**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**23rd Sunday after Pentecost**

**November 13, 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: *Live Into Hope; Though I May Speak;*  *Called as Partners in Christ’s Service;
 Help Us Accept Each Other; What Does the Lord Require*

Our Photo Story today is “Sleep Out Saturday/Bridge Communities.”

 Welcome, Announcements, and Moment for Mission

 Practice *What Does the Lord Require of You* (Hymn 70)

  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 (Micah 6:6-8)

 Leader: The Lord has shown us, what is good!

 **People: What does the LORD require of us?**

 **All:** **To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God.**

 Hymn 743:  *O God, You Are My God*

 Hymn 452: *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

 Hymn 740: *Lead Me, Guide Me*

 Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Loving God, open our minds and hearts so that we may be able to look with courage on the fullness of our lives. There is both good and bad; there is both beautiful and nasty. Forgive us and empower us through your Holy Spirit to be imitators of Christ in faith and in works. 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 Nelson

 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: James 2:8-26  Pew Bible, p. 229, (N.T.)

 Micah 6:6-8 Pew Bible, p. 866 (O.T.)

 Sermon: “Meet our neighbor, Tiffany Jones”

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)
 from *The Confession of 1967* (9.15, edited)

**God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.**

 Hymn 70: *What Does the Lord Require of You?* (Tom will lead us in a canon.)

 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: *For Everyone Born*

 \**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 370: *This Is My Father’s World* (both 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 with Tiffany Jones
Liturgist: Steve Henkels
Deacon Greeter/Fellowship: Barb Zink
Musicians: Tom Anderson, Southminster Choir
Word with Children: Blair Nelson
Worship Associate: David Kozich
Tech support: Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson

Flowers today are from Heidi Shierry in honor of her stepbrother, Ravi Parekh.

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.:** This week we will try meeting for the first time on Google Meet. Join us here: [https://meet.google.com/fna-eojg-uye](https://meet.google.com/fna-eojg-uye%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)*Note that because this is Meet and not Zoom, it will look different on your phone or computer.* If 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>

**Photo Stories/PowerPoints help us feel connected!**Photo Stories/PowerPoints 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:
 **November 20: “Fall Beauty/Trunk or Treat”** Please send us your photos of
 fall colors and/or photos of Trunk or Treat fun by Thursday, November 17.
 **December 4: “Advent Wreaths/Candles”** Please send us your photos by Thursday,
 December 1.

**Send photos to our new dedicated email address, just for photos:** **PhotoStory@Southminsterpc.org****.** *Please include the date and Photo Story/PowerPoint title for which your photos are to be used.*

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**

**Adult Education**: The Sermon on the Mount is a challenging and rewarding part of the New Testament. Join us this Sunday at 11:15 a.m. and take in Jesus' wisdom. We are trying something new today: meeting via Google Meet rather than Zoom. Here is the link: <https://meet.google.com/fna-eojg-uye>*Note that because this is Meet and not Zoom, it will look different on your phone or computer.* If you’re already at church, join Blair with his computer in the parlor.

**Youth:** Wonderful job last weekend on **Sleep Out Saturday**! Now it is time for fun. Join us for **Pizza and Games** today, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Bring a smile, a friend, and $5 for the meal. Next Sunday: Escape Room, 5:00 p.m. Blair will have details.

**Sleep Out Saturday:** Clearly Southminster’s youth are skilled sleepers. Their night in the cold last weekend brought in $2,640 in donations to Bridge Communities Transitional Housing Program for homeless families! Congratulations to them, and thank you to Southminster for all the support, especially the Mission Ministry who donated and fed us! By the way, it looks like there is still time to donate in the name of our of our sleepers, if you wish, at [bridgecommunities.org/group139](http://bridgecommunities.org/group139).

**Young Adults**:  Thanksgiving is a time for our out-of-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!”

**From the Stewardship Ministry**: Thank you to everyone who has already turned in their **pledges for 2023**. If you have not already done so, it is not too late to declare your financial pledge for next year’s budget. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge soon, if you are able to do so. You may make a pledge by turning in a pledge card, or by contacting Stewardship ministry chair Chris Kozich directly – her email is kintonck@gmail.com.

**Notes from the Mission Ministry: Share the Spirit**Now is the time when the Southminster family supports the **People's Resource Center's Share the Spirit** Christmas 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 are invited to participate by contributing gift cards through Jubilee Bucks via Bobbi Frey. Purchases of these gift cards will be *only for $25.00 cards from Amazon, Jewel, Marianos, 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 today, November 13. (Scroll down for more information about Jubilee Bucks/Share the Spirit.)

**Staff, elders, and ministry moderators**: Session meets this Tuesday, November 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Look for the docket on Monday.

**Presbyterian Readers** meet at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom this Wednesday, November 16. The book for November is *A Redbird Christmas* by Fannie Flagg.
To join the book discussion, use the following link November 16 at 7:00 p.m.:
[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86861724721?pwd=TE0yYXZGZUtUNkdvYWh4UEhaTFc0dz09) Meeting ID: 868 6172 4721 Passcode: 600865
The Readers will NOT meet in December.

**Women’s Circle** will meet this Friday, November 18, at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Those who previously signed up will be guided by Linda Ellinghausen in making fall floral arrangements. ALL women are invited to attend; those who had not signed up in advance are invited to come to watch and enjoy refreshments and conversation. (That’s fun, too!)
The **Thank Offering** will be received next Sunday, 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!

**From the Worship Ministry: Poinsettias!**If you are interested in ordering one of the large poinsettias that will grace the sanctuary at Christmas, sign up on the flower board in the narthex or contact Sarah Allen by phone or text (630-988-823) by December 4. Cost is $40 each.
***Please note: Christmas Eve service will be at 4:30 p.m. this year***The earlier time has been set to accommodate families gathering later that evening.

**Jubilee Bucks and Share the Spirit** (from Bobbi Frey):
Thanks to all who have ordered Jubilee Bucks this year, we have made $1,377.74 in “free” money for our church! The next order date is this Sunday, 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. 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 to Share the Spirit in addition to your regular Jubilee Bucks order, just designate which cards are for STS; we will hold all the STS cards together and deliver them at one time. *Remember, November 13 is your only chance to purchase Jubilee Bucks gift cards for Share the Spirit!* The regular order form and a special STS order form are available on the shelf opposite the church office and were attached to the Friday email that also included the bulletin.
 **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 Heidi Shierry in honor of her stepbrother, Ravi Parekh.
**We celebrate joys**.
**We pray to the Lord of the Harvest for a harvest and workers for the harvest.
We pray for the Jeremiah 29 discernment task force.
We pray for the whole world and our nation as we wait for the final election results:**
  - All those people and places affected by natural disasters – hurricanes, flooding, drought
  - We pray for an end to gun violence in our nation
  - Ukraine, the Holy Land, and Pakistan
  - The people of Iran as they fight for civil rights
  - Paul Pelosi, husband of Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi of CA, who was attacked in their home. We pray that God would keep all the public servants and their families safe.
  - We pray for Hope Presbyterian in Wheaton in their search process for an interim pastor.
**We pray for those who mourn. Please lift up grieving families and friends:**
 - Last Sunday’s All Saints Day list of people we prayed for left off a name that should have been included: Julia W. Linde, who died January 28, 2022. She was the sister-in-law of Ralph and Caroline Linde.
  - Anna Nelson’s friend, Becca Pressler, who suffered 3 strokes after contracting Covid, has died. Please pray for her husband, Todd, and the rest of her family and friends.
**We pray for those who are near death and their families and caregivers:** - Nan-c Hilpert, Wendy’s cousin
 - Don Janson, Betty Eichin’s brother
**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. The surgery went well.
 - Najla Brannin, a six-time Junior Olympic synchronized swimmer, who has worked hard to get back to competing while battling cancer. She is the daughter of Janey Sarther’s friend.
  - Tracy Nelson, battling cancer and the very challenging side-effects of chemo
  - We rejoice that Shelayne Larson, Kurt Parent, and Rita Zapel’s brother, John, have had good reports!
  - 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 pray for all who are infected with and/or affected by Covid.**
 - Jim Smith is back home after a brief stay in the hospital due to Covid.
  - Marc, father of Barb’s son-in-law, who in addition to numerous serious health conditions has had Covid and is recuperating in a rehab facility.
**We pray for all who are dealing with mental or physical health or other challenges:** - Edem, one of our past COD students who lives in Ghana – financial hardship
  - Sandy Phee, recovering from heart surgery. No visitors, please, but cards are welcome.
  - Barb’s Aunt Ruth, hospitalized with a kidney infection
  - Cathy Hoffman, friend of Angela Smith, as she recovers from a stroke
  - The Kevorkian family with multiply health problems
  - Linda H. who is recuperating from heart bypass surgery
  - Vicki, recovering from surgery
  - Barb’s cousin, Linda M., recovering from brain surgery. It went well, but now she is waiting for the pathology report.
 - Bill, a friend of Barb’s, is having continuing issues with blood clots in his legs and lungs and the medications to try to control them
  - Heidi Sherry’s brain tumor is gone (after several months of radiation treatments! We continue to pray for her health.
  - 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 November, 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, November 13
Order Jubilee Bucks gift cards** by emailing bobbifrey@aol.com before 9:00 p.m. ***This is your only chance to order cards for Share the Spirit!*** **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 Google Meet or by joining Blair at his
 computer in the Parlor/Library. (We are using Google Meet for the first time today;
 scroll up for the link and note that it will look different on your phone or computer
 than what you’re used to with Zoom.)
 **Nominating** at 11:15 a.m. in the Choir Room
 **Youth: Pizza & Games** from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Monday, November 14 – Pastor’s Sabbath** Voting equipment will be delivered in the morning; election judges will be here
 around 6:00 p.m. to set up in Fellowship Hall
**Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** on Facebook live at 4:20 p.m.
**Tuesday, November 15** **Session** at 7:30 p.m. in the Parlor
 A.A. at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday, November 16**
 **eNotes** go out
 **Cuba Trip Team** meets at 9:00 a.m. at Danby’s Station
 Pastors’ Study group at 12:30 p.m. in the Parlor
 **Presbyterian Readers** meet at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom **Friday, November 18
 Women’s Circle** at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall A.A. at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  **Next Sunday, November 20 – Christ the King Sunday
Thanksgiving emphasis in worship, collection of the Thank Offering** **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook
 **In-person Fellowship** in the Narthex following worship. We will have pies!
 **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
 **Youth: Escape Room** at 5:00 p.m. Blair will have details.

**Bearing Fruit – November 13, 2022
Sleep out Saturday & Photo Opportunity for Cuba**
What would compel a group of people to sleep outside on a cold November night? That is the pressing question. Many do so because they have no choice, but our youth group did it to raise money and awareness for the homeless with Bridge Communities’ Sleep Out Saturday event.

Today we welcome a graduate of Bridge Communities into our pulpit – Tiffany Jones. Tiffany will share her story and how God and Bridge Communities helped transform her life. She now works in the corporate offices of Aldi and has her own small business on the side, Cake Charming. Through a generous donation from one of our deacons, we will be able to taste her sweet efforts during Fellowship today. We have not forgotten our celiacs! There will be cookies for them, as well, though they won’t be charming. We are delighted that Tiffany Jones is with us.

We have a team of people going to Cuba on January 4, 2023, and it has been requested that our pastor plan a community talk. The last time our pastor went to Cuba, someone told her that they didn’t think skunks were real. They thought that they were only cartoons! As a result, she has decided to talk about experiencing God through geography and nature. She could use your help! Please take pictures of our local wildlife – deer, birds, squirrels, foxes, and yes, skunks among others. We will be assembling them into a photo story to take with us to Cuba as well as share as our Photo Story on January 8. The team is leaving on January 4, so we would like the pictures in by December 20.

We now have a special email box for our photo stories! Please send all pictures for any photo story including the animal pictures to photostory@southminsterpc.org.