**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**20th Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 23, 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: *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne;*  *Spirit of God; Bring Forth the Kingdom;
 Find Us Faithful*

Our PowerPoint today is “Stewardship Begins at Home.”

 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 (Cliff Stout, edited)

 Leader: We are blessed by the Eternal God, who is faithful to us.

 **People: As grateful stewards, we will remain faithful to Christ’s call
 upon our lives.**

 Leader: Through the Holy Spirit, God is our Comforter and Guide,
 our unfailing source of strength.

 **All:** **Together we worship God.**

 Hymn:  *He Knows My Name* (all) pg. 16, blue supplement

 Hymn: *Hold Me Fast* (all) pg. 19, blue supplement

 Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Lord God, your love is all about us. Wherever we turn, we are overwhelmed by your bounty. Your gracious goodness toward us never ends. We have not earned it. We cannot repay it. Your love never leaves us, though sometimes we fail to recognize your presence. We lose awareness that you give us life. We so easily take your love as our right. We forget that relationship with you is life-giving even in our darkest moments. Loving God, teach us your ways again. You call forth from us a total response of every part of our life. Draw us back into rhythm with your will. Forgive us and restore us again, we pray. Use us, Lord. Help us to say “Yes” to you. In the name of Jesus Christ, who we honor as both savior and Lord, we pray. 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 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: Jeremiah 29:1-14  Pew Bible, p. 731, (O.T.)

 John 14:1-3, 8-11, 15-17, 25-27; 15:9-15, 26-27 Pew Bible, p. 108-110 (N.T.)

 Sermon: “We just got a letter.”

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)  (1 Corinthians 9:7-8)

**Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessingin abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.**

 Hymn: *Find Us Faithful* (all)

By email, this hymn is a separate attachment. In person, this hymn is on the last pages of the bulletin.

 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: *Home* Phillip Philips

 \**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 712: *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought* (all 3 verses)

 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**

Pastor Wendy Boden
Liturgist: Francine Long
Deacon Greeter/Fellowship: Lynn Ferino
Musicians: Tom Anderson, Southminster Choir
Word with Children: Chris Kozich
Worship Associate: David Kozich
Tech support: Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson

Flowers today are from the Jeziorskis celebrating granddaughter Madison’s marriage to Ben Finch on October 22.

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.

**We’re requesting** **photos for All Saints Sunday, November 6, due by this Thursday, October 27**. Scroll down for the announcement about All Saints.

**October is stewardship month at Southminster.** We are reflecting on the plans that God has for us here at Southminster, and how we can be part of those plans. If you have not already done so, you are encouraged to make a financial pledge towards the work of Southminster in 2023, if you are able to do so. Pledge cards have been mailed and are also available at Southminster. You are welcome to contact Moderator of Stewardship Chris Kozich directly to communicate or discuss your pledge. Call Southminster for Chris's phone number if you don’t have it or send Chris an email at kintonck@gmail.com.

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**

**Adult Education**: For the next few weeks we will be studying the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew’s gospel. Have you ever considered a deep dive into that very powerful and, at times, puzzling sermon? Join us at 11:15 Sunday mornings in person in the Parlor or online via this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82920574961?pwd=dEwxU2NhaFM5VWhPSzBtYkZvUld2dz09>
Meeting ID: 829 2057 4961 Passcode: 537355

**Youth: Pizza & Games** today, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Be sure to let Blair know that you are coming. Bring $5 for the meal. Friends are welcome!
**Trunk or Treat** is coming next Sunday, Oct. 30, 4:00-6:00 p.m. We get to help! So, if you can, come early and/or stay late to help set up and clean up.
**Sleep Out Saturday** is coming, November 5-6. Blair needs to register you with Bridge Communities so that they can set up a donation page for you on their website, so let Blair know that you are in and which email he can give to Bridge. Save corrugated cardboard for shelters. Note that we will be attending the rally at COD this year and getting a visit from a client! They are serving a meal (bread and soup) at the rally.

**The congregation can help!
Sleep Out Saturday**, like *Tricks*, is not just for kids. Southminster’s Mission and Youth Ministries have jointly supported Bridge Communities through Sleep Out Saturday for many years, but it is usually the youth who do the sleeping. Have you considered spending a night in the cold to benefit homeless families? It is not so bad (in fact, we have fun!), it gives you a story to tell at the office, and it gives you a sense that you have done something good for folks who need it. Contact Blair if you would like to be one of our sleepers.

Even without sleeping outdoors, you can help the cause by **sponsoring a sleeper** (individually or as a group). Your donations support Bridge Communities’ efforts to assist people from homelessness to better lives. Here is the link to donate: <https://www.bridgecommunities.org/group139>
(You may need to scroll down on the page to find the Southminster details.)

The **Glen Ellyn Interfaith Prayer Breakfast: “Together We Pray”** is this 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, President and CEO of DuPage PADS. The two tables reserved for Southminster are full, but tickets are $30 at the door for general admission.

**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.

**Women’s Circle to Arrange Flowers in November**:
ALL women are invited to attend the November 18 meeting of Women’s Circle. Linda Ellinghausen will be guiding us in making fall/Thanksgiving flower arrangements. Please let Linda know by November 9 if you want to join in making arrangements; the cost will be $13.00. Women who would rather watch others do the arranging are welcome, too!

**Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):
This Sunday, October 23, is your next opportunity to order Jubilee Bucks. This is a good time to prepay for your groceries, cleaning supplies and personal care items and benefit the church at the same time. Just email bobbifrey@aol.com no later than 9:00 p.m. on Sunday with your order: 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. Our next time to order will be November 13. **Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):
Every week a trunkload of food, personal items, and cleaning products is delivered to PRC. The number of clients keeps increasing and the need is great. 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 the Paul and Linda Wolf Jeziorski celebrating granddaughter Madison’s marriage yesterday to Ben Finch.
**We celebrate joys**:
 - Praise the Lord that Heidi Shierry’s brain tumor is gone (after several months of radiation treatments)!
 - And another praise: Rita Zapel’s brother, John, had successful surgery Wednesday. They removed the tumor and saved the kidney – it was a very slow growing cancer, and it didn't spread.
 - the birth of Eleanor Rose, a new granddaughter for Barb Zink
 - the birthdays of Dana and Eric Storey
**We pray for the whole world and our nation:**
  - All those people and places affected by natural disasters – hurricanes, flooding, drought
  - We pray for an end to gun violence in our nation, particularly the recent school shooting in Kentucky
  - Ukraine, the Holy Land, and Pakistan
  - The people of Iran as they fight for civil rights
 - We pray for Hope Presbyterian in Wheaton, now entering the search process for an interim pastor
**We pray for those who mourn. Please lift up grieving families and friends:**
 - Family and friends of Diane Cassidy, who was the registrar at Glenbard South High School
 - Blair Nelson and family in the death of his Uncle Ron this past week
**We lift up those who are affected by cancer, as well as their support systems:**
 - Tracy Nelson, battling cancer and the very challenging side-effects of chemo
  - Please also remember Rod Boehmer, Dan Bohi, Tammy Grey, Shelayne Larson, Jan Mazur, Meagan Nielson, Kurt Parent, Jim Sundquist, Connie Vernon, Beverly Webb, and others we name in our hearts. We rejoice that Shelayne Larson has had a good report.
**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:** - Kathy Davidson, recovering from hip surgery
  - We pray for Vicki, who is waiting for heart surgery
  - 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.-3:00 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 23** **Order Jubilee Bucks** by emailing bobbifrey@aol.com before 9:00 p.m. **Worship, Dedication of Pledges** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live
 on Facebook
 **In-person Fellowship** in the Narthex following worship
 **Staff meeting** in the Sanctuary 11:00-11:15 a.m.
 **Adult Ed. Bible Study** at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom or by joining Blair at his computer
 in the Parlor/Library
 **Nominating** at 11:15 a.m. in the Choir Room
 **Youth: Pizza & Games** from 4:00-6:00 p.m.
**Monday, October 24 – Pastor’s Sabbath
Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** on Facebook live at 4:20 p.m.
**Tuesday, October 25** A.A. at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday, October 26**
 **eNotes go out but it is also the deadline for the November Dialog
Friday, October 28** A.A. at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Next** **Sunday, October 30, Reformation Sunday** **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook
 **In-person Fellowship** in the Narthex following worship
 **Staff meeting** in the Sanctuary 11:00-11:15 a.m.
 **Adult Ed. Bible Study** at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom or by joining Blair at his computer
 in the Parlor/Library
 **Worship** at 11:15 a.m. in the Choir Room
 **Trunk or Treat** from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

**Bearing Fruit – October 23, 2022
Stewardship, an important way we bear the fruit of God’s love**
We have many ministries that bear the fruit of God’s love, but without pledges we would be hindered from doing the work God has called us to do. Our staff’s salaries support the work of Worship, Children’s Ministry, Adult Education, Youth, Administration, and Pastoral Care. Our budget supports not only our staff salaries and the budgets for their ministries, but also the other ministries of our congregation, including Deacons, Property, Mission, and Welcome & Outreach.

Our youth have demonstrated God’s love near and far through their summer mission trips. Our deacons have not forgotten people during the past two years of the pandemic. In fact, they have been creative in their care. We are building up our children’s programs as we adjust to the pandemic. We have been challenged on how to offer Sunday school. We pray for more children to return, but in the meantime, we supported our children in a Pull-4-Pets project\*, last Spring with our community Easter party, and next weekend trying a Trunk or Treat outreach project. Mission has continued to support our longstanding partners, but we have stepped up in other concrete ways for PRC, Family Shelter, DuPage Pads, and Sleep Out Saturday.  One recent example is our Family Shelter collection of winter clothing. Worship has had to innovate how we do worship… and we continue to do so. There is more, but all these ministries are supported through our budget. The budget enables us to bear the fruit of God’s love.

In most churches, Fall is stewardship season, because Christian stewardship is connected with harvest time. It is the idea of giving first fruits of the harvest, giving to God from the top of our resources. We don’t have anyone in our congregation who is making a living through farming, but Fall continues to be a good time for Southminster and other congregations to make October stewardship season. Our budget is on a calendar year basis, and pledges are the largest portion of our budget. November is when Session begins to create a budget based on our pledges. Just after the busy month of December, we will begin operating under the new year’s budget.

Today, we are dedicating our pledges to the future God is calling us to in 2023. Please, make a financial pledge for 2023, if you are able to do so. You may return a completed pledge card, or contact Stewardship Ministry moderator Chris Kozich directly at kintonck@gmail.com. We hope to complete the stewardship campaign by the end of October, and you can help bear the fruit of God’s love by responding promptly.

The pandemic has not gone away, but we have learned to live with it while we continue bearing God’s love. One thing is certain: God has called all of us to this time and this place to bear the fruit of God’s love. May God find us faithful.

\*Pull-4-Pets toys were created from your donated tee shirts, braided by the children and donated to the West Suburban Humane Society. The children also made a tour of the Humane Society and met some of the rescue pets.