**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**7th Sunday after Pentecost or the 124th Sunday of Covid**

**July 24, 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: *Where Charity and Love Prevail;
 O for a World; Together We Serve*

Our PowerPoint today is “In the Swing of Things: Golf.”

 Welcome and Announcements

  Prelude

 Lighting the Candles (Romans 15:13)

**May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

 Call to Worship (Luke 6; Matthew 5)

 Leader: We have come to follow Jesus.

 **People: Love your enemies, and do good to those who hate you.**

 Leader: Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who persecute you.

 **People: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.**

 **All:** **Let us worship God! Come and let us learn the ways of Christ.**

 Hymn 452: *Open the Eyes of My Heart* (all)

 Prayer of Confession:

**God, source of life and love, we seek to walk in the ways of your Son. Help us love our enemies and bless those who wrong us, for we cannot do so alone. Teach us the joy of treating others with all the same respect and goodness with which we hope to be treated. May our every word and deed make known that we are your beloved children and servants of your grace and love. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

 (Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

 Declaration of the Grace of God/Assurance of Pardon (Titus 3:4-6, edited)

 Leader: Through the loving kindness of God our Savior, we are saved,

 **People: Not by our righteousness, but by God’s mercy.**

 Leader: The Holy Spirit has been poured on us through Jesus Christ.

 **People: We are forgiven!**

 **All: Thanks be to God.**

 Response 288: *Spirit of the Living God* (sing 2 times)

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

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 The Passing of the Peace

 Word with Children Deb Bohi

 *Jesus Loves Me*

**Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong.
They are weak, but he is strong.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

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 Prayer for Illumination

 Scripture Lessons: Romans 12:9-10, 14, 17-21 Pew Bible, p. 162 (N.T.)

 Matthew 5:43-48 Pew Bible, p. 5 (N.T.)

 Sermon: “Being Perfect”

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)
 from *The Confession of Belhar* (10.5)

**We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells[.]**

 Hymn 753: *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* (all 4 verses)

 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: *Emmanuel* Michel Colombier

 \**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 766: *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound* (verses 1-4)

 Charge and Benediction (2 Timothy 1:14)

 Leader: Guard the good treasure entrusted to you.

 **People: We will with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.**

 Leader: Now go and serve the Lord,

 **All: For we are blessed to be a blessing!
 Alleluia, amen!**

 Postlude

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden

Liturgist: Sarah Allen

Deacon at the Door/Fellowship: Linda Ellinghausen

Musicians: Tom Anderson, David Kozich, Southminster choir

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Chris Kozich, Alec Parks

Flowers today are given by Barb Zink for Dave’s birthday.

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 online, we’re glad to have you! Note that we no longer offer Zoom fellowship.
 **Sunday Morning Adult Ed. Bible Study** is not meeting today or next week while Blair is with the Youth Mission Team at workcamp in West Virginia.
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 4:20 p.m. most weeks 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>

Dear Friends,
Our opening PowerPoint this morning features members and friends of Southminster who play golf plus photos of famous golf courses. While golf courses are lovely to look at, the theme of golfing is particularly meaningful for us because today would have been Dave Zink’s birthday. Dave loved golf. After worship and fellowship, there will be a private distribution of Dave’s ashes in our Memorial Garden. Please say a prayer of Thanksgiving for Dave’s life and witness as well as comfort for his family.

We are asked to bear the fruit of God’s love. A few ways we do this are through fellowship after worship, supporting our Youth Mission Team, and loving our families as they mourn.

**PowerPoint/slideshows help us feel connected!**PowerPoint/slideshows help us prepare for worship, connect with one another, and make sure that our at-home people get both sound and sight. You’re invited to share your photos:

**July 31: Education Matters** - People who work/worked in education and photos of our educational institutions. Send photos by July 28.
**August 7: Garden Bounty** - What’s beautiful in your flower/vegetable/fruit gardens?
**August 14: School Days** - You or your children ready for school (current or throw-back photos)
**August 28: Summer Fun** - What have you been doing for fun in the summertime?

We welcome both “throwback” and current photos.
We would also love to hear additional ideas from you for PowerPoint subjects.

**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 PowerPoint/slideshow title for which your photos are to be used. Please send photos no later than the Thursday before they are to be shown.***

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**

**Adult Education**: We will take a break for the next 2 weeks.

**Our Youth Mission Team**: Our mission team will spend this week making home improvements for local folks in Huntington, West Virginia, through a Group Mission workcamp. Please support our youth team by praying for them this week. Pray for our influence on the residents whose homes we fix and paint, that they may have a better home but also see the love of God in our work and presence in their lives. Our team this summer includes Jake Falkman, Samantha Falkman, Noah Salins, Kevin Schmidt, Kayla Schmidt, Rachel Johnston, Parin Schmidt, and Blair Nelson.

**Deadlines**: If you have anything for this week’s **eNotes, please send it in by Tuesday**. If you have anything for the **August Dialog, please end it in by this Wednesday**.

**From the Property Ministry: Recycling**We would encourage everyone to recycle their cans and bottles after enjoying beverages during fellowship time. Look for the brown recycling container in the narthex. (It is only for bottles and cans, please.) There is now also a recycling container by the front door, so you’ll have a place to recycle the can or bottle you still have in your hand as you leave fellowship time.

**Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):
Thanks to all who continue to order Jubilee Bucks! So far this year we have earned $945.16 in “free” money with the sale of gift cards. Next order date: July 31.

**Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):
Continued thanks to all who donate food, personal products, and cleaning products. The weekly appearance of clients in need of them has been increasing. No donation is too small. There are drop boxes in the foyer of the church or they can be left on 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** are given by Barb Zink for Dave’s birthday.
**We celebrate joys**:
 - our Youth Mission Team, on their way to workcamp in West Virginia
 - Lanny Russell’s son, Andy, who was promoted to Battalion Chief for the Buffalo Grove Fire Department
 - Pedro Luis Laza, brother of Yoelkis, the pastor of our sister church in Cuba. Pedro passed his ordination exam in Havana Presbytery.
 - the ordination of Dr. Deborah Suikhinmawi, a World Relief employee and a refugee herself from Myanmar. She is also the first woman to be ordained in her church (the Falam Christian Church), either in Myanmar or in the United States. Ask Steve Henkels to describe the joyous occasion of her ordination on July 10.

**We pray for the whole world and our nation**.
  - We pray for an end to gun violence in 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
  - Soweto; Sri Lanka; the countries of Europe suffering from record-setting heat and wildfires
**We pray for those who mourn**:
  - We continue to remember families who still mourn.
**We lift up those who are affected by cancer, as well as their support systems**.
  - Brian, a friend of Lanny Russell, who has a brain tumor
  - Donna Marton is recovering from surgery to remove cancer from one of her lungs. The doctor believes it was completely removed, but Donna will be closely monitored as follow-up.
  - Meagan Nielson, a young mother with stage 2 ductal carcinoma (breast cancer) and friend of the Nelsons
 - John McCormack, childhood friend of Jeff Smith who is nearing the end.
  - Harlene Sperling, now in hospice care
  - Please also remember Tammy Grey (Louanne Jourdan’s niece), Beverly Webb (Bill Curry’s sister), Dan Bohi, John Wallace, Kurt Parent, Connie Vernon, Karin Formento, Shelayne Larson, Rod Boehmer, and Jim Rundquist.
**We pray for all who are infected with and/or affected by COVID**.
**We pray for all who are dealing with mental or physical health challenges**.
 - Bryan Doppelt, recovering from a cardiac pacemaker implant procedure
  - Heidi, who is undergoing new treatments
  - Jean, Barb’s sister-in-law, complications from chronic illness
  - Sandy Phee’s son Brian, who was in a car accident and now has neck issues **-** Cathy Hoffman, a friend of Angela Smith**,** recovering from a a stroke,
  - Ed and Joan Koska
  - people giving up addictions
  - people struggling with difficult family concerns
  - prayers for personal peace
  - 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 (which now has been renamed Nourishing Hope), 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 July, call Heidi Shierry (630-853-6836).

**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 June Dialog for details or contact Ron Birchall. ***(Note that when signing up at Vanco, the correct church phone number to enter is 630-469-9149.)***

**Dates to remember this week:**
**Sunday, July 24** **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook.
 **In-person Fellowship** will be in the narthex, with bottled beverages and coffee.
 **No Adult Ed. Bible Study** (Blair is with the Youth Mission team)
**Monday, July 25**
 Pastor’s Sabbath
**Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** live on Facebook at 4:20 p.m. **Tuesday, July 26**
 A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday, July 27
 eNotes will go out, but it is also the deadline for the August Dialog**
**Friday, July 29** A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Saturday, July 30
 Youth Mission Team** will return (late) – time TBD
**Next Sunday, July 31** **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook.
 **In-person Fellowship** will be in the narthex, with bottled beverages and coffee.
 **No Adult Ed. Bible Study**