**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 15, 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.

 Gathering Music: *Forty Days and Forty Nights;
 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God; Let All Who Pray the Prayer Christ Taught;
 How Firm a Foundation; Our Father in Heaven*

Our Photo Story today is “Family Shelter Service.”

 Welcome and Announcements

  Prelude

 Lighting the Candles (Matthew 11:28)

**Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.**

 Hymn 401: *Here in This Place (Gather Us In)* (verse 1)

 Call to Worship (Deuteronomy 31:8-9)

 Leader: The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you;

 **People: God will never leave you nor forsake you.**

  Leader: Do not be afraid;

 **All:** **God is with us and does not abandon us.**

 Hymn: *Here I Am to Worship* (verses 1, 2) p. 18, blue worship supplement

 Hymn: *Shine on Us* (all 3 verses) p. 36, blue worship supplement

 Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Loving God, we struggle to trust you and your message of faithfulness. Even so, Lord God, you are with us whether or not we are aware of your presence. When the road is dark, when the road is broken, and our feet struggle to find a path, help us to put our trust in you rather than ourselves. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is both Savior and Lord. Amen.**

 (Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

 The Good News of Jesus Christ

 Leader: For by grace you have been saved through faith,
 and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

 **People: It is not the result of works, so that no one may boast.**

 **All: For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus
 for good works, which God prepared beforehand
 so that we may walk in them.**

 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 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: Isaiah 9:1-2 Pew Bible, p. 638, (O.T.)

 Matthew 4:1-14  Pew Bible, p. 3, (N.T.)

 Matthew 4:15-17 Pew Bible, p. 3 (N.T.)

 Sermon: “Even the Devil Can Quote Scripture”

15 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison) (Psalm 27:1, 13, 14)

**The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**

 Hymn 286: *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* (all 4 verses)

 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: *Children of the Light* Scott Soper

 \**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 667: *When Morning Gilds the Skies* (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**

Rev. Wendy Boden
Liturgist: Sarah Allen
Deacon Greeter/Fellowship: Lynn Ferino
Musicians: Tom Anderson, Southminster Choir
Worship Associate: David Kozich
Tech support: Chris Kozich

Flowers today are given by Lynn Ferino in loving memory of her mother, Jerrie.

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 using this link: <https://meet.google.com/fna-eojg-uye>. If you’re already at church and wish to join us, find Blair at his computer in the parlor/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.

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. Watch this space for an invitation to share photos for later dates.

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**

**Adult Education Bible Study**: The Sermon on the Mount has shaped Christian thinking, behavior, and attitudes for all of church history. Join us at 11:15 either in the Parlor or through this Google Meets link: [https://meet.google.com/fna-eojg-uye](https://meet.google.com/fna-eojg-uye%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank). That is one way to store up treasures in heaven.

**Youth**: Time for more food and fun! Join us for **Pizza & Games** this afternoon from 4:00 to 6:00. Bring $5 if you are going to eat, bring a friend, bring a smile, and get ready to ponder the meaning of the universe.

**Easter Celebration Task Force:** All are welcome to attend the 2023 organizational meeting of the Easter Celebration Task Force today at 10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Decisions to be made include whether to return to some or all of the indoor events (crafts, story, photo booth and/or breakfast) this year, or to keep everything outside as has been done for the past couple of years.

**Officers, staff, and ministry moderators**:
Because of Wendy and the mission team being away, this month’s meetings of Deacons and Session were both postponed: ***Deacons will meet on Tuesday, January 17, and Session on Tuesday, January 24***.
The materials for Session need to be completed and run off by Monday the 23rd since Barb will be away starting the 24th. Therefore, **Session docket items and information for the annual statistical report need to be turned in no later than noon this Wednesday, January 18**.

**From the Finance Ministry**
**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**: The **flower chart for the first half of 2023** is posted in the narthex. Sign up to provide flowers in memory or in honor of someone, a special occasion, or simply in thanks for God’s grace—the flower arrangements are $35. If you’re not at church to sign up, contact Sarah Allen (630-988-8231 or ridesrowdy@aol.com) and let her know the date(s) you want and who/what you wish to honor. There are still many dates available during the year, including these coming up soon: January 29 and most of February and March… check the chart or talk to Sarah to reserve a date.

**From the Mission Ministry**
Our 12th annual **Luminaria Sunday**, when we honor and remember those whose lives have been touched by cancer, will be held on February 26. Luminaria bags will be available for $10 for each person honored or remembered from January 29-February 12. Look for details in the January *Dialog* or in bulletins later in the month.

**Presbyterian Readers** will meet this Wednesday, January 18, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom to discuss *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles. To join the book discussion, use the following link: [Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86861724721?pwd=TE0yYXZGZUtUNkdvYWh4UEhaTFc0dz09)
Meeting ID: 868 6172 4721 Passcode: 600865

**The Presbyterian Women’s Circle**will meet this Friday, January 20, at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. This month we will hear from Steve Henkels and Julie Storey about their experiences volunteering with World Relief. ALL women are welcome; please plan to attend.

**Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):
Thanks to all who order Jubilee Bucks. We have started 2023 with $121.93 of “free” money for Southminster. The total earned in 2022 was $1,940.45.
Your next opportunity to purchase gift cards will be February 5.
 **Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):
We started the year with a trunk full of food, personal care items, and cleaning products for our weekly delivery to PRC. The number of families utilizing their services is growing weekly. Any donation is greatly appreciated! Many thanks for all the contributions.

**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 given by Lynn Ferino in loving memory of her mother, Jerrie. **We celebrate joys**:
 - Our mission team is back after visiting our sister church in Cuba. **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 and runaway
 inflation.
 - 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 Bohi/Parks/Batt family on the death of Dan Bohi suddenly on January 10.
 A Service of Witness to the Resurrection/Celebration of Life will be held at
 Southminster on Saturday morning, January 21, at Southminster: visitation at 10:00,
 service at 11:00.
 - Jeff and Angela Smith on the death of Jeff’s mother, Rose, who died January 4
 - Becky and Josh, Barb’s daughter and son-in-law; Josh’s father, Marc, died January 6
**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, Peggy, 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 Murray, Bob Welsh, Cathy Hoffman, Vicki, the Kevorkian family,
 Bill L., Ruth G. (Barb’s aunt)
 - Peace for families adjusting to change
  - People waiting for surgery
 - Victims of identity theft
  - Those who have chronic or progressive illnesses
  - People receiving new treatments
  - 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). 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 from approximately 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. while her son attends his day program on those days. Mondays and Wednesdays she works from home. *Note that Barb will be away January 24-31.*

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 –for details contact Ron Birchall.

**Dates to remember this week:**
**Sunday, January 15**
 **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook.
 **In-person Fellowship** in the Narthex following worship.
 **Easter Celebration Task Force** organizational meeting at 10:45 a.m. in Fellowship
 Hall. Anyone interested is invited.
 **Adult Ed.** at 11:15 a.m. either by Google Meet or by joining Blair in
 the McHenry Parlor/Library
 **Youth: Pizza & Games** from 4:00-6:00 p.m. **Monday, January 16 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
 Pastor’s Sabbath
 Jeremiah 29 Task Force** at 7:00 p.m. at church **Tuesday, January 17**
 **Deacons** at 7:30 p.m. in the Parlor/Library (Session is postponed 1 week until
 January 24.)
 A.A. at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday, January 18**
 **Session docket and statistical report deadline at noon**! It’s early because we
 have to send the docket and the draft of the annual statistical report on the 23rd
 for the meeting on the 24th, since Barb is going out of town early on the 24th.
 **Presbyterian Readers** meet via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. (The link is in the
 announcement above.)
**Thursday, January 19
 Choir rehearsal** at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
**Friday, January 20
 Women’s Circle** at 9:30 p.m. in the Parlor/Library
 A.A. at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Saturday, January 21
 Service of Witness to the Resurrection/Celebration of Life for Dan Bohi**
 at 11:00 a.m.; visitation with the family will begin at 10:00
**Sunday, January 22**
 **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook.
 **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
 **Youth: Pizza & Games** from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

**Bearing Fruit – January 15, 2023**

**Family Shelter Service**
Today our PhotoStory is about Family Shelter Service. Southminster has several ministries that we support, not only with our funds but also with our time. Since 1976 Family Shelter Service, now known as Metropolitan Family Services of DuPage, has loved our neighbors in our community by helping victims of domestic violence. They work to eliminate barriers, provide faster, greater, and more equal access to services. They create an environment where survivors feel supported and empowered to disentangle from their situations. Family Shelter Service builds community and offers lifesaving services and critical programs to serve clients as their self-worth and their lives are restored.

Nimble is not a word that we would associate with many organizations. After all, organizations are groups of people, and sometimes it takes a bit of time for a group to arrive at a decision. The image of herding cats comes to mind. Many of us long to be nimble, an ability to respond quickly to any given situation. Last September a member of SPC, Sandy Phee, came with a request. Sandy is a long-standing volunteer at Family Shelter Service Resale Shop. She shared that Family Shelter Service was in need of clothing, particularly winter clothing. After our September *Dialog* went out, after our regular mission meeting, our Mission Ministry and Session nimbly responded with love. The community of Southminster responded quickly and lovingly with donations, exceeding what Sandy was hoping for. Family Shelter Service is one of the ways that we bear the fruit of God’s love for our neighbors and one another!