his day program full time on those days. 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, March 27 – 4th Sunday in Lent** **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook.
 **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** immediately follows worship
 **In-person Fellowship** follows the Annual Meeting. Fellowship will be in the narthex, no food or drinks served – masks and social distancing are at your discretion if you are vaccinated. **Adult Ed. Bible Study** at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom
 **Youth: No Pizza & Games this week or next. Happy Spring Break!
Monday, March 28 – Pastor’s Sabbath**
**Tuesday, March 29**
 A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday, March 30**
 **eNotes** go out but it’s also the **deadline for the April 6 eNotes/Dialog**
 **Confirmation** meets at 7:45 p.m. at Wendy and Blair’s home **Friday, April 1**
 A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Next** **Sunday, April 3 – 5th Sunday in Lent** **Order Jubilee Bucks** by emailing bobbifrey@aol.com before 9:00 p.m. (This is your only chance all month.)
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 **Youth: No Pizza & Games. Happy End-of-Spring-Break!**