**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**Palm/Passion Sunday or the 109th Sunday of Covid**

**April 10, 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: *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates;
 All Glory, Laud, and Honor;
 A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd;
 Lift Up the Gates Eternal*

Our slideshow today is “Palm Sunday Artwork.”

 Welcome, Announcements, and Moment for Mission

  Improvisational Prelude: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

 Lighting the Candles (Psalm 118:19)

**“Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.”**

 Call to Worship

 Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

 **All:** **Hosanna in the highest!**

 Hymn 196: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* (verse 1)

**All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,**

**To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!**

**Thou art the King of Israel, thou David’s royal Son,**

**Who in the Lord’s name comest, the King and blessed One.**

**All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,**

**To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!**

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 Prayer of Confession:

**Lord God, you came to us in Jesus Christ, and we are grateful, but we have held back making you the cornerstone of our lives. Be first in our lives; be the foundation and rock of our lives. Knowing that anything we build without you will not last. In the name of Jesus Christ, who is both savior and Lord, we pray. 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 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.

 *Jesus Loves Me*

 Prayer for Illumination

 Scripture Lessons: John 12:12-19 Pew Bible, p. 106 (N.T.)
 John 12:20-23, 27-33 Pew Bible, p. 106 (N.T.)

 Sermon: “Now Is the Hour”

 Hymn 198: *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*  (verses 1, 2, 4)

**Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
Thy humble beast pursues its road
With palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.**

**Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain;
Then take, O God, thy power, and reign.**

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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: *A Lenten Meditation* Douglas E. Wagner

 \**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

 Saying What We Believe: The Passion Narrative According to John  pg. 23, orchid book

*The reading will end near the top of page 27 (orchid book)
 or page 5 (copy emailed with the bulletin).*

 Hymn 209: *My Song Is Love Unknown*  (verse 1)

**My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
O who am I that for my sake
My Lord should take frail flesh, and die?**

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 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.**

 Hymn 227: *Jesus, Remember Me*

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

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 Postlude

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden

Liturgists: Angela Smith, Blair Nelson
Deacon at the Door: Norm Ellsworth

Musicians: Tom Anderson, Southminster Singers, Choir
Readers: Pastor Wendy Boden, Angela Smith, Victor King, Lois Stevenson, Tom Anderson,
 Paul Jeziorski, Linda Wolf Jeziorski, Blair Nelson

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Ron Birchall, Chris Kozich

The flowers today are given by Francine Long in honor of her mother and father-in-law.

If you are present for worship, following the service you are invited by the deacons to gather for **in-person fellowship** in the narthex. Bottled beverages will be available; masks and social distancing are at your discretion if you are vaccinated.

If you are online, we’re glad to have you! Note, however, that we no longer offer a virtual Fellowship time.
 **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 – April 10, 2022**

**Holy Week Begins**

Do you know this word: *Anamnesis*? *Anamnesis* is a Greek word that means reminiscence or memorial sacrifice. When we worship together, we do more than simply remember God’s faithful acts of salvation; we enact them during worship. The memory of God’s savings acts forms our self-understanding and our identity as a community of faith. When we worship, we not only remember, but we are present.

Palm/Passion Sunday begins Holy Week, a time in the church year when we remember how Christ gave his life in love for the world. As this service opens, the crowd waves palm branches, wanting to crown Jesus as king. But as the story of the passion unfolds, their shouts of praise turn to demands for his crucifixion; he receives a crown of thorns as he is handed over to be mocked and killed.

The most important reason for combining the passion and the psalms is the relationship between the death and the resurrection of Jesus. To understand the resurrection, we must contemplate the passion of Jesus. Long and careful meditation upon the mystery of the cross must precede the glorious message of Easter.… Interwoven… are the stories of the passion of Christ. Thus, the eight-day week from Passion/Palm Sunday to Easter Day is framed by resurrection and death on one side, and death and resurrection on the other. The need to affirm, as Holy Week begins, the inseparable relationship between the death and the resurrection of Jesus is precisely the reason the passion of Christ and the palms are linked together as Passion/Palm Sunday.

 (From the Office of Theology and Worship PCUSA)

We are God’s Easter people, the awareness of which is born out of the enactments of Holy Week. We remember the height of celebration from the Hosannas to the depth of suffering we recall on Palm/Passion Sunday as we sing “Jesus Remember Me.” We remember Christ’s most basic commandment, “Love one another” on Maundy Thursday, as well as the promise of the Holy Spirit, and the human suffering of Good Friday mingled with divine grace. For two millennium followers of Jesus Christ have gathered to remember the events surrounding his great sacrifice and resurrection. Many of you will be helping to greet the community and share the good news of Jesus Christ on Easter Saturday. Please make plans to attend both or either of our special services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday or find us online. Come and remember.

**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 17: “Our Confirmation Class”** - No contributions needed.
**April 24: “Easter Celebrations”** - Photos from this year and the past. Send them in
 by April 21.
**May 1: “The Grounds of Southminster”** -Send photos by April 28.

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 studying Habakkuk, and then it is on to Jude. 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:** Hope Spring Break was enjoyable and that you are refreshed and energized to finish the semester. Talent Show is coming soon, so we need everyone at **Pizza and Games** at 4:00. (Yes! We get to eat!) to work on our acts for the show. Remember to bring $5 for the meal and your very best skit/joke/gag or serious theatrical engagement ideas.

You must mark Sunday, April 24, for Southminster’s **Talent Show and Dessert Fellowship**. The show will begin at 6:00 p.m. This is a fundraiser for the Youth Mission Team, heading to a workcamp in Huntington, WV, in late July. We will be taking a free will offering. Some yummy treats will be available after the show, where you can meet the performers, get autographs, and shoot selfies with them. Performers, contact Blair (Blair@southminsterpc.org or 630-917-6035) to register your act. You can perform live or prerecord. If you wish to record, please contact Blair about recording your act at church so that we have consistency of video and audio quality.

**Rummage Sale** – first weekend in June! Please think of the sale while you do your spring cleaning, and pick up some price stickers from the counter across from the church offices. It really helps us if you price your donations. Items can be dropped off in Fellowship Hall beginning after church on May 29. Note, please do not donate electronics! (They don’t sell, and we have to pay to recycle them.). Clothes, books, kitchen and garden equipment, and such are more than welcome.

**Spread the word!**

 **Easter Saturday, April 16 – Easter Story Celebration and Egg Hunt**

**Held outdoors, rain or shine. This is a free event – no reservations needed.**

Arrive at any time between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.
Stay with your own group to:

+ Walk through the Easter story

+ Make a cross from palm fronds

+ Pick up crafts to take home

+ Pick up an Easter Story booklet

+ Hunt for Easter eggs (for kids up to 5th grade)

**In case of rain,** come anyway, and pick up a bag of eggs and take-home craft projects for each child in your vehicle.

 **From the Mission Ministry
March Mission Madness:** Congratulations to our 2022 March Mission Madness winners and the missions they chose to support!  And thank you to everyone that participated — we raised $1,000 in total, which will be split evenly by our top 4 point-getters in support of the missions below:

1. Troy Hammer – 1140 points; supporting Bridge Communities

2. Barb Doppelt – 960 points, supporting Youth Mission Trip

3. Rita Zapel – 760 points, supporting Youth Mission Trip

4. Tom Frey – 740 points, supporting People’s Resource Center

 **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**

**Easter flowers**: If you ordered flowers for Easter, you may take them home after the service on April 17 or pick them up on Monday, April 18, between 10:00 a.m. and noon. If not able to pick up your flowers, please make arrangements for someone else to get them.

**Office help requested**! Barb will be away April 20-May 3. Pastor Wendy would like to have someone in the office on selected days and times—we may also need someone to do some work in MS Word, run off bulletins, or other miscellaneous tasks. Please get in touch with Wendy to discuss her needs and your availability, if you can help. Office: 630-469-9149 Cell phone: 630-917-6033 Email: wendy@southminsterpc.org

**Presbyterian Readers** meet at 7:00 p.m. on April 20 to discuss ***The Golden Girls Getaway*** by Judith Leigh.

To join the book discussion, use the following link:

[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86861724721?pwd=TE0yYXZGZUtUNkdvYWh4UEhaTFc0dz09)

Meeting ID: 868 6172 4721 Passcode: 600865

The same Zoom link is good for all of 2022.

**Women’s Circle – Note the change of date**! Instead of the usual third Friday (April 15—which is also Good Friday), we will meet after Easter on Friday, April 22. Please join us at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor for a delightful program that will be presented by Elaine, a friend of Donna Marton. Elaine has a collection of historic buttons and will explain their significance and what she does with them. We will also be deciding on which ministries/charities we will contribute to in 2022. Hosts are Janet B., Betty E., and Caroline L.; Kathy S. will have devotions.

All women of the church are invited to join us for a morning of fellowship.

The Property Ministry can use your help with our annual **Spring Clean-Up!** Saturday, April 30, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (or whenever we finish). With COVID rules loosening up we are hoping to be able to do more inside work. We promise a sense of accomplishment for all who assist! More details to follow in the coming weeks in the bulletin and eNotes.

**Memorial Fund for Haley Jablonski**: 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):
Thanks to all who faithfully order Jubilee Bucks! Our March total was $168.84. This brings our yearly total of “free” money up to $523.38! The next opportunity to order gifts cards is May 1.

 **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** were given by Francine Long in honor of her mother and father-in-law.
**We celebrate joys:**
 - Jack Thorne has a new great-grandson: Frederick Brophy
 - Thanks and praise to God for the safe birth of Barb Doppelt’s grandson, Clark.
**We share our concern**:
 - We pray for Lois Stevenson and Amie Cantarella after a fire in their home made the house uninhabitable for the next 6 months. We give thanks that everybody is safe.

**We pray for the whole world and our nation:**  - Prayers for the people of Ukraine and an end to war. We especially mourn the death of Vitaliy Vinogradov, the dean of the Slavic Evangelical Seminary (Kyiv) – a “Presbyterian” (though they don’t use that label there) – who was shot dead by the Russian army in Bucha. The tiny Protestant community in Ukraine is in danger of being completely wiped out.
  - Prayers for Poland, Hungary, Romania, and all those 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:** - From a friend of the congregation: Please pray for Scott and Harper Woods and their family. Scott’s wife, Sarah, died after giving birth to baby Harper.
  - We continue to remember families who still mourn. **We pray for all who are affected by cancer.** - Karen Boden, recovering from surgery, waiting for news
  - 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.** - James Jozefowcz, Jack Thorne’s son-in-law
  - 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, recovering from hip surgery; praise that all went well.
 - Barb’s cousin Mike, recovering from having his leg amputated below the knee; now preparing for a long rehab. Her Aunt Ruth will soon move into assisted living.
 - people giving up addictions
 - people struggling with difficult family concerns
  - prayers for peace for Amanda
  - prayers for Ed Koska and his wife, Joan, as Ed adjusts to Tabor Hills
  - 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 or Helping Hands in April, call Esther Marcovici (630-776-6389). 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:** Barb will be in the office this week Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 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. She will be away for 2 weeks starting April 20.

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, April 10 – Palm/Passion Sunday** **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook.
 **In-person Fellowship** follows the service. Fellowship will be in the narthex, with bottled beverages available – masks and social distancing are at your discretion if you are vaccinated.
 **Session will meet with confirmands** at 11:00 a.m. in the parlor
 **Adult Ed. Bible Study** at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom
 **Youth: Pizza & Games**, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

**Monday, April 11 – Pastor’s Sabbath**
**Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** live on Facebook at 4:16 p.m. **Tuesday, April 12**
 **Knitting Circle** meets at 10:00 a.m. in the parlor
 **Deacons** meet at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. Watch for the link.
 A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday, April 13**
 **Property** meets at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor **Thursday, April 14—*Maundy Thursday*
 Session docket deadline—**the April Session meeting has been rescheduled to
 avoid Holy Week. Session will meet April 26. But please still observe this
 deadline to give Barb a chance to work on the docket before she leaves for
 vacation!

 **Maundy Thursday service** with Holy Communion and Tenebrae at 7:30 p.m.
 in the sanctuary and streamed on Facebook Live

**Friday, April 15—*Good Friday*
 Women’s Circle**, which normally meets on the 3rd Friday, will meet next Friday,
 April 22 **Good Friday service** at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary and streamed on Facebook
 Live: “Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross”
**Saturday, April 16
 Easter Saturday Celebration: Story and Egg Hunt**, outdoors, weather
 permitting. Families arrive 9:30-11:30 a.m. If weather is bad, families may drive
 up and receive a bag of eggs and take-home craft projects for their children.
**Next Sunday, April 17—*The Day of Resurrection/Easter*
 Easter service** at 9:30 a.m. followed by fellowship in the narthex. If you
 purchased Easter flowers, you may take them home after the service or pick
 them up Monday morning between 10 a.m. and noon.
 **Youth Pizza & Games** will meet on Easter from 4:00-6:00 p.m. because we’ve
 got a Talent Show to prepare!