**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**1st Sunday of Christmas**

**January 1, 2023**

**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.

For those who are in the sanctuary, please put your phone in airplane mode.

Today we are having communion. Those at home may want to gather the elements (“bread” and “wine” or whatever you have) before the service begins.

Gathering Music: *From Heaven Above;* *Before the Marvel of This Night;* *Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child;*

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing; Infant Holy, Infant Lowly:*

*Lo. How a Rose E’er Blooming*

Our Photo Story today is “Winter Nature Scenes.”

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Candles (John 1:14)

**The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.**

Call to Worship

Leader: The heavens and we declare the glory of God.

**People: Our voices join the speech of creation  
 to tell of our known and unknowable God.  
 As we worship our living God,  
 may these words of our mouths  
 and these meditations of our hearts  
 be pleasing in God’s sight  
 and life-giving in our world.  
 To God be the Glory!**

Hymn 143: *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* (all 4 verses)

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**God of Compassion, we turn toward you now. We rend our hearts.  
Forgive our pride and forgive our insecurities.   
Forgive our self-absorption and forgive our self-destruction.   
Forgive our doubts and forgive our confidence.  
Forgive our longing for attention and forgive our desire to hide.  
Forgive each step we take away from you. Create in us clean hearts, O God. And renew right spirits within us. Amen.**

(Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

Declaration of the Grace of God/Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News:

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

Response 581: *Glory Be to the Father*

**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 Rev. Grayson and James Van Camp

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 Lesson:

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10 Pew Bible, p. 640 (O.T.)

Hymn 144: *In the Bleak Midwinter*  (all 4 verses)

Scripture Lesson:

Epistle Reading: Romans 15:4-13 Pew Bible, p. 163 (N.T.)

Sermon: “A God of Hope, Joy, Peace, and Love” The Rev. Grayson Van Camp

Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)   
 *The Apostles’ Creed* [Ecumenical]

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

Offertory:  *Christ Child Lullaby*

\**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.**

Prayer of Dedication

Service of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

[We extend an invitation to the Lord’s Supper to all who have been baptized. You do   
 not need to be a member of this congregation or a Presbyterian to share in this meal.   
 We remember that access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a   
 privilege given to believers who come in faith, repentance, and love.]

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People**: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The minister gives thanks…*

The congregation responds by singing together:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heav’n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

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*The minister continues the Thanksgiving…*

**According to Christ’s commandment**

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory.**

*The minister continues with Intercessions for the Church and the World  
and Prayers of the People…*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

**People**: **hear our prayers.**

Our 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.**

Words of Institution

Communion

Communion Music

*We will receive communion by intinction. Our usher will invite you to come forward  
 by pew, beginning from the back. With Christian love we serve gluten-free  
 communion bread and alcohol-free grape juice.*

Prayer after Communion

Hymn 150: *As with Gladness Men of Old* (all 4 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**

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Grayson Van Camp

Liturgist: Lois Stevenson

Deacon Greeter/Fellowship: Linda Ellinghausen

Musicians: Tom Anderson, James Van Camp, Southminster Choir

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Chris Kozich

The flowers today are given by Lanny Russell to celebrate the birthday of his   
grandson, Johnny.

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** is taking a break through the holidays. We will begin meeting again next Sunday, January 8.  
  
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. Heart to heart will resume after January 12, when our pastor and the mission team return from Cuba.

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:   
 **January 8: “Water Scenes”** (It’s Baptism of the Lord that Sunday.) Send photos by   
 Thursday, January 5.  
   
**Send photos to our new dedicated email address, just for photos:** [**PhotoStory@Southminsterpc.org**](mailto: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**: Our Sunday morning adult Bible study is taking a hiatus for the holidays. Our next class will be January 8 at 11:15 a.m. You can join us then either in the Library/Parlor or online through the Google Meet link that will be in the bulletin. Happy New Year, and see you then.  
  
**Youth**: All youth and families, please be sure to check the email from Blair about January and February youth events and this summer’s mission trip.  
  
  
**From the Finance Ministry**  
The **2022 Church Financial Records** must be closed promptly at the endof this month. Any deposits, donations or pledges that need to be recorded in calendar year 2022 or bills to be paid from the 2022 budget must be into the church office no later than noon this Tuesday, January 3. If you have any questions, please contact Treasurer Tom Frey.  
  
**2023 offering envelopes** are available for pick-up inside the front entrance. You may pick up your own, and if there are some you could deliver (for family members, friends, or neighbors), get theirs, too. If you would like envelopes but there is no box prepared for you, please contact Jay Lerch, Tom Frey, or the church office.  
  
  
**From the Worship Ministry**  
**Flowers for 2023**: Look for the sign-up sheet that will be posted in the Narthex. The florist we have used for years is under new management, and we don’t yet know what that might mean. For now, the price stays the same: $35. When you sign up, please write in your name and to whom/for what occasion the flowers are dedicated and mark an X next to your entry if you want to donate the flowers rather than taking them home yourself.   
  
**All women invited: First Wednesday Women’s Breakfast!**Our next informal women’s breakfast will be held this Wednesday, January 4, at Danby’s Station at 8:30 a.m. Call, text, or email Gretchen Fleming—(630) 517-0926; [gretchen\_fleming@yahoo.com](mailto:gretchen_fleming@yahoo.com)—if you have any questions. (But you’ll have to reach her before the 4th, because she’ll be on her way to Cuba rather than at the breakfast.) As always, all women are invited to join us!  
  
 **Meet the Artists on January 8**Have you ever noticed the ever-changing art that decorates our main hallway? From the beginning Linda and Hal Ellinghausen were responsible for this exhibition of beauty. Linda still finds the artists and coordinates the timing of their showings, she makes sure information about the artists and their works is published in the Dialog, and she acts as a go-between when people want to buy the artwork. Hal is no longer with us; he always faithfully helped hang the works where Linda (or the artist) told him to.  
  
Linda and the deacons are hosting a reception in our narthex for our current artists whose work is on display in the main hallway. Please come on Sunday afternoon, January 8, from 3:00 to 4:30 to meet our artists. Refreshments will be served.

**Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):   
This year we are going to be placing orders for Jubilee Bucks once a month. It will be the first Sunday of the month unless otherwise noted. **January’s order date will be next Sunday, January 8**. Orders will be due at 9:00 that evening; email your orders to [bobbifrey@aol.com](mailto:bobbifrey@aol.com).The gift cards will be distributed the next Sunday in church and payment can be made at that time. If you want them earlier, arrangements can be made to drop them off at your house. Our order date for February will be the 5th. If you have questions, please contact Bobbi Frey.  
 **Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):   
We will continue our weekly donations to PRC. Our continued support of food, personal care items, and cleaning supplies is greatly appreciated and needed. Collection bins continue to be inside the main entryway, or donations can be dropped off on the Freys’ front porch.  
 **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 Lanny Russell for his grandson Johnny’s birthday. **We celebrate joys**:  
  - Deb Bohi’s brother, Tom, is home from the hospital and settled into a new routine.  
 - Dan Bohi is home from the hospital.  
  - Kurt Parent and Meagan Nielson had a successful scans.  
**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 as they seek God’s will for Southminster in the 21st century.  
We pray for the whole world and our nation:**  
  - The people of Ukraine, the Holy Land, Pakistan, and Iran as they face war, civil unrest, and the fight for civil rights  
 - The people of Cuba and our Cuba church as they face severe shortages.  
 - We pray for an end to gun violence in our nation: we lift up all communities where lives have been lost to gun violence.  
  - 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.** - the Petersen family on the death of Bryan, nephew of Pete and Matt, who died last week  
**We pray for those who are near death and their families and caregivers.  
We lift up those who are affected by cancer, as well as their support systems:**  
  - Linda Wolf Jeziorski, Dan Bohi, Peggy, Najla Brannin, Tracy J., Tracy Nelson, Rod Boehmer, Tammy Grey, Jan Mazur, Margaret Rolando, 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 recovering or dealing with mental or physical health or other challenges:**  
  - Gail Johnston, in hospice care  
 - Barb’s cousin, Linda, began radiation treatments this past week  
  - Barb’s Aunt Ruth, Bob Welsh, Cathy Hoffman, Vicki, the Kevorkian family, Bill L.  
 - victims of identity theft  
  - 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, 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 January, call Deacon Angela Smith (630-235-1376).   
  
Pastor Wendy Boden, Blair Nelson, and Barb Doppelt have all been away this past week. The church office will be closed again tomorrow to observe New Year’s Day. Barb should be back in the office on Tuesday, January 3, and Tom Frey will be in to pick up the remaining deposits, pledges, or other financial transactions for the budget year 2022.  
  
Pastor Wendy Boden will be back just in time to leave for Cuba (January 4-11). In a real emergency, you may call Pastor Wendy Boden on her cell phone (if she has shared the number with you. Otherwise, if you need **pastoral care** during her mission trip time, you may call the Rev. Grayson Van Camp at 630-471-4643. You can always call your deacon or Congregational Care/Helping Hands (contact information above).  
  
  
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, January 1, 2023 – *New Year’s Day***   
 **Worship with communion** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook.   
 Guest preacher: Rev. Grayson Van Camp  
 **In-person Fellowship** in the Narthex following worship.   
 **No Adult Ed. or Youth activity  
Monday, January 2  
 New Year’s Day observed – church office closed  
Tuesday, January 3  
 Any deposits, donations or pledges that need to be recorded in calendar   
 year 2022 or bills to be paid from the 2022 budget must be in the church   
 office no later than noon on this day.**  
**Wednesday, January 4**  
 **Women’s Breakfast** at 8:30 a.m. at Danby’s Station  
 **Pastor Wendy Boden and the** **Mission Team** leave for Cuba to visit our Sister   
 Church (returning Jan. 11)  
**Thursday, January 5  
 January Dialog will go out**  
 Hawthorn Garden Club at 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall  
**Friday, January 6** A.A. at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall   
**Sunday, January 8**  
 **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook.   
 Dr. Blair Nelson will preach.  
 **In-person Fellowship** in the Narthex following worship.   
 **Adult Ed.** at 11:15 a.m. either by Google Meet or by joining Blair in   
 the McHenry Parlor/Library  
 **Reception for the Artists** from 3:00-4:30 p.m. **Youth activity –** check with Blair

**Bearing Fruit – January 1, 2023  
It is still Christmas!**  
  
Happy New Year! And yes, it is still Christmas!\* Our prayers are for a peaceful blessed 2023 for everyone!  
  
While our pastor is away on vacation with her extended family, we are greatly blessed to have Rev. Grayson Van Camp on call and filling the pulpit today. In fact, Grayson was an answer to our pastor’s prayer. Last May as our pastor was leaving for her mother-in-law’s memorial service, the supply pastor who was going to preach for her texted just as the plane was preparing to take off that he had Covid! Pastor Boden sent a text to Grayson and a prayer to God for coverage. When she landed, she found out that Grayson said, “Yes.” Thanks again, Grayson!  
  
The Rev. Grayson Van Camp, H.R., is in the pulpit today, and we welcome her and her husband, James. An alumna of McCormick Theological Seminary, she served there for a decade as director of continuing education and alumni/ae relations. Grayson served the Presbytery of Chicago for three years as an interim associate executive presbyter and for six years as associate pastor and pastor of English Ministries at Hanmee Presbyterian Church in Itasca, Illinois. Before being called to the ministry of Word and Sacrament, she wrote for the Princeton Packet Newspaper Group and the State of New Jersey.

James will provide our children’s moment and offertory music today. James is a chemist, water treatment specialist, and marketer by trade, but music of all kinds has been a lifelong passion. Since his retirement, James has been using his gifts to help non-profits. Grayson and James live in Glen Ellyn and are the proud parents of two grown children, Emily and Myles.

\*Remember “The Twelve Days of Christmas”? The Christmas season lasts12 days… until Epiphany, January 6.