**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**Easter/The Resurrection of the Lord or the 110th Sunday of Covid**

**April 17, 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: *In the Darkness of the Morning; Joyful Is the Dark;*   *Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers;* *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain; The Strife Is O’er*

Our slideshow today is “Our Confirmation Class.”

 Welcome, Announcements, and Moment for Mission

  Improvisational Prelude: An Easter medley

  *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today; Thine Is the Glory;*  *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; The Day of Resurrection*

 Lighting the Candles (2 Corinthians 5:17)

 **So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation;
everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!**

 Call to Worship

 Leader: The Lord is risen!

 **People: He is risen indeed!**

 **All:** **We are witnesses to the resurrection! Alleluia!**

 Hymn 232: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* (verses 1, 2)

 Prayer of Confession:

**Lord Jesus Christ, you are the risen one! On the cross you gave your body and shed your blood that we might enjoy full fellowship with you and one another. Even so, we sometimes go through the motions and forget others. We fail to respond to your love in ways that glorify you. Sometimes we believe that we are not good enough to be welcomed here, as if we do not deserve your love. Mend our hearts and minds, so that we can not only receive your love but share it with others. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is both Savior and Lord. Amen.**

 (Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

 Declaration of the Grace of God/Assurance of Pardon (Romans 8:33-34)

 Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

 **People: Only Christ, and Christ died for us,**

 Leader: Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us,

 **People: Christ intercedes for us.**

 **All:** **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia!**

 Response 240: *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* (verse 1)

 The Passing of the Peace

 Word with Children

 Children worshiping in the sanctuary, please come forward.

 *Jesus Loves Me*

 Prayer for Illumination

 Scripture Lessons: John 20:1-10 Pew Bible, p. 114 (N.T.)

 John 20:11-18 Pew Bible, p. 114 (N.T.)

 Sermon: “What Does It Mean?”

 Confirmation

 Presentation of Confirmands

 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: You have publicly professed your faith. Will you be a faithful member
 of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your
 prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be
 a disciple of Jesus Christ?

 **Confirmands**: **I will with God’s help.**

 Congregational Prayer (unison)

**Gracious God, by water and the Spirit, you claimed us as your own, cleansing us from sin, and giving us new life. You made us members of your body, the church, calling us to be your servants in the world. Renew in these confirmands the covenant you made in their baptism. Continue the good work you have begun in them. Send them forth in the power of your Spirit to love and serve you with joy, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

 Laying on of Hands

 Leader: O Lord, uphold ***Samantha/Kevin*** by your Holy Spirit.
 Daily increase in *them* your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom
 and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of
 knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your
 presence, both now and forever.

 **Confirmands**: **Amen.**

 Welcome New Members

 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 248: *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*  (verse 1)

 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: *Thine Is the Glory* Handel/McDonald

 \**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 245: *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!*  (verses 1, 2)

 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 the Lord is risen! **All: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

Postlude

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden

Liturgists: Terry Kline, Blair Nelson

Deacon at the Door: Linda Ellinghausen

Musicians: Tom Anderson, Southminster Choir

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Ron Birchall, Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson

The Easter flowers are given by the following people:

Sarah and Craig Allen Caroline and Ralph Linde

The Boden-Nelson family Will and Meredith Perkinson

Linda Ellinghausen Lanny Russell

Lynn Ferino Angela Smith

Sue Knisely Barb Zink

Today we join with the Session in welcoming our confirmands, Samantha Falkman and Kevin Schmidt, into membership.

Please greet our new members in the narthex following the service. We are serving cupcakes in their honor!

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 no longer offer Zoom fellowship.
 **Sunday Morning Adult Ed. Bible Study** will not meet today.
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 17, 2022**

**Easter/Confirmation**

Every Sunday is a witness to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, but today – Easter Sunday – there is a particular focus on the resurrection.

We are also confirming two people into adult membership: Samantha Falkman and Kevin Schmidt. Their confirmation experience, like many things during Covid, was a bit different. We started in the fall of 2019, but in March 2020 we had to step back from confirmation. We resumed in 2022 with Ash Wednesday. They met with session on Palm Sunday, where they were received into adult membership.

Today, Easter Sunday, they will publicly affirm their baptism vows. Their mothers were both confirmed here, but these two are stepping into a long Christian tradition of confirmation on Easter Sunday following a period of study during Lent. Samantha and Kevin are claiming their faith as their own.

In our tradition, the Presbyterian/Reformed tradition, we baptize infants, children, and adults. Confirmation is the personal progression of faith for those who were baptized as infants and children. They are saying yes to the promises made on their behalf. For those of us in worship, confirmation is also a time to recommit ourselves to our faith in Jesus Christ, our risen and
living Lord.

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 are some upcoming opportunities to share your photos:
**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.

**Communications deadlines**! Barb will be on vacation April 20-May 3 – please note the following deadlines:
1. **Session** – the April meeting has been postponed until April 26 but to get the docket done
 before vacation, reports and motions are due ***now***.
2. **eNotes** this week will go out on Tuesday – have announcements turned in by first thing
 Tuesday morning. There will be no eNotes on April 27.
3. The May **Dialog** will go out Friday, May 6. All articles, announcements, and calendar
 items need to be turned in by Tuesday, May 3, so Barb can get to work on them
 immediately when she returns to work on May 4.

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**

**Adult Education**: Our after-worship Zoom Bible study group is taking Easter Sunday off, but we will pick up where we left off on April 24 at 11:15 a.m. via the Zoom link in the bulletin.

**Youth:** Watch for an email from Blair with our Talent Show skit ideas and be sure be at church by 4:00 p.m. on April 24—the day of the Talent Show—for last rehearsal and set up. It is going to be GREAT!

**The Talent Show is coming on Sunday, April 24!** Be sure to be with us either in the sanctuary or on the webstream for our annual Talent Show and all-round good time! The fun begins at 6:00 p.m. and will be followed by a dessert social. (If you will be streaming the show, then you are on your own for dessert.) This is a fundraiser for our Youth Mission Team, heading to Huntington, WV, in July to attend a Group Mission Trip work camp. The trip is service, spiritual growth, and great fun for the youth. The Talent Show helps make that happen, but it is also great fun for us all. If you are planning to perform and have not yet told Blair, please text or email him your intentions, including the name of your act and the names of the performers. If you wish to prerecord, contact Blair to arrange to do so at church on the church equipment. You can reach Blair at Blair@southminsterpc.org or 630-917-6035.

**Rummage Sale:** Spring cleaning? Please put aside some choice items to donate to our annual Rummage Sale coming June 4-5. Price stickers are available in the hallway by the main entrance. It really helps us if you take a few minutes to price your donations. Those items can be dropped off in Fellowship Hall beginning after worship on May 29 and from then right up to the sale starting on Saturday, June 4.

**From the Mission Ministry
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. You may write a check to Southminster with “OGHS” on the memo line and drop it in the offering. The OGHS Offering will be dedicated today.

**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.

Watch for our annual **Gifts Grow** project that will be coming in May, where total donations to the missions Southminster supports will be matched up to $5000!

**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):
The next chance to order will be 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 those listed in the bulletin.
**We celebrate joys:**
 - Pete and Pam Petersen’s new grandson, Anthony Peter, born April 9 to Nikki and Alex Mendoza
 - Jack Thorne has a new great-grandson: Frederick Brophy
 - Good news that Karen Boden does not have breast cancer!
**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:**
  - 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.** - 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
 - Barb’s cousin Mike, beginning a long rehab following leg amputation; and her Aunt Ruth, moving 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’s regular schedule is to be in the office 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. Mondays and Wednesdays she works 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 17 – *Easter/The Resurrection of the Lord*** **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook.
 **In-person Fellowship** will be in the narthex, with bottled beverages, coffee, and
 celebratory cupcakes in honor of our confirmands. Masks and social distancing
 are at your discretion if you are vaccinated. **Adult Ed. Bible Study and Youth P&G** will not meet today.
**Monday, April 18 – Pastor’s Sabbath**
**Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** live on Facebook at 4:16 p.m. **Tuesday, April 19**
 **eNotes** will go out today in advance of Barb’s vacation
 The April Session meeting was rescheduled for next Tuesday, April 26
 A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday, April 20**
 Barb will be away until May 4.
 **Presbyterian Readers** meet at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom**Friday, April 22**
 **Women’s Circle** meets at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor
 A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Saturday, April 23** Wedding of Katie Boehmer and Shane Boston at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary **Sunday, April 24** **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook.
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 Masks and social distancing are at your discretion if you are vaccinated. **Adult Ed. Bible Study** at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom **Youth** arrive at 4:00p.m. for set-up and final rehearsal for Talent Show
 **Talent Show and Dessert Fellowship** – a benefit for the Youth Summer Mission
 Trip – at 6:00 p.m., followed by desserts in the narthex.