**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**12th Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 28, 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: *Celebrate Love;*  *Wounded World that Cries for Healing;  
 We Are God’s People*

Our PowerPoint today is “World Relief Chicagoland.”

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 (Matthew 5)

Leader: We are called to bring a new hope in God:

**People: Come, let us be the salt of the earth;**

Leader: Come, let us be the light of the world;

**People:** **Come, let us love one another.**

**All:** **Let us join together in worship as we love God.**

Hymn: *How Deep the Father’s Love for Us*  (verses 1, 3) p. 22, blue worship supplement

Prayer of Confession:

**Lord, we read that you are love. We even hear that you are love, but even so it is hard to believe it for ourselves. We struggle to love as you love, and we long to be found without fault, but it is only through you that we find perfection. Stir our hearts and minds so that love will be our first impulse followed by the grace you wrap each of us in. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord and Savior. 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 Chris Kozich

Children worshiping in the sanctuary, please come forward.

*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: 1 John 4:16-21 Pew Bible, p. 241 (N.T.)

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

Sermon: “Perfection”

Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)  (1 John 4:7-8)

**Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves   
is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God,   
for God is love.**

Hymn: *Shine On Us* (all verses) p. 36, 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: *I Will Look to the Hills*  Charles Garner

\**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: *O How He Loves You and Me*  (both verses)

This hymn is on the last page of the bulletin.

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

Liturgists: Linda Wolf Jeziorski, Blair Nelson

Deacon at the Door/Fellowship: Caroline Linde

Musicians: Tom Anderson, Southminster choir

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson, Alec Parks

Flowers today are given by Lynn Ferino celebrating her granddaughter Tatem’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, 11:15 a.m.:** Join us as we resume our study of Matthew, chapter 2. Here’s the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82920574961?pwd=dEwxU2NhaFM5VWhPSzBtYkZvUld2dz09>  
Meeting ID: 829 2057 4961 Passcode: 537355If you’re already at church and wish to join us, join Blair with his computer in the narthex.  
  
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>

**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 for this date:  
 **September 11: “Rainbows”** Do you have some beautiful rainbow photos? Send them in,   
 please, by Thursday, September 8.

**Send photos to David Kozich**, who assembles the PowerPoints: [kozichd1@gmail.com](mailto: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.***

We’re also interested in your ideas for future PowerPoints; talk to Sarah Allen or Pastor Wendy Boden.

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**

**Adult Education**: This Sunday, August 28, we continue our study of Matthew with chapter two. Join us at 11:15 via the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82920574961?pwd=dEwxU2NhaFM5VWhPSzBtYkZvUld2dz09>  
Meeting ID: 829 2057 4961 Passcode: 537355  
  
**Youth**: We kick off the new school year this Sunday, August 28, with **Pizza & Games** and the new members of SPY (Southminster Presbyterian Youth). Come from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and bring friends plus $5 for pizza.  
  
  
**Travel to Cuba to Visit Our Sister Church in Guanabacoa!**

We (members of our church) have been talking with Yoelkis Sierra, pastor of our sister church in Guanabacoa, Cuba about visiting the church in Guanabacoa in early January, 2023. Our pastor, Wendy Boden, is interested in going then, as well as some other members of our congregation. The trip would be for a week. **Please contact Wendy Boden or Gretchen Fleming by September 15 if you would be interested in joining this trip.** People traveling must have a passport that will not expire within six months following the trip (that is, a passport valid through the end of July 2023). We need to apply for visas by the end of September, as the church in Cuba needs three months to process the request for religious visas.

**For All Women**: **1st Wednesday Women’s Breakfasts**Mark your calendars for the next Women’s Breakfast: September 7. We will meet on the first Wednesday of each month at Danby Station at 8:30 a.m. Please let Gretchen Fleming know, if you possibly can, by the prior Monday that you plan to come to breakfast so that we have some idea of how many will be there so we can reserve enough space. However,   
**if you find you can come at the last moment, come anyway**! You may email Gretchen at [gretchen\_fleming@yahoo.com](mailto:gretchen_fleming@yahoo.com) or text her at 630-517-0926.

The Deacons are hosting a **Bake Sale** after worship on Sunday, September 11th! We will be set up in the Narthex with wrapped goodies of all kinds, ready to enjoy.

Feel like baking? Your wrapped and labeled items are also welcome! We suggest that items be packaged in smaller quantities, such as 4- 6 cookies or 2-4 brownies. Please include on the label whether items are Gluten Free or Contain Nuts.

This is the first Bake Sale since 2019, so come on in to get something yummy and help us replenish the Congregational Care fund with your free will offering!    
  
  
**Hot Dog - more good eating**! It’s an after-worship **Hot Dog fellowship**! Plan to join us for hot dogs, chips, treats, and games after worship on Sunday, September 25. Your Stewardship Ministry will be hosting this event, in place of the annual pig roast (which had been scheduled for September 11th).   
  
  
**Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):   
Thanks to all who order gift cards! To date, your purchases have earned $1,076.97 in “free” money for Southminster! Your next time to order will be September 11, the Sunday after Labor Day. No order is too small. The purchase of Jubilee Bucks is a good way to prepay for groceries, gas, a meal out, etc. (as well as to give as gifts) and benefit our church at the same time. **Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):   
The need for food, cleaning supplies, and personal products just keeps increasing, and clients are so grateful for the items they receive. Thanks to all who contribute! Donations can be left inside the front doors of the church or on the Freys’ front porch – no contribution is too small.

**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 Lynn Ferino to celebrate the birthday of her granddaughter, Tatem.  
**We celebrate joys**:     
 - Genevieve Kettelson and Dan Nispel on their marriage last Saturday, which Pastor Wendy officiated  
 - the Boden-Nelsons celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary   
 - Jim and Sherry Graham celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. Jim is a former pastor of Southminster. (Contact information is above.)  
 - the badge pinning of Battalion Chief Andy Russell, Lanny’s son, in Buffalo Grove  
**We pray for the whole world and our nation**.  
- our schools, from preschools to universities, and students and teachers as they begin the new school year  
  - We pray for an end to gun violence in our nation.  
 - flooding in so many parts of our country   
 - our sister church and the Cuban people. The huge fire of oil storage tanks has caused major problems for their fuel, electricity, water and air quality.  
**We pray for those who mourn. Please lift up the families and friends of the following person who has died:**  
 - Nalani and Roxane Johnson’s grandmother  
**We lift up those who are affected by cancer, as well as their support systems**.   
 - Helen Shierry, Steve’s mother, having surgery to remove a melanoma and a skin graft to cover the wound  
 - Jan, a friend of Barb Doppelt, who has been battling multiple myeloma and now has had a tracheotomy because a mass in her neck is blocking her breathing  
 - Jim Rundquist, partner of Angela Smith’s longtime friend Carolyn Hudson, who has colon cancer that has spread to his lungs   
 - Brian, a friend of Lanny Russell, who has a brain tumor  
 - Meagan Nielson, a young mother and friend of the Nelsons  
  - Please also remember Rod Boehmer, Dan Bohi, Karin Formento, Tammy Grey, Shelayne Larson, Kurt Parent, Connie Vernon, John Wallace, and Beverly Webb.  
**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**.   
 - Sui, a refugee mom and victim of domestic violence  
 - Rita Zapel’s brother, John, recovering from one surgery (that went well) and preparing for a second  
 - Blair Baldwin, recovering from a significant leg/knee injury   
 - Victor King, who continues to recover from knee surgery  
 - Barb’s friend, Bill, who is having complications from Parkinson’s  
 - People receiving new treatments   
 - 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 August, contact Angela Smith (630-235-1376). In September, call Caroline Linde (630-469-9482). 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](mailto: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.

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, August 28** **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.   
 **Adult Ed. Bible Study** at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom or by joining Blair at his computer in the narthex **Youth: Pizza & Games** from 4:00-6:00 p.m. downstairs **Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** on Facebook live at 4:20 p.m.   
**Tuesday, August 30**   
 **Vision Task Force** meets at 7:30 p.m.  
 A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
**Wednesday, August 31   
 the September Dialog goes out** (a week earlier than usual) **Friday, September 2** A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall **Sunday, September 4**  
 **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.   
 **Adult Ed. Bible Study** at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom or by joining Blair at his computer in the narthex **Youth: Pizza & Games** from 4:00-6:00 p.m. downstairs

**Bearing Fruit – August 28, 2022**

**Gearing Up**

The pastor is back in the pulpit this Sunday after her vacation, and Southminster is “gearing up” for the coming program year, which begins in September.   
  
Our session does not traditionally meet in July, but they have been hard at work ministering to our congregation and community and resumed meeting in August. Of particular note, they have reviewed our Covid policies. Among many other things, the Session voted to drop the requirement for unvaccinated people to wear masks at church. There will still be a “comfort zone” in the sanctuary, and you may, of course, continue to wear a mask if you so choose. We also talked about how we serve communion and how we collect our offering. Look for more information about that in our September Dialog!  
  
**Adult Education** will be resuming this morning at 11:15. You may join via Zoom (The link is always in the announcements section of the bulletin.) or meet with Blair Nelson in the narthex.   
  
**Youth** will meet today for Pizza & Games in Fellowship Hall from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
  
**All Women** are invited for Breakfast at Danby’s Station on Wednesday, September 7, at 8:30 a.m.  
  
The Deacons are offering a **Bake Sale** following worship on September 11 to support their benevolence fund!   
  
Stewardship is hosting a **Hot Dog fellowship** on September 25! The hot dogs are provided from (where else?) “Heavenly Hot Dogs of Glen Ellyn.” (This is in place of the pig roast, now cancelled but originally scheduled for September 11.)  
  
Our **choir** is looking for singers, and our Music Director, Tom Anderson, is looking for instrumentalists, as well. Please feel free to come Sunday morning at 8:15 if you would like to talk to Tom personally or email him at [TomAnderson101@gmail.com](mailto:TomAnderson101@gmail.com).  
  
If you have ideas for service or community at Southminster, please reach out to Pastor Wendy at her email [wendy@southminsterpc.org](mailto:wendy@southminsterpc.org) or text her cell. Our Administrative Assistant, Barb, can give you that number, because we would rather not have Wendy’s cell phone out there on the internet. Even so, all of this and so much more is how we bear the fruit of God’s love.

