**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**14th Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 11, 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: *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less;*  *Be Still, My Soul; O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go;
 Stand by Me*

Our PowerPoint today is “Rainbows.”

 Welcome and Announcements

  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 119:76-77)

 Leader: God has promised us comfort;

 **People: Let God’s steadfast love be our comfort,**

 Leader: Let God’s mercy cover us

 **All:** **That we may live, love, and worship God.**

 Hymn 20: *All Things Bright and Beautiful*  (all 4 verses)

 Prayer of Confession:

**Lord God, your grace has the power to unlock our hearts to those things we are unable to own up to in our own lives. Thank you. For that which has been hurtful, hateful, and thoughtless, we ask your pardon and healing. For that which is good, true, and beautiful, we give you thanks. Restore reconciliation and hope in our world. We are asking all 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 (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.**

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**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 Blair Baldwin

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: Matthew 7:24-27 Pew Bible, p. 7 (N.T.)

 Genesis 9:8-17 Pew Bible, p. 7 (O.T.)

 Sermon: “The Promise”

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)  (1 Thessalians 5:13b-19a)

**Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, brothers and sisters, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit.**

 Hymn 22: *God of the Sparrow* (all 6 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

[The offering plate is at the back of the sanctuary. Please leave your gift or pledge
in the plate on your way into or out of worship.]

 Offertory: *‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

 Louisa M.R. Stead/William James Kirkpatick

 \**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 661: *Why Should I Feel Discouraged (His Eye Is on the Sparrow)* (verses 1, 2)

 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

Liturgists: Lynn Ferino, Blair Nelson

Deacon at the Door/Fellowship: Angela Smith

Musicians: Tom Anderson, Paul Jeziorski, Southminster choir

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson, Alec Parks

Flowers today are given by Lanny Russell celebrating Grace and Isabell’s birthdays.

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 by clicking 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 parlor.

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. No photos are needed for the PowerPoints for the next few weeks but watch for upcoming requests.

We welcome suggestions for PowerPoint subjects.

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**

**Adult Education**: Who was Haggai and what did he have to say? Click on the Zoom link below or join us in the Parlor at 11:15 a.m. and find out. Our adult class learns together, grows together, studies together, and laughs together. What’s not to like?
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82920574961?pwd=dEwxU2NhaFM5VWhPSzBtYkZvUld2dz09>
Meeting ID: 829 2057 4961 Passcode: 537355

**Youth**: Join us for **Pizza & Games** today, 4:00-6:00 p.m. We eat, we chat, we play, and we have some “deep thoughts.” It is all good. Bring $5 for the meal, a friend, and a smile.

**Goodies!** The Deacons are hosting a **Bake Sale** after worship today! We will be set up in the Narthex with wrapped goodies of all kinds, ready to enjoy. This is the first Bake Sale since 2019, so get something yummy and help us replenish the Congregational Care fund with your free will offering!

**Elders, staff, and ministry moderators**: A reminder that the next Session meeting is Tuesday, September 20. That means we need all items for the docket by noon this Thursday, September 15.

**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 this Thursday, 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.

**Order deadline - 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 this Thursday, 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).

**Presbyterian Readers** will meet on Wednesday, September 21, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The book for September is *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng. It’s “a deep psychological mystery about the power of motherhood, the intensity of teenage love, and the danger of perfection. A riveting novel that traces the intertwined fates of the picture-perfect Richardson family and the enigmatic mother and daughter who upend their lives.”

Bring suggestions for a Christmas/holiday themed book for the November meeting; we will NOT meet in December.

To join the book discussion, use the following link at 7:00 p.m. September 21:
[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86861724721?pwd=TE0yYXZGZUtUNkdvYWh4UEhaTFc0dz09) Meeting ID: 868 6172 4721 Passcode: 600865

**Women’s Circle Invites All:** Women’s Circle will resume on Friday, September 23, at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. ALL women are invited to attend. We will put the final touches on planning our year, so bring any ideas for programs that you may have. After our business meeting and refreshments, we will invite each attendee to share (briefly) something memorable from her summer. Come join us! (Note: Most months the Circle meets on the third Friday of the month; September is an exception.)

**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; the Deacons will provide beverages.

We are now **collecting clothes for Family Shelter Service** until Friday, September 30. There will be a collection box for Family Shelter clothing donations inside the front entry (Door 1). The collection box will leave the building on September 30 about 5:30 p.m.! Family Shelter Services is a division of Metropolitan Family Services that operates a safe house for abused women and their children; they also operate a thrift shop to help raise funds in support of their work. Family Shelter/Metropolitan Family Services is also a mission that Southminster has supported for many years from our mission budget.

**Peace and Global Witness Offering:** We will collect this special denominational offering throughout September, with a dedication on World Communion Sunday, October 2. This offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord, and division, and embrace God’s mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world. A gift to the Peace and Global Witness Offering enables the entire church to collaborate in our proclamation of Christ’s peace.

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): **Order today, September 11!**
Today is your opportunity to order Jubilee Bucks gift cards. This is a perfect way to prepay for groceries, gas, household items gifts… and to give Southminster “free” money. (Remember, Southminster earns a small amount of the purchase price of each card.) To order, email bobbifrey@aol.com by 9:00 Sunday night with merchant, number and denomination of cards, and total order. Your cards will be delivered to you near the beginning of the week and payment can be made at that time.
The next time to order is October 2. **Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):
We’ve made another weekly delivery to PRC! It is incredible how we have been able to make these weekly deliveries since the beginning of the pandemic! The need keeps building, and our contributions are greatly appreciated! Food, personal products, cleaning products... All are needed! Donations can be left in the front entry at 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 Lanny Russell celebrating the birthdays of two granddaughters, Grace and Isabell.
**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 grieving families and friends:**
 - Former member John Wallace died last week. Please remember Frasia and family and John’s many friends as they mourn him. There will be a memorial service at a later date. If you’d like to send a card, contact the office for Frasia’s address.
 - We pray for the people of Great Britain on the loss of their sovereign, her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II, who died Thursday.
**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 is asking prayers for her brother, John, for a successful outcome as he prepares for his second surgery.
 - continued prayers for healing for Victor King and Blair Baldwin
 - those who have chronic or progressive illnesses
 - 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, 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. (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 11
Order Jubilee Bucks** by emailing bobbifrey@aol.com before 9:00 p.m. **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook
 **Deacons’ Bake Sale** and **In-person Fellowship** will be in the narthex following worship
 **Adult Ed. Bible Study** at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom or by joining Blair at his computer in the parlor **Youth: Pizza & Games** from 4:00-6:00 p.m. downstairs **Monday, September 12 – Pastor’s Sabbath
Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** on Facebook live at 4:20 p.m.
**Tuesday, September 13
 Knitting Circle** meets at 10:00 a.m. in the parlor
 **Deacons** meet at 7:30 p.m. in the parlor
 A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday, September 14
 eNotes go out
 Property Ministry** meets at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor **Thursday, September 15
 Deadlines!
 - items for Session docket due by noon
 - Orders for Memorial Bricks due
 - Pastor Wendy or Gretchen Fleming need to know who is interested in going to Cuba in January
Friday, September 16
 Women’s Circle**, which normally meets on the 3rd Friday of the month, will instead meet next week, Sept. 23
 A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

**Next Sunday, September 18** **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook
 **In-person Fellowship** will be in the narthex following worship
 **Adult Ed. Bible Study** at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom or by joining Blair at his computer in the parlor **Youth: Pizza & Games** from 4:00-6:00 p.m. downstairs

**Bearing Fruit – September 11, 2022**

**Being Nimble**

“Nimble” is not a word that we would associate with many organizations. After all, organizations are groups of people, and sometimes it takes a bit of time for a group to arrive at a decision. The image of herding cats comes to mind. Our culture longs for nimbleness, an ability to respond quickly to any given situation.\*

Surprise! We are demonstrating that we can be nimble. Starting immediately, we are collecting clothes for Family Shelter Service. There will be a collection box for Family Shelter Clothing Donations inside the front door of the church (Door 1). The collection ends on Friday, September 30, and the box will leave the building that day about 5:30 p.m.!

Yes, this was not covered in the September *Dialog* or in eNotes, but this past Wednesday, the day after our most recent Mission Ministry meeting, a member came with a request. Family Shelter Services is in need of clothing, particularly winter clothing. Family Shelter Services is a division of Metropolitan Family Services that operates a safe house for abused women and their children; they also operate a thrift shop to help raise funds in support of their work. Family Shelter/Metropolitan Family Services is also a mission that Southminster has supported for many years from our mission budget.

This is one of the ways that we bear the fruit of God’s love for our neighbors and one another!

\*It’s too bad “nimbility” isn’t a word. It should be!!!