**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**Christ the King Sunday**

**November 20, 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: *Peoples, Clap Your Hands!; O Come and Sing Unto the Lord;*  *Psalm 103; I Will Give Thanks with My Whole Heart;
 Give to Me, Lord, a Thankful Heart; For the Fruit of All Creation*

Our Photo Story today is “Fall Beauty.”

 Welcome and Announcements

  Prelude

 Lighting the Candles (Romans 5:5)

**God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the gift
of the Holy Spirit.**

 Call to Worship (Psalm 100)

 Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord.

 **People: Let us worship the Lord with gladness and singing.**

 **All:** **We enter your gates with thanksgiving and your courts with praise.**

 Hymn 367:  *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* (verses 1, 2)

 Hymn 368: *We Fall Down*

 Hymn: *Bless the Lord (10,000 Reasons)* (verses 1, 2) pg. 6, blue supplement

 Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Lord of All and Eternal King, your faithfulness and love endure forever; even so our gratitude can be small. For failing to see and acknowledge your blessings, please forgive us. Open our eyes to see all that your hand has provided. It is with grateful hearts that we pray. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we pray. Amen.**

 (Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

 The Good News of Jesus Christ (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 581: *Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.**

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 The Passing of the Peace

 Word with Children: The Thank Offering Caroline Linde

 Children worshiping in the sanctuary, please come forward.

People will sing as they come forward:

 Hymn 647: *Give Thanks*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart;
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because we’re given
Jesus Christ, the Son.**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart;
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because we’re given
Jesus Christ, the Son.**

**And now let the weak say, “We are strong”;
Let the poor say, “We are rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us!”**

**And now let the weak say, “We are strong”;
Let the poor say, “We are rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us!”**

**Give thanks. Give thanks.**

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 *Give Thanks* (sing twice)

**Give thanks with a grateful heart;
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because we’re given
Jesus Christ, the Son.**

 Prayer for Illumination

 Scripture Lessons: James 5:13-20  Pew Bible, p. 231, (N.T.)

 Esther 4:1-17 Pew Bible, p. 446 (O.T.)

 Sermon: “Be in the Moment”

 Hymn 336: *We Gather Together*  (verses 1, 2)

 Hymn 37: *Let All Things Now Living*  (verse 1)

 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: *The Great Pumpkin Waltz* Vince Guaraldi

 Response: *For the Beauty of the Earth* Hymnal #14, verse 5

**For thyself, best gift divine
To the world so freely given;
For that great, great love of thine,
Peace on earth and joy in heaven:**

**Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

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 Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

 Hymn 643: *Now Thank We All Our God* (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: Sarah Allen
Deacon Greeter/Fellowship: Barb Kocinski, with all deacons hosting pie fellowship
Musicians: Tom Anderson, David Kozich, Southminster Choir
Word with Children: Blair Baldwin
Worship Associate: David Kozich
Tech support: Chris Kozich, Daniel Kozich, Blair Nelson

Flowers today are from Tricia and Jim Smith in memory of Tricia’s mother, Mary Jackson.

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 and pies 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.:** We’ve switched from using Zoom to meeting via 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 it will look different on your phone or computer than it looked when we were on Zoom.* If you’re already at church, join Blair with his computer in the library.

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. This week, Wendy will be on Heart to Heart only on Tuesday and Wednesday.

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 this date:
 **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**: Jesus preached to his followers. We are his followers. Ergo, we should hear his sermons. Join our Adult Education class Sunday at 11:15 a.m. for our study of the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew. You can attend either in person in the Library or remotely using this link: [https://meet.google.com/fna-eojg-uye](https://meet.google.com/fna-eojg-uye%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank). (Note that we are now using Google Meet rather than Zoom, so it will look different on your screen.) See you then!

**Youth:** It is time to escape! Later today we will spend an hour figuring out the secret clues to get out of an **escape room**. Be at CluedIn Escape Rooms at 440 Roosevelt Rd, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 at 5:00 p.m. for the fun. Bring a friend. ***Please let Blair know that you are coming!*** The cost varies according to how many people we have, but it will be somewhere between $29 and $35. Together we can escape!

**Young Adults**:  I will let you decide who you are! Thanksgiving is coming, so it is time to share **Tacos before Turkey** and get caught up with old friends. Join us this Wednesday evening, November 23, at Wendy and Blair’s from 7:00 to 8:00 or remotely if you are out of town, on the road, or just want to curl up on the sofa with your laptop. Contact Blair for the link. See you there!

**Notes from the Mission Ministry: Share the Spirit**
Our members and friends purchased 86 gift cards through Jubilee Bucks to donate to the People’s Resource Center’s Share the Spirit holiday assistance program! That’s a contribution of $2,150 to help our neighbors in need have a happier holiday for their families. And since a percentage of every gift card sold rebates money to Southminster, those purchases gave the church $70.77 in rebates, or as we call it – “free” money. Thank you for your generosity.

**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.

**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.

**Jubilee Bucks and Share the Spirit** (from Bobbi Frey):
Thanks to all who ordered! We have made $1551.63 so far this year in “free” money for our church! Also, many thanks to all who have order Jubilee Bucks for Share the Spirit! Our church is donating 86 gift cards thanks to the generosity of members! This translates into a contribution of $2,150 to STS and $70.77 in “free” money to Southminster!
The next opportunity to order is December 4. This will be the only order date in December, so be thinking about gifts, stocking stuffers, etc.
 **Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):
Our weekly donations are greatly appreciated by PRC! They have seen an increase of clients since the pandemic began. It is still on the rise! They are presently serving over 500 clients each week. Our donations of food, personal care items, and cleaning products are very greatly appreciated!!! 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 Tricia and Jim Smith in memory of Tricia’s mom, Mary Jackson.
**We celebrate joys**.
**We give thanks for the service of all our country’s veterans**.
**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:**
  - 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
  - We lift up the University of Virginia community as they mourn the loss of their students in the recent shooting.
  - 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:**
  - Betty Eichin on the loss of her brother, Don Janson, who died this week
  - the family and friends of Rev. Jeannette (“Jan”) Sutfin, who died on October 28. A service was held for her yesterday at Glen Ellyn First Presbyterian Church, which is the church where Jan was ordained.
  - the family and hockey teammates of Jessie Steiner, age 14, who died by suicide
 - Katie Boehmer Boston and her family in the loss of her Uncle John
 **We pray for those who are near death and their families and caregivers:**  - Nan-c Hilpert, Wendy’s cousin
**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.**
**We pray for all who are dealing with mental or physical health or other challenges:** - Susie Salins, recovering from surgery
 - Jan Kaskovich, recovering from knee replacement surgery. She is in bed much of the time but getting physical therapy at home three days a week. She uses a walker and cannot drive for a month.
  - Margaret Fournier, who has shingles
  - Bob Welsh, a friend of Lanny’s, who is hospitalized at Rush
  - 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 remains hospitalized with a kidney infection but is doing better
  - Cathy Hoffman, friend of Angela Smith, as she recovers from a stroke
  - the Kevorkian family with multiple health problems
  - Linda H. who is recuperating from heart bypass surgery
  - Vicki, recovering from surgery
  - Barb’s cousin, Linda, 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 are having to make difficult end-of-life decisions
  - 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 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 Google Meet or by joining Blair at his
 computer in the Library
 **Youth: Escape Room** at 5:00 p.m. Meet at CluedIn, 440 Roosevelt Rd, Glen Ellyn.
**Monday, November 21 – Pastor’s Sabbath
Tuesday-Wednesday only this week because of Thanksgiving –
 Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** on Facebook live at 4:20 p.m.
**Tuesday, November 22**
 A.A. at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday, November 23**
 **eNotes** go out
 **Young Adults: Tacos Before Turkey** from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at Wendy and Blair’s or
 virtually using the link you can get from Blair **Thursday, November 24 – Thanksgiving Day
 *“Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices!”*
 The church office will be closed.
Friday, November 25
 Church office closed.** A.A. at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  **Next** **Sunday, November 27 – First Sunday of Advent** **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 Library
 **Youth** will not meet

**Bearing Fruit – November 20, 2022**

**Give Thanks!**
Every year at Southminster, our worship service on the Sunday before Thanksgiving allows us to celebrate Thanksgiving as a church community. We also celebrate Christ the King or the Reign of Christ today. It is the last Sunday of the liturgical year before we begin anew with Advent. We are singing many of the traditional songs which, if we look closely to the meaning of the lyrics, not only thank God but also celebrate Christ as the Lord of all. A secular day and a holy day are woven together with love and gratitude.

We hope you brought your **coins** (though we will accept checks also for the Thank Offering)! The Presbyterian Women’s Thank Offering is the opportunity to give thanks to God as a church family. Our gifts join with gifts around the nation in other Presbyterian Churches.

The Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women reviewed 24 Thank Offering applications and selected 10 projects for funding this year. Eight of the projects serve people in the United States and two are international. In keeping with the Thank Offering bylaws, more than 40 percent of the selected projects are related to health ministries. The world is blessed by our gratitude to God.

We will collect the Thank Offering during the Word with Children. Caroline Linde will invite the children forward to join her at the front, and then she will signal the congregation to come forward. Together we will sing *Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart* as we give coins symbolizing our gratitude for what God has done for us this past year. *Give Thanks* is #647 in our hymnal, but the words are in our bulletins, as well. There is a bowl up front in the chancel and one below the steps for people who would prefer not to climb the steps.

Following worship our deacons are providing a joyful pie fellowship! Our Thanksgiving worship has become known among us as PIE SUNDAY! (We even have gluten free pies, so look for the sign if you need gluten free.) Please stay and enjoy our church family in giving thanks to God.

Together we bear the fruit of God’s love.