**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**5th Sunday of Easter or the 114th Sunday of Covid**

**May 15, 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: *Thy Mercy and Thy Truth, O Lord;
 Great Are You, Lord;
 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

Our slideshow today is “Meet Dr. Vince Gaddis.”

 Welcome, Announcements, and Moment for Mission

 Improvisational Prelude

 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: Come, sisters and brothers.

 **People: We come to worship Christ, the risen one!**

 **All:** **Alleluia!**

 Hymn 175: *Seek Ye First* (all verses)

 Prayer of Confession:

**Loving Lord, thank you for planting in our hearts a love for you that is real despite our own brokenness. Forgive us when we judge others who fail or fall in faith. Replace our judgements with minds and mouths that demonstrate your love and acceptance to others. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. 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 Blair Baldwin

 Children worshiping in the sanctuary, please come forward..

 *Jesus Loves Me*

 Prayer for Illumination

 Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 54:17 Pew Bible, p. 685 (O.T.)

 Romans 3:21-22 Pew Bible, p. 154 (N.T.)

 Sermon: “Understanding My Identity in Christ” Dr. Vince Gaddis

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)

 from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (PCUSA)

**In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

 Hymn: *In Christ Alone*   p. 28, blue worship supplement

 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: *Peace to You*

 \**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 182: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*  (verses 1, 3)

 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**

Guest preacher: Dr. Vince Gaddis

Liturgist: Terry Kline
Deacon at the Door: Angela Smith

Musicians: Tom Anderson, Southminster Choir

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Ron Birchall, Chris Kozich

Flowers today are given by Jim and Tricia Smith in remembrance of Jim’s dad, Don.

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. Coffee and bottled beverages will be served; 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**, which normally meetsat 11:15 a.m. via Zoom, will not be held May 15 or 22 while Dr. Blair Nelson is away.

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. most weeks Tuesday through Friday. Pastor Wendy will be on Heart to Heart this week Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Then she will be away but will resume Heart to Heart on Tuesday, May 31.

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 – May 15, 2022**

**Welcome back Dr. Vince Gaddis and his wife, Cathy Gaddis!**

Vince’s students call him Dr. G. Dr. Vincent Gaddis is a professor, minister, and community activist whose objective is to help create the vision of the Beloved Community. He is also a public speaker who regularly gives presentations on race and racism, the Prison Industrial Complex, and the question of values in America. His current research is for a future book entitled *Revolution in Values: Why America Must Embrace the Beloved Community*. Vince and Cathy are personal friends of our Minster of Youth and Young Adults Dr. Blair Nelson and our Pastor Wendy Boden.

**“Gifts Grow”**

May is Gifts Grow month at Southminster and one of the ways we bear the Fruit of God’s love. Through Gifts Grow you have the opportunity to contribute to our missions, and your gifts will be matched by the Mission Ministry up to a total of $5,000 for the entire event. Below are some of the missions that we support:

**Bridge Communities** is the largest provider of transitional housing in DuPage County. SPC also supports Bridge by participating in their “Sleep Out Saturday” event in November. Alicia Rasnic, a member of our congregation, is a Bridge volunteer.

 **DuPage PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter)** is the only non-restrictive sheltering program in our county. PADS bring together a variety of organizations to help address the needs of people who are homeless. Their slogan is “The Solution to End Homelessness: Housing, Support Services, Employment.” Recently PADS purchased the Red Roof Inn in Downers Grove and turned it into an Interim Housing Center which is currently sheltering nightly 310 people including 131 children.

**People’s Resource Center (PRC)**: For more than 45 years the People’s Resource Center (PRC) has supported DuPage County residents in need of food, financial assistance, computer and language literacy classes, and so much more. We at Southminster have collected donations for PRC for many years. When the pandemic arrived in our area in March 2020 and our building closed, we began collecting donations on the front porch of Bobbi and Tom Frey’s home. Now that our building has opened up again, donations are collected in our main entrance rather than further in the back of the narthex. It has made a difference. For over two years we have faithfully delivered weekly donations to PRC! Even so, PRC has programs that require funding, not just groceries.

**Starfish Haiti—a new mission**: On October 1, 2012, Mission Starfish Haiti opened its doors to 172 students. When MSH opened, it provided education to children from kindergarten to third grade. Each year since, MSH has added a grade level in order for those students to continue their education and hopes to add a grade level each year until the school can offer kindergarten through 13th grade. The founder, Silentor, was born in Haiti but adopted by a Presbyterian in Bettendorf, IA. Our pastor and youth director have known him for 20 years.

**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 opportunity to share your photos:
**May 15-29:** – no submissions needed
**June 5: “School’s Out”** – send your favorite school photos by June 2.

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**: Wendy and Blair will be out of town for a couple of weeks. Let Blair know if you want to meet on May 29, the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. This is a grassroots, democratic decision!

**Youth:** Our next event is the **Rummage Sale**, June 4-5. We need all hands (and feet) on deck for this one. Please be at church at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday the 4th for set up. The sale runs 8 a.m.-3 p.m., then we tear down. It is a long but fun day. We also run a carwash during the sale, so dress to be wet. Then we’ll do it all over again on Sunday the 5th but starting after worship rather than early morning.

**Rummage Sale:** What is the best way to get stuff out of your house and new stuff in? By donating to and shopping at Southminster’s Rummage Sale. It is coming Saturday, June 4th, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Sunday, June 5th, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Got stuff to donate? Please price your donations—there are stickers near the church’s main entry. Clothes and books do not need to be prices. ***Please do not donate electronics of any kind!***
Want to help? We could use a few strong backs to help set up on Saturday June 4, beginning at 7:00 a.m., and then on Sunday the 5th right after church. We could also use help tearing down both days at 3:00 p.m. Of course, the best part is the shopping. And there will be a **carwash** during the sale. All this supports our Youth Mission Team heading to Huntington, WV, for a week of workcamp in late July.

**From the Mission Ministry****Watch Your “Gifts Grow”**

Do you on a regular basis provide food or monetary support for the People’s Resource Center? Do you support the homeless through the work of PADS or Bridge Communities? How about Walk-In Ministry? Right now you can contribute money to any of these groups and have your dollars doubled.

For just four weeks in May, you have an opportunity to give a donation to your favorite Southminster-sponsored mission organization and have your mission dollars matched. Please take advantage of this opportunity to help others.

Consider making a donation in honor of a birthday, anniversary, baptism, graduation, or other special event or person. A dollar amount (but no donor name) will show on the flower that is put up in the narthex display. What better way to celebrate that special event or person than with a gift to those in need?

Southminster-supported missions include:

 **Bridge Communities Starfish Haiti—a new mission**

 **Cuba Ministry we are looking to support**

 **DuPage PADS Walk-In Ministry**

 **Metropolitan Family Services World Relief**

 **People’s Resource Center Youth Mission Ministry**

When you donate a gift of $15 to any one of these missions, Southminster will contribute an additional gift of $15 to the same mission; a $50 gift is matched with $50, and so on.

Write a check to Southminster Presbyterian Church and place it in a special Gifts Grow envelope. Those envelopes are on the shelf across from the office and also on the table as you enter the sanctuary. On your check, write “Gifts Grow” on the memo line and be sure to include a note that tells the amount and mission(s) to which you want to donate. Drop your envelope in the offering plate, bring it to the church office and put it in Tom Frey's mailbox, or mail it to the church.

There are a few restrictions:

Gifts must be received by May 31, 2022.

You must designate your gift to a mission already supported by Southminster. (See the list above.)

We will match up to $5,000 in donations.

Only gifts up to $300 per family will be matched.

Only $1,000 will be matched to any one ministry.

The Mission Ministry reserves the right to designate use within a given fund.

Please take advantage of this opportunity today to watch your mission “Gifts Grow.” And, thank you.

**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.

**Presbyterian Readers** will meet on Wednesday, May 18, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss ***The Nature of Fragile Things*** by Susan Meissner. “On April 18, 1906, a massive earthquake rocked San Francisco just before daybreak, igniting a devouring inferno. Lives were lost, lives were shattered, but some rose from the ashes forever changed.”

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.

**Presbyterian Women’s Circle – Out to Lunch**

The May luncheon will take place on Friday, May 20, at 11:30 a.m. at [Reserve22](https://www.reserve22.com/) in Glen Ellyn.If you plan to attend (yes!), please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex or call Louanne Jourdan (630-244-6866) or Linda Ellinghausen (630-469-9039) by Sunday, May 15. ***If you attend, please bring cash to pay for your meal.***

**Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):
Thanks to all the faithful people who order Jubilee Bucks! It is a great was to prepay for your own gas, groceries, etc. or give as gifts and still give the church “free” money. To date, the amount the church has earned from your purchases is $608.48!
Next order dates: May 22, June 12

**Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):
Even though the pandemic is waning, the need at PRC is growing. With prices of food and gas rising, people are struggling more than ever. The collection box is in the entryway of the church. Donations can also be dropped off on the Freys’ front porch. Any size donation is very much appreciated! Thanks for all the support you have shown over the years!

**Care Notes:**“In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” -Philippians 4:6
Even though we aren’t all together for worship, we are still collecting prayer requests! Please leave a message on our answering machine at 630-469-9149.

***Friends, with our new communication style the eNotes Joys and Concerns (sent most Wednesdays) will include new information and members’ ongoing concerns. For the eNotes/Dialog (sent on the first Wednesday of the month) and Sunday bulletins our list will be full and complete.*

Joys and Concerns**
**The flowers today** are given by Jim and Tricia Smith in remembrance of Jim’s dad, Don.
**We celebrate joys**:
 - Sara Humes (Lanny’s daughter) received her Master’s degree in Nursing and will become an acute care nurse practitioner
**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. Please pray for a place to live during reclamation.
**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 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**:
 - Prayers for Karen Archbold on the death of her grandmother on Wednesday.
  - We continue to remember families who still mourn.
**We pray for all who are affected by cancer**.
 - Tony Bednarz, friend of Lanny Russell, who is starting a new trial to fight his leukemia
  - Dan Bohi
  - John Wallace, former longtime member of Southminster
  - 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 those who have contracted Covid or are caring for people with 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**.
  - prayers for Ed Koska and his wife, Joan, as Ed was hospitalized this past week. - Victor King, recovering from knee surgery
  - Marc, the father of Barb Doppelt’s son-in-law, in rehab with multiple health issues
  - Kathy Davidson, recovering from hip surgery
  - Barb’s cousin Mike and her Aunt Ruth, both with multiple health issues
  - people giving up addictions
  - people struggling with difficult family concerns
  - prayers for peace for Amanda
 - 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 May call Deb Bohi (630-935-1225). 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.

**Pastor Wendy Boden is away May 13-16 and again May 19-28**. If you need **pastoral care** while she is away, you may call Rev. Jay Moses of Hope Presbyterian Church in Wheaton. His phone is 630-258-9172. 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.

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. Online giving through Vanco is also now an option – see the May Dialog for details or contact Ron Birchall.

**Dates to remember this week:**
**Pastor Wendy Boden and Minister of Youth and Young Adults Blair Nelson are away through this weekend.
Sunday, May 15
 Worship at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook, Dr. Vince Gaddis preaching.
 In-person Fellowship will be in the narthex, with bottled beverages and coffee. Masks and social distancing are at your discretion if you are vaccinated.
 No Adult Ed. Bible Study or Youth Group****Tuesday-Thursday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** live on Facebook at 4:16 p.m.; then she will be on vacation, resuming Heart to Heart on Tuesday, May 31.
**Tuesday, May 17**
 **Session** meets at 7:30 p.m. in the parlor
 A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday, May 18
 Presbyterian Readers** meet at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
**Pastor Wendy Boden and Minister of Youth and Young Adults Blair Nelson are away May 19-28. Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart on Facebook will resume after she returns.
Thursday, May 19** **Choir rehearsal** at 5:30 p.m.
**Friday, May 20** **PW Circle** meets for lunch at Reserve 22 at 11:30 a.m. Make your reservation today! (Scroll up to see the full announcement.)
 A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Next Sunday, May 22**
**Order Jubilee Bucks gift cards** by emailing bobbifrey@aol.com before 9:00 p.m.
 **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook, Rev. Blake Severson preaching.
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