**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**Third Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 22, 2023**

**9:30 a.m.**

Find the link for the service on one of these sites:

1) on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/south.minster.505/videos>
2) our YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPgWICngOvkmR1OXgCG_wiA/live>

3) our web site: <https://www.southminsterpc.org/>

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: *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory;
 As Morning Dawns; O Lord, Every Shining Constellation;
 Arise, Your Light Has Come!; Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining*

Our Photo Story today is “Children and Youth of Southminster 2022.”

 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 664: *Morning Has Broken* (verses 1, 2)

 Call to Worship

 Leader: God said, “Let there be light,”

 **People: And there was light.**

 Leader: Jesus said, “I am the light of the world,”

 **People: And the light shone in the darkness.**

 Leader: Jesus said, “You are the light of the world,

 **People: And the light shall not be quenched.”**

 **All:** **Let us worship God!**

 Hymn 192: *Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining* (all 3 verses)

 *(Shine, Jesus, Shine)*

 Hymn 452: *Open the Eyes of My Heart*(all)

 Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Light of the world, you stepped into darkness that we might behold your glory and share it. There are times when we are more about our own light, our own glory, and do not share the true light that is coming to everyone. Forgive us, and kindle a love in our hearts and minds that shines brightly with your love. 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.**

**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 Lesson: Matthew 5:1-20  Pew Bible, p. 4, (N.T.)

 Sermon: “Shine, Don’t Hide”

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison) (2 Corinthians 4:5-9)

**For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’s sake. For it is the God who said, “Light will shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair, persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed.**

 Hymn 175: *Seek Ye First* (all 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: *We Are Building the City of God*

 \**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 450: *Be Thou My Vision* (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: Pete Petersen
Deacon Greeter/Fellowship: Barb Kocinski
Musicians: Tom Anderson, Southminster Choir
Worship Associate: David Kozich
Tech support: Chris Kozich

Flowers today are given by Rita Zapel in honor of Barb Doppelt’s birthday on January 26.

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) on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPgWICngOvkmR1OXgCG_wiA/live>

or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/south.minster.505/videos>

*The live video will appear about 15 minutes before the scheduled start time.*

*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/> 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:
 **February 12: “Favorite Football Teams”** Your team may not be playing in the Super
 Bowl, but send us photos of your favorite.Please send us your photos by Thursday,
 February 9.

**Send photos to our new dedicated email address, just for photos:** **PhotoStory@Southminsterpc.org****.**

**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.

**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**
On February 26 we will hold out 12th annual Luminaria Sunday service, when we honor and remember those touched by cancer. Luminaria bags will light the sanctuary during the worship service and the names of those remembered and honored will be read and prayed for during the Prayers of the People.

Starting next Sunday, January 29, luminaria bags will be available for $10 for each person honored or remembered. Checks will be accepted from January 29 through February 12. Please send your check, **made out to the American Cancer Society**, by February 12. Please print the name(s) of those you wish to honor (those living who have cancer or have had cancer) and those remembered (those who are deceased who had cancer). For each name, please indicate if the person is to be honored or remembered. Example: “John Jones, remembered, $10. Jane Smith, honored, $10. Total: $20.” Then mail your check and the names to Southminster Presbyterian Church, 680 S. Park Blvd., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137, or drop it off at church at your convenience by February 12.

**From the Finance Ministry**
**2023 offering envelopes** are available for pick-up inside the front entrance until January 31. 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.

**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 Rita Zapel in honor of Barb Doppelt’s birthday on Thursday. **We celebrate joys**:
 - Our mission team is back after visiting our sister church in Cuba.
 - Barb’s friend Jan Mazur is home after spending 23 weeks in the hospital! Her cancer treatments are continuing, but at least she can be at home. **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.
 - Those people affected by natural disasters especially flooding and mudslides in California, deadly tornadoes in Alabama
 - 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 family and many friends of Dan Bohi, and especially Deb, Jessica and Megan and their spouses, and all the grandchildren. We celebrated Dan’s life yesterday with a service here at Southminster.
 - Marge Engdahl on the death of her daughter, Kristen Huber, on January 11. Services were held yesterday in Wilmette.
 - Jeff and Angela Smith on the death of Jeff’s mother, Rose
 - Becky and Josh, Barb’s daughter and son-in-law; on the death of Josh’s father, Marc
**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:** - Sue Knisely, awaiting upcoming surgery
  - Gail Johnston, in hospice care
  - Barb’s cousin Linda Murray, Bob Welsh, Cathy Hoffman, Vicki, the Kevorkian family, Bill L.
 - 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:**
**Saturday, January 21
 Service of Witness to the Resurrection/Celebration of Life for Dan Bohi**
 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Visitation with the family will precede the service,
 beginning 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. **Monday, January 23
 Pastor’s Sabbath
Tuesday, January 24**
**Administrative Assistant Barb Doppelt will be away** from January 24-31. **Session** meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Parlor/Library
 A.A. at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday, January 25**
 **No eNotes today** (Barb away) but it is still the **deadline for the February Dialog
Thursday, January 26** World Relief Appreciation Luncheon at noon at Christ Church Oak Brook
 **Choir rehearsal** at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
**Friday, January 27**
 A.A. at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
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 **Youth: Pizza & Games** from 4:00-6:00 p.m.
**Pastor Wendy Boden** will be away at Deeper Journey study group/retreat from Sunday afternoon through Tuesday afternoon.

**Bearing Fruit – January 22, 2023**

**Youth and Children**
It seems most appropriate that our PhotoStory today – featuring youth and children of Southminster 2022 – is being shown the day after Dan Bohi’s Service of Witness to the Resurrection/Celebration of Life. Dan’s life, as well as his wife Deb’s, is woven tightly into the heart of Southminster’s ministry to youth and children. You may even see glimpses of him in today’s PhotoStory. From the beginning of their membership, Dan and Deb Bohi have served in our Youth and Children’s ministries, among many other things they’ve done for Southminster.

In 1984 shortly after joining Southminster Presbyterian Church, Deb ran into then pastor Rev. Rich Thompson at the local grocery story, Jewel. He asked, “Aren’t you a schoolteacher? How would you like to teach Sunday school?”

Dan and Deb had a partnership in their service. There was a time when Dan volunteered in the nursery, which at the time was the pastor’s office downstairs (now labeled the confirmation room). Over the years he helped with Easter Saturday Celebrations and Halloween Harvest Parties. He was well known for his “Bobbing for Donuts” at our fall event, and he stuffed more than his fair share of Easter eggs.

In the early 2000’s Dan served as Interim Youth Director for us. During his time, he invited the youth to come search the stars with him with his telescope. He and the youth created a CD for a radio-style show, “Moses, You the Man.” Later, Dan was also the Sunday school teacher for middle school youth. When Roxane and Nalani Johnson, two of our Cuba mission team members, learned of Dan’s passing the first words out of their mouths were, “He was our Sunday school teacher.” These are just a few of the ways he touched our youth and children.

Ministry to and with youth and children is one of the ways Dan Bohi bore – and Southminster continues to bear – the fruit of God’s love in the world.