**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**Reformation Sunday**

**October 30, 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: *Lead Me, Guide Me;*  *My Soul Is at Rest;
 Come, Bring Your Burdens to God*

Our Photo Story today is “Stewardship Begins at Home.”

 Welcome, Announcements, and Moment for Stewardship

  Prelude: *Ancient Words, Ever New*

 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

 Leader: Through Jesus Christ, God has called us to a journey of faith.

 **People: We may never be able to predict where our faith journey may take us,**

 Leader: But we know that our journey will always be filled with God’s grace.

 **People: What are our guides on this journey?**

 Leader: Sola Scriptura, Scripture Alone

 **People: Solus Christus, Christ Alone**

 Leader: Sola Fide, Faith Alone

 **People:** **Soli Deo Gloria, Glory to God Alone**

 Hymn:  *In Christ Alone* (verses 1, 4) pg. 28, blue supplement

 Hymn: *Grace Alone* (all) pg. 14, blue supplement

 Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Heavenly Father, your Son Jesus prayed that those who believe in Him may be one as you and your Son are one. We know that in spite of progress made towards the unity you so desire, there is still work to be done. Guide us, gracious Father, along the path of love, forgiveness, compassion, and understanding. We now profess our belief in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Help us profess with both our words and actions a common faith that unites us as the people you have created us to be: one family with one Lord and Savior. May the Body of Christ be one in faith, hope, and love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Now hear our silent and personal prayers. 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 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 11:29-30  Pew Bible, p. 12, (N.T.)

 1 Kings 3:4-9 Pew Bible, p. 306 (O.T.)

 Sermon: “Ancient Words, Ever New”

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)
 from *The Confession of 1967* (9.37)

**We believe in the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects, and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.**

 Hymn 458: *Thy Word* (sing twice)

 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 Anthem: *Ancient Words, Ever New*

 \**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 275: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (verses 1, 4)

 Charge and Benediction

 Leader: Now go and serve the Lord,

 **All: For we are blessed to be a blessing!
 Alleluia, amen!**

 Postlude: *Amazing Grace*

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Pastor Wendy Boden
Liturgist: Angela Smith
Deacon Greeter/Fellowship: Anny Davidson
Musicians: Tom Anderson, Southminster Choir; Dave Johnston, bagpipes
Word with Children: Blair Baldwin
Worship Associate: David Kozich
Tech support: Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson

Flowers today are from Donna Marton in memory of her mother, Ruby Cresswell.

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/Photo Stories help us feel connected!**The Sunday morning PowerPoint/Photo Stories help us prepare for worship, connect with one another, and make sure that our at-home people get both sound and sight. Watch for upcoming opportunities to share photos.

**Today marks the end of stewardship month at Southminster.** 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. Your assistance in responding today will be greatly appreciated.
Pledge cards have been mailed and are also available at Southminster. You are also 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 Christian Ed.:
Trunk or Treat – Today’s the day!**
The Christian Ed. Ministry is hosting a **Trunk or Treat** event in our parking lot this afternoon from 4:00-6:00 p.m. We hope you are planning on coming! 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.) We’ll see you later today at Trunk or Treat!

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**

**Adult Education**: Ever pondered the Sermon on the Mount? You haven't? Then it is about time. You have? Want to do it again (it is well worth your time)? Join us Sunday morning at 11:15 in the Parlor or via this Zoom link for an hour of enriching study, conversation, and fellowship:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82920574961?pwd=dEwxU2NhaFM5VWhPSzBtYkZvUld2dz09>
Meeting ID: 829 2057 4961 Passcode: 537355

**Youth:** This Sunday Christian Education Ministry is hosting **Trunk or Treat** from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. We get to help run games and do other fun stuff for the little ones. Bonus points to those who turn up early (3:30ish) to set up or stay late to clean up. It will be both fun and a good way to serve our church as we also serve the community.
**Sleep Out Saturday** is next weekend, Nov. 5-6. If you have not registered, contact Blair. He will register you with the donation website, and they will email you with the information to set up your own donation page. All you need to do is tell everyone you are sleeping out to support Bridge Communities as they help homeless families, let them have the link, and donations will flow in! If you are registered, don't forget to save up corrugated cardboard for your shelter. We will meet at church on Nov. 5 at 4:00 p.m. to set up shelters, attend the rally at COD from 6:00 to 7:30 (where we will get a meal!), and then head back to the church for games, firepit, smores, and a visit from a Bridge Communities client. Watch for an email containing more detailed info.

**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.)

**Young Adults**:  Thanksgiving is a time for our out-towners to migrate home to see family and eat turkey. Which means it is also a time to see old friends. So, put the evening of Nov. 23 (the Wednesday before Turkey Day) on your calendar for **Tacos before Turkey**. We will meet and eat at Wendy and Blair’s from 7:00-8:00 p.m., and we will host a Zoom meeting so folks who cannot be there can tune in and say “Hi!”

**Next Sunday: All Saints Sunday, November 6**We will celebrate All Saints Day next Sunday, November 6. Our PowerPoint/Photo Story that day will include photos of people who have died since our last All Saints Day service During our Prayers of the People, 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 names to the pastor.)

All women invited: **First Wednesday Women’s Breakfasts**! Our next informal women’s breakfast will be held at Danby’s Station at 8:30 a.m. this Wednesday, November 2. Call, text, or email Gretchen Fleming—(630) 517-0926; gretchen\_fleming@yahoo.com—if you have any questions.

**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!

**Notes from the Mission Ministry: Share the Spirit**The time of year is soon upon us with the holiday season when the Southminster family supports the **People's Resource Center's Share the Spirit** program. Our more financially vulnerable neighbors in the DuPage community are given assistance to enhance their shopping experience for the holidays. This year, members and friends of Southminster may partake in giving donations. As advised by PRC, this year will consist only of gift cards through Jubilee Bucks via Bobbi Frey. Purchases of these gift cards will be *only for $25.00 cards from Amazon, Jewel, Mariano’s, Target, or Walmart*. Special order forms for Jubilee Bucks/Share the Spirit can be found on the shelf opposite the church office. Ordering has begun and will continue through November 13. (Scroll down for more information about Jubilee Bucks/Share the Spirit.)

The **Thank Offering** will be received on November 20 during worship… with a reminder to count our blessings and bring our coins to add to the big punch bowl. The Thank Offering is an effort of Presbyterian Women’s Circle, but everyone who has blessings to count is invited to participate!

**Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):
Thanks to all who ordered last Sunday. As of now, we have made $1,377.74 in “free” money for our church! Your next opportunity to order is November 13.

One of the projects Mission supports is **PRC’s Share the Spirit (STS)** by purchasing gift cards for them to distribute to families with children. They are asking for $25 gift cards to Amazon, Target, Walmart, Jewel, and Mariano’s. These cards can be ordered any time between now and November 13 and will be held and delivered together for STS. Purchase gift cards through Jubilee Bucks and you’ll be supporting two good causes – Southminster *and* Share the Spirit!

To order, just email bobbifrey@aol.com any time before 9:00 p.m. on November 13 with your order: merchant, number and denomination of cards, and total order. If you include cards you wish to donate along with your regular Jubilee Bucks order, just designate which cards are for STS. **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.
 **Joys and Concerns**
**The flowers today** are from Donna Marton in memory of her mother, Ruby Cresswell.
**We celebrate joys**:
 - Paul and Linda Wolf Jeziorski celebrated their granddaughter, Madison’s, accomplishments
 - 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 last week. 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
**We pray for the Jeremiah 29 discernment task force.
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 school shooting in St. Louis on Monday
  - 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:**
 - Linda Wolf Jeziorski, who has High Risk MDS; please pray for her as she receives experimental treatments.
 - Andrea Schmidt’s friend Peggy, who has reoccurring cancer
 - Tracy Nelson, battling cancer and the very challenging side-effects of chemo
  - Please also remember Rod Boehmer, Dan Bohi, Tammy Grey, Jan Mazur, Meagan Nielson, Charlene Simpson, Jim Sundquist, Connie Vernon, Beverly Webb, and others we name in our hearts. We rejoice that Shelayne Larson and Kurt Parent have had a good reports!
**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:** - Anna Nelson’s friend, Becca, who ran the marathon earlier in October; last week Becca got Covid and had 3 separate strokes, one of them after she was sent home from the hospital. She was taken back to the hospital for a procedure, but she has brain damage and hasn’t woken up.
 - Linda H. who is recuperating from heart bypass surgery
  - We pray for Vicki, who had surgery this week
 - Barb’s cousin, Linda M., who will have brain surgery this week
 - Barb’s friend, Bill, who is being treated for blood clots in his leg and lungs
 - Kathy Davidson, recovering from hip surgery
  - Those who have chronic or progressive illnesses
  - People receiving new treatments
 - People waiting for surgery
  - People giving up addictions
  - People struggling with difficult family concerns/marital circumstances
  - 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); beginning November 2, call Louanne Jourdan (home: 630-793-9338 or cell: 630-244-6866). 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 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 Ministry** at 11:15 a.m. in the Choir Room
 **Youth: come at 3:30 to help set up for Trunk or Treat
 Trunk or Treat** from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the parking lot (or Fellowship Hall if it rains)
**Monday, October 31 – Pastor’s Sabbath
Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** on Facebook live at 4:20 p.m.
**Tuesday, November 1** **Mission Ministry** at 7:30 p.m. in the Parlor
 A.A. at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday, November 2**
 **the November Dialog goes out
 Women’s Breakfast** at 8:30 a.m. at Danby’s Station
**Thursday, November 3**
 Hawthorn Garden Club at 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall **Friday, November 4** A.A. at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Saturday, November 5 – Sleep Out Saturday**
 4:00 p.m. **sleepers meet at church** to set up shelters
 6:00 p.m. **SOS rally at COD** (includes supper)
 7:40 p.m. **return to church** for games, s’mores, a visit from a Bridge client,
 and… sleep!
 **Daylight Saving Time ends** in the wee hours of the morning. Don’t forget to set
 your clocks to “fall back” one hour before you go to sleep.
**Next Sunday, November 6 – All Saints Sunday, Communion
End of Daylight Saving Time** **SOS Breakfast** at 8:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
 **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
 **Nominating** at 11:15 a.m. in the Choir Room

**Bearing Fruit – October 30, 2022
Reformation Sunday- More than just Halloween**
October 31 is more to us than just Halloween. October 31 is the 505th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, as well. Reformed churches, including the Presbyterian branch of the family tree that is Christianity, commemorates this on the last Sunday in October. Through the years in different times and places, Christians have tried to articulate, to speak clearly, about the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Their statements, or confessions, are represented by the banners that you see displayed here today. Each banner represents a particular time in history and place to show how God’s people have tried to live faithfully as followers of Jesus Christ.

As Protestant and Reformed Christians we live by *Grace Alone, Faith Alone, and Scripture Alone*. Another important result of the Reformation is the emphasis on the *Priesthood of All Believers*, the call of all lay people to be engaged in the work of Christ’s Church. Scripture is our authority. The confessions are guides. As the Westminster Confessions states, the Church of Jesus Christ is *“reformed and always reforming according to the word of God.”* Only the Bible holds the position of authority in our faith. Our 12 confessions were written by many people in different life situations, and these confessions are a response to the historical, political stresses of their time. The most recent addition to the PCUSA constitution is the Belhar Confession of South Africa.

The unities of these 12 confessions are:

* Conviction that Jesus Christ as the one truly human and truly divine Mediator, Lord, and Savior.
* Doctrine of the Trinity
* The Authority of Scripture
* The work of the Holy Spirit in the interpretation of the Scripture.
* The right preaching of Scripture and the right administration of the Sacraments
* God’s sovereign claim on not only our personal lives, but our lives together.
* We live our lives faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ, guided by Scripture, and seek to live as a church family faithful to God’s sovereign call on our lives as a church family.

While our other confessions come from Europe and the United States, Belhar is unique because it comes from the southern hemisphere and from a new continent. Though the Confession of 1967 addresses some of the issues of race relations, Belhar has greater clarity in regard to our witnessing, to unity, reconciliation, and justice. Like many of our confessions there are scripture references as well. This confession requires us to ask the important gospel question, “Who is my neighbor?” Together our 12 confessions help us answer the question “What does God call us to do and be in the world.”