**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 29, 2023**

**9:30 a.m.**

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

1) on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/>
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: *In the Day of Need;
 God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength; Great Are Your Mercies, O My Maker;
 I’ve Got Peace Like a River*

Our Photo Story today is “Artists’ Reception.”

 Welcome, Announcements, and Moment for Mission

  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: *Grace Alone* (all) p. 14, blue worship supplement

 Call to Worship  (Colossians 2:3, Revelation 5:12)

 Leader: It is the Lord Jesus who calls us to worship today.

 **People: It is the same Jesus who refused the temptation
 to worship the evil one.**

  Leader: Rather than receive the glorious kingdoms of this world,
 he endured the shame of the cross.

 **All:** **With the saints of all ages we say,
 “Worthy is the Lamb to be worshiped.”**

 Hymn: *City of God* (all)

 The score for *City of God* is printed on the last page of the bulletin.

 Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Lord God, you have told us that we are a city on a hill and that we should not hide our light. Even so, there are times when we find it difficult to follow your lead. Through the power of your Holy Spirit within us, help us to walk the faithful path of love, grace, mercy, and justice. 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 Chris Kozich

 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: Matthew 6:1-13  Pew Bible, p. 5, (N.T.)

 Matthew 6:14-15 Pew Bible, p. 6 (N.T.)

 Sermon: “Forgive Us”

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison) from *The Confession of 1967* (9.54)

**Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, a father’s house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists his will and disrupts his creation. Already God’s reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in men and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.**

 Hymn 721: *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* (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 Anthem: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* Paul Manz

 \**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 182: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* (all 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: Ann Anderson
Deacon Greeter/Fellowship: Andrea Davidson
Musicians: Tom Anderson, Southminster Choir
Worship Associate: David Kozich
Tech support: Chris Kozich

Flowers today are given by Janey Sarther in memory of her father, Otis Miller.

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/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/>

*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**: 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.

**Women’s Breakfast this Wednesday, and all women are invited**!
Our next informal women’s breakfast will be held at Danby’s Station at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 1. All women are invited to join us! Call, text, or email Gretchen Fleming—(630) 517-0926; gretchen\_fleming@yahoo.com—if you have any questions.

**From the Finance Ministry**
**2023 offering envelopes** are available for pick-up inside the front entrance, but only 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.

**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 today, luminaria bags will be available for $10 for each person honored or remembered; they will also be available February 5 and 12. Please **write your check to the American Cancer Society** and make sure we have it at church no later than February 12. 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 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 most of the next two months. Check the chart or talk to Sarah to reserve a date.

T**he Presbyterian Women’s bi-annual used book sale** is coming up in February. Collection of books, CDs, and DVDs will begin on February 5. The sale will be on February 19 in the main hallway. Please be thinking about what you may want to donate. We need your books, CDs, and DVDs.

**Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey): **Order next Sunday**!
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 next Sunday, 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 from Janey Sarther in memory of her father, Otis Miller. **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 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.
 - Marge Engdahl on the death of her daughter, Kristen Huber, on January 11.
 - former member Lois Dahlquist died on January 20
**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:** - John and Alicia Rasnic request prayers for John’s brother-in-law, who is critically ill
 - 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); in February/March, call Heidi Shierry (630-853-6836). 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 29
 Luminaria bags** will be available starting today through February 12
 **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.

**Barb is away through Tuesday, January 31. She will need to work on the
 February *Dialog* on Wednesday, hoping to send it out on Thursday.
 Please be sure she has everything she needs for that issue before
 Wednesday morning.**
**Monday, January 30
Pastor Wendy Boden** will be away at Deeper Journey study group/retreat from
 Sunday afternoon through Tuesday afternoon. **Tuesday, January 31
 Jeremiah 29 Task Force** meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor/Library
 A.A. at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall **Wednesday, February 1
 Women’s Breakfast** at 8:30 a.m. at Danby’s Station
 **Jeremiah 29 Task Force** at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor/Library **Thursday, February 2
 The February *Dialog* will go out** (we hope)Hawthorn Garden Club at 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
 **Worship Ministry** meets at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor/Library
 **Choir rehearsal** at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary
**Friday, February 3**
 A.A. at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Sunday, February 5
 Order Jubilee Bucks gift cards** by emailing bobbifrey@aol.com before 9:00 p.m.
 **Bring in used books, CDs, and DVDs** for the Used Book Sale **and canned
 goods** for the Souper Bowl collection
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**Bearing Fruit – January 29, 2023**

**From the Heart of an Artist and the Presbyterian Heart**

Our PhotoStory today highlights the ever-changing art that decorates our main hallway. From the beginning Linda and Hal Ellinghausen have been responsible for this exhibition of beauty and creativity. 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 hosted a reception in our narthex on Sunday, January 8, to meet some of the artists! Those artists, whose works were on display until just recently, were Ron Biondo (acrylic), Jesse Lee (watercolor), Jackie Louis (colored pencil and watercolor), Diane Peterson (acrylic), Judy Stezowski (watercolor), and Nancy Turner (watercolor).

Currently our artists on display are Jan and Ken Kloss, who started taking lessons from the DuPage Art League when Ken retired in 2010.

Our pastor, Rev. Wendy Boden, will be making a quick exit following worship because she will be moderating the congregational meeting at nearby Hope Presbyterian in Wheaton, where they currently do not have a pastor. Presbyterians are a connectional church. That means we live together and help one another.

There are many ways to bear the fruit of God’s love, among these: Beauty in the creation of art, Hospitality, like hosting a reception, and Service, like helping out a sister church.

