**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**13th Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 4, 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.

For those who are in the sanctuary, please put your phone in airplane mode.

Today we are having communion. Those at home may want to gather the elements (“bread” and “wine” or whatever you have) before the service begins.

 Gathering Music: *For the Beauty of the Earth;
 Where Charity and Love Prevail;* *How Very Good and Pleasant; People of the Lord*

 Our PowerPoint today is “For the Beauty of the Earth.”
 (photos by Carol McHaley)

 Welcome and Announcements

 Improvisational Prelude

 Lighting the Candles (Romans 5:5)

 **God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

 Call to Worship (Psalm 135:1-3)

 Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,

 **People: God’s steadfast love endures forever!**

 Leader: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

 **People: God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

 **All: We worship the living and loving God!**

 Hymn 519: *You Are My Strength When I Am Weak* (all)

 Prayer of Confession: (unison) (from *The* *Presbyterian Book of Common Worship*)

**In your mercy, Lord God, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

 (Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

 Declaration of the Grace of God/Assurance of Pardon (Psalm 103:8-12)

 Leader: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger,
 abounding in love.

 **People: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,**

 Leader: So great is his love for those who fear him;

 **People: As far as the east is from the west,**  **so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

 **All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

 Response 582: *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,**

**And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,**

**And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

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 The Passing of the Peace

 Word with Children Pastor Wendy

 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: Hebrews 10:23-25 Pew Bible, p. 224 (N.T.)

 Ephesians 3:16-19 Pew Bible, p. 193 (N.T.)

 Sermon: “Rooted in Christ”

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)
 *The Apostles’ Creed* [Ecumenical]

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven
and earth.**

**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.**

**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.**

 Hymn 520: *Taste and See*  (all)

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

 Offertory Anthem:  *Prayer for Peace*  Sarandon/Lightfoot

 \**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.**

 Prayer of Dedication

 Service of the Lord’s Supper

 Invitation

 [We extend an invitation to the Lord’s Supper to all who have been baptized. You do
 not need to be a member of this congregation or a Presbyterian to share in this meal.
 We remember that access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a
 privilege given to believers who come in faith, repentance, and love.]

 Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

 Leader: The Lord be with you.

 **People**: **And also with you.**

 Leader: Lift up your hearts.

 **People: We lift them to the Lord.**

 Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

 **People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

 *The minister gives thanks…*

 The congregation responds by singing together:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heav’n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

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 *The minister continues the Thanksgiving…*

 **According to Christ’s commandment**

 **We remember his death,**

 **We proclaim his resurrection,**

 **We await his coming in glory.**

*The minister continues with Intercessions for the Church and the World
and Prayers of the People…*

 Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

 **People**: **hear our prayers.**

 Our 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.**

 Words of Institution

 Communion

 Communion Anthem: *O Come to the Altar* Furtick, Brown, Joye, and Brock

 *The music during communion gives us time to reflect on God's love and grace found
 in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. When the music is finished, our pastor will invite
 everyone to partake by saying, “Take, eat, and drink, all of you.”*

 Prayer after Communion

 Hymn 525: *Let Us Break Bread Together* (all)

 Charge and Benediction

 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: Lois Stevenson

Deacon at the Door/Fellowship: Barb Zink

Musicians: Tom Anderson, Southminster Choir

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Chris Kozich, Alec Parks

The flowers today are given by Bobbi & Tom Frey in memory of their parents.

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 at this 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 this Thursday, September 8.

**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.***

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

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**

**Adult Education**: Our study of Matthew continues today, and we might start in on Haggai. Believe it or not, there is connection between the 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
or stay after fellowship time and meet with us in person at 11:15 in the narthex.

**Youth**: This is a holiday (Labor Day) weekend, so there is no youth event. Join us for **Pizza & Games** next Sunday.

**For All Women**: **1st Wednesday Women’s Breakfasts**The next Women’s Breakfast is this Wednesday, September 7. We meet at Danby’s Station at 8:30 a.m. Please let Gretchen Fleming know, if you possibly can, by tomorrow that you plan to come to breakfast; we’d like to have some idea 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 or text her at 630-517-0926.

**Goodies!** The Deacons are hosting a **Bake Sale** after worship next 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!

**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.

**Memorial Bricks**: If you would like to purchase a memorial brick, to remember someone or to honor someone, we must have your request **no later than September 15**. The cost remains $125 per brick. Pick up an order form on the desk in the church office or contact the office by phone (630-469-9149) or email (admin@southminsterpc.org). We need time to have the bricks engraved and installed before dedicating them on All Saints Sunday (November 6 this year).

**Hot Dog** – it’s an after-worship **Hot Dog fellowship**! Plan to join us for hot dogs, chips, cookies, and games on Sunday, September 25, following the service. Your Stewardship Ministry will be hosting this event, in place of the annual pig roast (which had been scheduled for September 11th). The hot dogs will be provided by Glen Ellyn’s own Heavenly Hot Dogs.

Pastor Wendy issued this invitation: Consider joining me at the **Glen Ellyn Interfaith Prayer Breakfast** on Wednesday, October 26, from 8:00-9:00 a.m. at the Abbington (Rt. 53 and Butterfield Road). The featured speaker will be April Redzic, Executive Director of PADS. I am sponsoring a table at the Prayer Breakfast and looking forward to having Southminster members join me. Please let me know no later than October 15 if you are interested in attending.

**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 next Sunday, September 11. 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.
Next month’s order dates: October 2 and 23 **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 email or leave a message on our answering machine at 630-469-9149 if you won’t be present to fill out a prayer request slip.

***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 Bobbi and Tom Frey in memory of their parents.
**We celebrate joys**.
**We pray for the whole world and our nation**.
  - We pray for an end to gun violence in our nation.
 - flooding in so many parts of the world; record heat and drought in others
 - 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.
 - Ukraine, the Holy Land, Pakistan
**We pray for those who mourn. Please lift up the families and friends of the following person who has died:**
 - We have received word that former member John Wallace died on Thursday. Please remember Frasia and family and his many friends as they mourn him. There will be a memorial service planned at a later date. If you’d like to send a card, contact the office for Frasia’s address.
**We lift up those who are affected by cancer, as well as their support systems**.
 - Jim Rundquist, partner of Angela Smith’s longtime friend Carolyn Hudson, who has colon cancer that has spread to his lungs
 - Meagan Nielson, a young mother and friend of the Nelsons
  - Please also remember Rod Boehmer, Dan Bohi, Karin Formento, Tammy Grey, Shelayne Larson, Jan Mazur, Kurt Parent, Connie Vernon, Beverly Webb, and others we name in our hearts.
**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 asking prayers for her brother, John, for a successful outcome as he prepares for his second surgery
 - Blair Baldwin, recovering from a leg/knee injury
 - Victor King, who continues to recover from knee surgery
 - 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 September, contact 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. (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, 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 **No Youth activity
Monday, Sept. 5 – Labor Day
Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** on Facebook live at 4:20 p.m.
**Tuesday, Sept. 6
 Pastor’s Sabbath**
 **Mission** meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Henkels’ home
 A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, Sept. 7
 eNotes go out
 Women’s Breakfast** at 8:30 a.m. at Danby’s Station **Friday, September 9** A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall **Sunday, September 11
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.
 **Deacons’ Bale Sale** following worship
 **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
**Monday, September 12
 Jeremiah 29 Vision Task Force** meets at 7:30 p.m. in the parlor

**Bearing Fruit – September 4, 2022**

Labor Day weekend is a last chance to grab summer and the beginning of a new year in many ways. Many things are gearing up. There are barbeques and gatherings. We have a few special gatherings this month, as well.

The women will gather for **Women’s Breakfast** at Danby’s Station this Wednesday morning, September 7, at 8:30. The address is 750 Roosevelt Rd, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137.

Deacons are offering a **Bake Sale** to support their benevolence fund following worship next Sunday, September 11!

There will be no Pig Roast on September 11; rather, Stewardship is hosting a **Hot Dog Fellowship** on September 25! The hot dogs are provided by, where else, “Heavenly Hot Dogs of Glen Ellyn.” There will also be chips, cookies, and games! We are grateful to the deacons for providing beverages. If the weather is uncooperative, we will be in the narthex, but otherwise we will be outside.

Members of the Stewardship Ministry – Sue Briney, Betty Eichin, Chris Kozich, and Rita Zapel – are the organizers. Thank you, Stewardship, for continuing to be creative in connecting us with each other.

Our Moments for Mission during October will highlight the importance of stewardship at Southminster to empower us to do what we feel called to do as the body of Christ.

Stewardship is often behind the scenes, but it helps provide the fuel for ministry. Stewardship as well as the deacons and women’s groups help us bear the fruit of
God’s love.