**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**5th Sunday after Epiphany**

**February 5, 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.

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: *Lord, Who May Dwell within Your House;* *How Blessed Are Those;* *Fret Not for Those Who Do Wrong Things;*

 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service; Help Us Accept Each Other*

 Our Photo Story today is “Luminaria Sundays Past.”

 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 175: *Seek Ye First* (all verses)

 Call to Worship

 Leader: We gather to worship the One who created us and loves us:

 **People: The One who calls us by name,**

  Leader: The One who teaches us,

 **All:** **The one who loves us without end.**

 Hymn 515: *I Come with Joy* (verses 1, 2 4)

 Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Gracious God, for the times when we have closed our ears to your teaching; for the moments when we have acted without love, for the words that were not guided by you we are sorry... yes, forgive us, but train us also to be instruments of your grace and mercy in this world. Thank you, Jesus Christ, for your grace, love, mercy, and justice. 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.**

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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: Matthew 7:1-14  Pew Bible, p. 6, (N.T.)

 Matthew 7:24-29 Pew Bible, p. 7 (N.T.)

 Sermon: “Training, Not Trying”

 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.**

 Hymn 510: *We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name* (all verses)

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

 Offertory Anthem:  *Gather Us Together*  Owen Alstott

 \**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: *Your Labor Is Not in Vain* Paul Zach, Madison Cunningham

 *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 525: *Let Us Break Bread Together* (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**

Rev. Wendy Boden

Liturgist: Blair Nelson

Deacon Greeter/Fellowship: Caroline Linde

Musicians: Tom Anderson, Southminster Choir

Communion Servers; Sarah Allen, Terry Kline, Lanny Russell

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Chris Kozich, Daniel Kozich

The flowers today are given by Lanny Russell in memory of Jerry Tonne.

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/>

If you are watching from home on Facebook, please check in and say hello so we can see that you have joined us. This is one way to make worship less “remote” and strengthen community at Southminster.

*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 team, you in team gear at a game… football
 fan pics!Please send us your photos by this 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.

**Chili Cook-Off**:  Sign-up sheets for the Chili Cook-Off, both contestants and consumers, are in the Narthex. Join us on February 19 after worship for a great food and friendly competition in support of our Youth Mission Team.

**From the Mission Ministry**
On February 26 we will hold our 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.

Luminaria bags will be available before and after worship today and next Sunday for a $10 donation for each person honored or remembered. 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.” If you aren’t here for worship, you can 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 Christian Education Ministry**

**Cheers for the “Souper Bowl”!**

The Christian Ed. Ministry is sponsoring the “**Souper Bowl**” collection of canned goods for the People’s Resource Center (PRC) on Super Bowl Sunday. We collect donations for the PRC throughout the year, but this is a special effort related to a nationwide food drive called “the Souper Bowl of Caring.” Donations of soup or other canned goods will be accepted at church through Super Bowl Sunday, February 12. The donation container is in the entryway near the box that’s always out for PRC contributions. Let’s fill them both!

**Easter Celebration – Preparations are Underway!**

Easter Celebration - To help prepare for this event, donations are being requested of the following items: green pipe cleaners, black pipe cleaners, dollar tree tissue paper (mixed bright colors), *small* Playdough containers (1 ounce, any colors), buttons (any bright or pastel colors, multiple sizes needed, size or a nickel or smaller), paper bags with handles (such as grocery bags from Trader Joe’s), and Ziplock (or similar) bags (gallon, quart or snack sizes needed). Please place your donations in the basket outside of the nursery. We will let you know when we have collected enough of an item for this year, but extras will not go to waste. Also, please check in the north end of the nursery for items that can be worked on at home, such as to help with craft preparations (later in the month, there will be eggs to stuff at home).

**From the Worship Ministry**
**Ash Wednesday – February 22** – marks the beginning of the Season of Lent, a yearly spiritual journey culminating with Easter. Southminster will observe Ash Wednesday with a Taizé Prayer Service at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

 **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 ***all the rest of this month***. Check the chart or talk to Sarah to reserve a date.

**The Presbyterian Women’s Circle** will hold their bi-annual **Used Book Sale** on February 19-26 in the hallway between the office and the narthex. You are invited to donate books, CDs, and DVDs for the sale. Collection boxes will be out on February 5 and 12. If you have questions, please email Gretchen Fleming at gretchen\_fleming@yahoo.com. Refill your shelves with more reading material by shopping the sale before and after worship February 19 and 26.

**ALL women are invited to Women’s Circle in the parlor on Friday, February 17, at 9:30 a.m**. for refreshments, devotions, and a business meeting before spending the rest of the morning in the hall perusing (and buying!) items from those that will be going on sale on Sunday, February 19.

**Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey): **Order today, February 5**!
Today, February 5, is your only chance to order Jubilee Bucks for February! Some positive changes to order possibilities… Visa gift cards now come in amounts of $25, $50, $100, $250 and $500. Amazon now comes in $25, $50, $100 and $250. Fannie May comes in $10 and See’s Candies comes in $25. Valentine’s Day is approaching – gift cards can be a wonderful gift for a loved one! Orders are due by 9:00 p.m. today. Email bobbifrey@aol.com with your order. Include number and amount of cards ordered and total of order. Payment can be made when you receive your cards.

Your next opportunity to purchase gift cards will be Sunday, March 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.
 **Community News:
February is Black History Month.** We are invited to a Black History Month program sponsored by Benedictine University: The Rev. Dr. William Barber will be speaking on campus on Friday, February 10, at 2:00 p.m. in the Daniel L. Goodwin Hall of Business. Dr. Barber is an internationally known professor, author, civil and human rights activist, and the founding Director of the Center for Public Theology and Public Policy at Yale University Divinity School. Details at <https://ben.edu/>. (Scroll down to the 3rd screen.) **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 in memory of Jerry Tonne. **We celebrate joys**:
  - Sue Knisely came through her surgery well on Thursday. Please, no visitors at this time, but she would welcome cards.
 - The 80th birthday of Floyd Rogers
 - The early return home from the hospital of Linda Wolf Jeziorski. She had been told that original plan was to be in for 4-6 weeks – she came home at 3-1/2 weeks!
 - Wheaton Hope Presbyterian in the hiring of their transition Pastor: Rev. Tassie Green. **We pray for the Jeremiah 29 discernment task force as they seek God’s will for Southminster in the 21st century.** May we reach out beyond our doors to invite people to share in our spiritual journey with Jesus Christ. **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
  - We pray for an end to gun violence in our nation: we lift up communities where lives have been lost to gun violence.
 - Prayers for our nation after another traffic stop death, and for the family of Tyre Nichols.
 - We remember the victims of the Holocaust and pray for a growth in love over hate in the world.
**We pray for those who mourn. Please lift up grieving families and friends.** - John and Alicia Rasnic on the death of John’s brother-in-law, John Nelson McCabe Jr.
  - 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:**
 - Niki Petersen Mendoza was diagnosed with thymoma this week. She is the daughter of Pete and Pam Petersen, married to Alex Mendoza, and mother to two young children
 - Sam Cvengross, Marta Sundquist’s cousin, for a successful cancer treatment. Sam is the mother of 5.
 - John and Alicia Rasnic’s friend, Steve, who has cancer
 - Cameron Anthony, Peggy, Tracy J., Tracy Nelson, Rod Boehmer, Tammy Grey, Jan Mazur, Margaret Rolando, Charlene Simpson, Jim Sundquist, Jon Sutherland, Connie Vernon, Beverly Webb, and others we name in our hearts.
**We pray for all who are infected with and/or affected by Covid:** - Ed Koska, Heidi Shierry, and Rita Zapel
**We pray for all who are recovering or dealing with mental or physical health or other challenges:** - All during February, American Heart Month, we emphasize heart health and pray for a cure for heart disease.
 - Felicita, having surgery next week. She is the mother of Maykel, our translator in Cuba.
  - Gail Johnston, in hospice care
  - Linda Murray, Bob Welsh, Cathy Hoffman, Vicki, the Kevorkian family, Bill L.
  - Those who have chronic or progressive illnesses
  - People receiving new treatments
  - 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.

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, February 5
 Luminaria bags** will be available before and after worship for a donation**.** Luminaria Sunday is February 26.
 **Order Jubilee Bucks gift cards;** email bobbifrey@aol.com before 9:00 p.m.
 **Bring in used books, CDs, and DVDs for the Used Book Sale, canned
 goods for the Souper Bowl collection, and donations for the Easter
 Saturday Celebration**
 **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook.
 **In-person Fellowship** in the Narthex following worship.
 **Zoom fellowship visit with Floyd Rogers** to wish him a happy 80th birthday
 at 10:45 via this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4927264659>
 **Meeting to discuss parking lot financing** is at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
 **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, February 6 – Pastor’s Sabbath
Tuesday, February 7
 Mission Ministry** meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Parlor/Library
 A.A. at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall **Wednesday, February 8**
 **Property Ministry** meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor/Library **Friday, February 10**
 A.A. at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
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**Bearing Fruit – February 5, 2023**

**Love in Many Forms**

Our photo story today, *Luminaria Sundays Past,* reflects what Southminster does best – loving one another and then some. Southminster Presbyterian Church has held an annual “Luminaria Sunday” since 2012! It is a Sunday that we at Southminster set aside to concretely express our love for those who have fought cancer and are now with the Lord and for those who continue the fight against cancer along with their friends and family. With all our hearts we pray for a cure. Each luminary represents $10 toward the American Cancer Society for research. Our call as a church family is found in the words of the prophet Isaiah 61:3:
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

Luminaria Sunday will be the last Sunday in February. You may purchase luminaria in the narthex following worship or drop your check and information (names of those honored or remembered) by the office during the week. (If no one is here, use the mail slot to the right of the front door.) Luminaria Sunday is one way that we bear the fruit of God’s love.