**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**18th Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 9, 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: *O Jesus, I Have Promised;*  *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee;
 O for a Closer Walk with God;
 O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

Our PowerPoint today is “Stewardship and Fellowship.”

 Welcome, Announcements, and Moment for Stewardship

  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 42:8)

 Leader: By day the Lord commands steadfast love,

 **People: At night the Lord’s song is with us, a prayer to the God of our lives.**

 **All:** **Let us worship God!**

 Hymn 52: *When Israel Was in Egypt’s Land* (all verses)

 Prayer of Confession:

**Lord, we have been told that the fulfillment of the law is loving you and loving neighbor. You have even told us to love our enemies and one another. We have not always been faithful to your call on our lives. We may even have many good excuses and explanations as why this is so. It may be that we don’t even how we have broken the law of love, but we trust your grace and mercy found in Jesus Christ. Forgive us and gently guide us to a life that reflects your love and grace. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is both Lord and savior. 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: Exodus 19:3-9 Pew Bible, p. 65 (O.T.)

 Exodus 20:1-17 Pew Bible, p. 66 (O.T.)

 Sermon: “For the Love of God”

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)
 (from *The Confession of 1967* [PCUSA] 9.08 edited)

**In Jesus of Nazareth true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them he took upon himself the judgment under which all people stand convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all people.**

 Hymn 69: *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* (all 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

 \**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 15: *All Creatures of Our God and King* (verses 1, 3, 4, 6)

 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: Andrea Schmidt, Blair Nelson

Deacon Greeter/Fellowship: Caroline Linde

Musicians: Tom Anderson, Southminster choir

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson, Alec Parks

Flowers today are for Anna Nelson from Blair and Wendy. Happy 25th!

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, 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. You’re invited to share your photos for these dates:
 **October 16: “Stewardship and Fellowship”** – Please send us your photos from the hot
 dog fellowship. Send photos to Chris Kozich at kintonck@gmail.com. bythis Thursday,
 October 13.
 October 23 and 30: “Stewardship Begins at Home” – Send photos of your front door,
 taken in any season (maybe decorated?). You might include yourself, your family,
 and/or your pets, if you like. Send photos to David Kozich at kozichd1@gmail.com
 by Thursday, October 20.

**We’re also requesting** **photos for All Saints Sunday, November 6**. Scroll down for the announcement about All Saints.

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**

**Adult Education**: Please join us at 11:15 a.m. in the Parlor or online via the Zoom link below as we continue our study of Matthew’s Gospel:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82920574961?pwd=dEwxU2NhaFM5VWhPSzBtYkZvUld2dz09>
Meeting ID: 829 2057 4961 Passcode: 537355

**Youth and families**, this afternoon we meet at the main entrance to the Herrick Lake Forest Preserve, off Butterfield Road a mile west of Naperville Road, at 2:00 for a hike and photo scavenger hunt. We will be done at 4:00 p.m. This is fun for the whole family. Blair will bring the hot chocolate. Please let him know that you are coming.

On Saturday, October 15, we can pitch in with the church’s **Fall Clean-Up Day**. Likely we will have a project of our own. The work and the fun begin at 9:00 a.m. More info on that to come.

We’ve also got **Sleep Out Saturday** coming up, November 5-6! It’s your chance to sleep outdoors in a cardboard box… and to learn about homelessness and about how organizations like Bridge Communities work to help people who have been homeless get a fresh start. Blair will be talking more about this, but start making your plans now.

**Elders, moderators, and staff, please remember the deadline for the Session docket is this Thursday, October 13, at noon.**

**Fall Clean-Up Day!** **This coming Saturday, October 15, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**We’ll have a formidable list of outside and inside projects waiting for volunteers. Any amount of time you can help, even if it is just an hour or two, will be appreciated. The Property Ministry will provide snacks and drinks (coffee & water). Rain date is Saturday, October 22.

Pastor Wendy issued this invitation: Consider joining me at the **Glen Ellyn Interfaith Prayer Breakfast** on Wednesday, October 26, from 7:00-9:00 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 this Saturday, October 15, if you are interested in attending.

**Notes from Christian Ed.: Trunk or Treat!**
Have you ever been “Trunk or Treating”? It’s like Trick or Treating except instead of kids coming to your door for treats, they come to your car trunk.

The Christian Ed. Ministry is hosting a Trunk or Treat event in our parking lot on Sunday, October 30, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. We would like you to participate – you can decorate your car as much or as little as you like and pass out treats to the kids as they come to “trunk or treat.” This is open to our church family and to the public. Bring your friends and neighbors. In case of rain, we’ll be in Fellowship Hall.

Please let Blair Baldwin (BlairBaldwin@southminsterpc.org) or Deb Bohi (debbohi@gmail.com)know if you’ll be joining the fun by hosting a trunk.

**Looking Ahead: All Saints Sunday, November 6, 2022**We will celebrate All Saints Day on Sunday, November 6. Our PowerPoint/slideshow that day will include photos of people who have died since our last All Saints Day service (November 7, 2021). You are invited to send David Kozich a photo for that PowerPoint; the picture should have the person’s name, their date of death, your name, and their relationship to you. The photo deadline is October 27. Please be timely because putting names and dates on pictures is time intensive. (If their service was held here and included a PowerPoint, then we already have their photo.) David’s email is kozichd1@gmail.com.

During our Prayers of the People on All Saints Sunday, we will pray for those who died during the past year (since All Saints Day 2021). If you have someone you would like to include, please send their name and their date of death to the office (admin@southminsterpc.org) by Tuesday, November 1.

Please do not send either photos or names/dates to the pastor.

**Sponsor a Sleeper in Support of Sleep Out Saturday**Every year on the first Saturday of November, Bridge Communities invites people throughout DuPage County to spend one night sleeping outdoors in tents, cars, or cardboard boxes. It’s a way to draw attention to homelessness and to raise money to get homeless people into homes of their own. Once again, you can support Sleep Out Saturday and Bridge Communities without sleeping outside: you can sponsor sleepers from Southminster’s youth group! The donation link will be coming – watch eNotes or coming Sunday bulletins. It is simple: you just choose the sleeper you wish to sponsor and make your donation online.

**A Community Note from Sinfonietta DuPage:**Join us for the start of the fall season! Sinfonietta DuPage offers an exceptional opportunity to play classical repertoire in a beautiful setting!

\* Expand your performance opportunities and/or renew your former experience

\* Perform with professional soloists from groups including the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the Lyric Opera

\* No audition required, no membership fees ($40 suggested donation per person is requested)

\* All strings are welcome, limited wind positions (student - adult)

\* Tuesday evening rehearsals at Peace Lutheran Church on Butterfield Road

Contact information: Dan D’Andrea: 630.322.9187 (voice only) or email scsdpd@aol.com

Like us on Facebook: @sinfoniettadupage <https://www.facebook.com/sinfoniettadupage/?ref=page_internal>

or contact Ann Anderson 630.664-2823 or email annpanderson@gmail.com

**Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):
Thanks to all who ordered Jubilee Bucks on October 2. Our yearly amount of “free” money is now up to $1,199.63! The next opportunity to order will be Sunday, October 23.  **Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):
Every Monday we deliver another trunk full of food, personal care items, and cleaning supplies. All donations are so very much appreciated! A greater number of families are in need of food. The average number of families using PRC has grown to over 450 per week, and PRC projects the number will rise as we approach Christmas. 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 from Wendy and Blair celebrating their daughter, Anna’s 25th birthday.
**We celebrate joys**:
  - the marriage of Andy Russell and Nicole Rodosky at Southminster on October 2
**We pray for the whole world and our nation**.
  - All those people and places affected by Hurricane Ian: Cuba, where the entire island was without power; Rita Zapel and her family, in Florida for her brother’s surgery but in the path of the storm. (They took precautions… and the surgery has been postponed.); Bob and Rose Audette, the Vanderfords, Doug and Cindy Learned, and all the others we know in Florida. So far, we have heard all are safe, but Barb’s cousin’s home suffered severe damage.
  - We pray for an end to gun violence in our nation.
  - Puerto Rico, badly damaged by Hurricane Fiona
  - flooding in many parts of the world; record heat and drought in others
  - Ukraine, the Holy Land, and Pakistan
  - the people of Iran as they fight for civil rights
 **We pray for those who mourn. Please lift up grieving families and friends:”**
  - A memorial service will be held **today** – Sunday, October 9 – for former member John Wallace. Service is at 1:00 p.m. at Wildwood Presbyterian Church, 18630 West Old Gages Lake Road, Grayslake, IL 60030. View John’s obituary [here](https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/john-wallace-obituary?id=36536330); this includes memorial donation links as well as links for viewing the service live or recorded. Please remember Frasia and family and John’s many friends as they celebrate his life.
 - Two friends of the Bohi family who both passed away September 30. Let us support their families and friends in prayer: Deb Butler (a former member of Southminster) and Gloria Moore.
  - the family and friends of Allie McConville, a 2016 graduate of Glenbard South. We have no details about a service.
  - Pastor Abel (former pastor of our sister church in Cuba) and his family on the death of his mother, Magdalena
**We lift up those who are affected by cancer, as well as their support systems**.
  - Please also remember Rod Boehmer, Dan Bohi, Tammy Grey, Shelayne Larson, Jan Mazur, Meagan Nielson, Kurt Parent, Jim Rundquist, Connie Vernon, Beverly Webb, and others we name in our hearts. We rejoice that Shelayne Larson has a good report.
  - Karin Formento as we rejoice with her family because she now has a clear bill of health.
**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**.
  - Marc, father of Barb’s son-in-law, hospitalized for breathing and heart issues
  - We pray for Vicki, who is undergoing open heart surgery
  - Adam Ferguson (Paul Anderson’s nephew) lost a foot in a motorcycle accident. Please pray for healing and ability to adjust to life as it comes.
  - Heidi Shierry, dealing with continuing health concerns, and Steve, as he supports and cares for her
  - continued prayers for healing for Victor King and Blair
  - 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 October, call Barb Zink (630-668-2387). 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, October 9** **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook
 **In-person Fellowship** in the Narthex following worship
 **Nominating** will meet at 11:00 a.m. in the pastor’s office
 **Adult Ed. Bible Study** at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom or by joining Blair at his computer
 in the Parlor/Library
 **Youth: Hike and Photo Scavenger Hunt** from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Herrick Lake
 Forest Preserve. Meet in the parking lot that you enter from Butterfield Road.
**Monday, October 10 – Pastor’s Sabbath
Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** on Facebook live at 4:20 p.m.
**Tuesday, October 11**Comcast announced that they will be doing upgrades to their outside equipment
 today. They said Southminster would experience service outages during the
 day. If it gets to be too frustrating, staff will work from home.
 **Mission Ministry** meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Parlor/Library
 A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday, October 12**
 **eNotes go out**
**Thursday, October 13
Session docket deadline
 Pastor Wendy will attend a World Relief gathering at 12:30 p.m.** Arboretum Estates West Homeowners meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall **Pastor Wendy** moderates session meeting at Hope Presbyterian at 7:00 p.m. **Friday, October 14** A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Saturday, October 15
 Fall Clean-Up Day** from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
**Next** **Sunday, October 16** **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook
 **In-person Fellowship** 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/Library

**Bearing Fruit – October 9, 2022**

**Walking Each Other Home**

True story! After visiting Southminster a boyfriend of one of our 2011 high school graduates said, “I thought the church was a cult, because everyone was so nice and friendly!” Let’s take a moment to pause here. A church can only be friendly if it is a cult? This boyfriend understood better as he got older that we were simply friendly and not a cult. A local church is part of the wider church that is the body of Christ. All churches should be friendly. All churches should love one another, neighbor, and God. All Christians should stretch to love enemies. Love is something we are to be known by.

Southminster is a loving congregation; we reach out in concern to one another. Take a moment to look at our prayer requests. We bring not only our personal concerns before God, we also offer our joys and concerns from our life beyond our building. We also remember those who have been part of our fellowship. We maintain ties of love. Many will be attending former member (very active member!) John Wallace’s memorial service this afternoon. It will be held at 1:00 p.m. at Wildwood Presbyterian Church, 18630 West Old Gages Lake Road, Grayslake, IL 60030. Flowers have been sent on behalf of our Southminster family.

Our Stewardship theme this year is from Jeremiah 29. God’s people were far from home and disheartened, and Jeremiah sent a loving letter of encouragement to them. On October 23 and October 30 our PowerPoint/slideshow we would like to show pictures of our front doors. The picture can be one you have already taken – maybe decorated for a season or a holiday. The picture of the door can be simply that, a picture of your front door, or you may want to have a picture with your family or pets in it, as well. We’re asking for any photos you take to be sent to David Kozich (kozichd1@gmail.com) by Thursday, October 20. You may get a text or call asking if a picture could be taken of your front door.

It’s been said that we are all walking each other home. That is one way to think about Southminster: a people of God committed to walking one another home. Let us continue to bear the fruit of God’s love.