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| We listen | We pass the peace | We read along | We give our offering of time, talent and treasure | We stand | We sing if we are at home | We pray | We respond | We participate  in the Word  with Children |

(Kids – use your worship packet and the tools listed at the end of the bulletin to do all these things.)

**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

**February 12, 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.

**** 1 Gathering Music: *Psalm 34:9-22; To Bless the Earth;   
 O God, What You Ordain Is Right; Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones;  
 For the Fruit of All Creation: We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

****Our Photo Story today is “Favorite Sports Teams.”

2 Welcome, Announcements, and Moment for Mission

**** 3a Prelude

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3b 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.**

**** 4a Hymn 626: *As the Deer* (all)

**** 4b Hymn 627: *I Love You, Lord* (sing twice)

**** 5 Call to Worship  (Psalm 51:15)

Leader: O Lord, open our lips

**All:** **And our mouths will proclaim your praise.**

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6 Hymn 468: *In My Life (Lord, Be Glorified)* (all)

**** 7 Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Almighty God we confess that we get judgmental when we forget your saving grace. Replace our faultfinding with the awareness of just how much grace you have poured into our own lives. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is both savior and Lord. Amen.**

(Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

**** **** 8 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.**

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9 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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**World without end, without end. Amen.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

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10 The Passing of the Peace



11a Word with Children Blair Baldwin

Children worshiping in the sanctuary, please come forward.

****11b *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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13 Scripture Lessons: Matthew 13:24-30  Pew Bible, p. 14, (N.T.)

Matthew 13:31-34 Pew Bible, p. 14-15 (N.T.)



14 Sermon: “Do not despise small things.”

****Children, as you listen to the sermon, you may want to choose an activity   
from the children’s packet that will help you think about what you hear in the sermon.   
Children present in worship may choose to go to Kids’ Corner with Miss Blair.

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

**Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Let us therefore no longer pass judgment on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother or sister.**

****16 Hymn: *Your Labor Is Not in Vain* (all)

The music for this song is on the last page of the bulletin.

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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.**

****Children, draw or write something you would like to say to God in prayer this morning.   
If you want to share it with the church, you may also leave a message   
on the church phone line.



****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.]

18 Offertory: *He Hideth My Soul/I’d Rather Have Jesus*

****19 \**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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****20 Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

****21 Hymn 611: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* (all 3 verses)

****22 Charge and Benediction

Leader: Now go and serve the Lord,

**All: For we are blessed to be a blessing!  
 Alleluia, amen!**

****23 Postlude

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden   
Liturgist: Gretchen Fleming  
Deacon Greeter/Fellowship: Nick Kaskovich   
Musicians: Tom Anderson, David Kozich, Southminster Choir  
Worship Associate: David Kozich  
Tech support: Chris Kozich

Flowers today are given by Rita Boserup Zapel in honor of Southminster administration and support staff.

**Good Morning to our Children:**

To complete all the activities in this worship folder you will need:

* ears to hear
* a mouth to sing
* hands to fold
* eyes to read
* a brain to think
* a worship kit including:
  + something to color with – crayons, markers or colored pencils
  + something to write with, like a pen or pencil
  + something to write on, like a table or a clipboard
  + scissors and tape

If you would like a worship kit for your child, please contact Pastor Wendy ([wendy@southminsterpc.org](mailto:wendy@southminsterpc.org)) and one will come to you!

**A Guide to Our Worship Symbols**

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| Ear | **We listen**: “Basically, the sermon is God’s dynamic, eternal Word spoken to us in such a way that we might hear what God has to say to us and be encouraged to follow the Lord  in faith. |
| Dove | **We pass the peace**: “…We greet one another with the peace of Christ as common forgiven sinners. As we are forgiven, so we forgive. This is also a good time to reconcile with those family members who drove us crazy trying to get to church on time, church members with whom we have tensions, or people we're not so happy to see.” |
| Open book | **We read along**: “God’s Word comes to us in many ways—through scripture, special music, sermons. Listen for God's eternal Word addressing you with good news about the Lord’s love for you and all people.” |

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|  | **We give our offering of time, talent, and treasure**: “This is the time when we give ourselves, all that we are, and all that we have, to God’s service. As a symbol of what is of value to us, we make an offering… to promote the gospel.” |
| Man with kid | **We stand**: “We stand as a way of saying, “This is where I stand,” and as a way of standing in continuity with the people of God of ages past…” |
| Music notes | **We sing**: “…We sing praise with hearts and minds (even if that's a little out of tune), just enjoying God for who God is. As we open up the pathways of breath to sing praise, we make space for the Spirit breath to fill us.” Even if we simply listen and read the words, we are praising God. |
|  | **We pray**: The first thing we do is pray—for our world, the church, other people, and ourselves. The prayer is our prayer as a church. One person may pray for us, but we are all praying together as one in our hearts, continuing Christ’s ministry of prayer for the world.” |
| Pencil | **We respond**: Responding by writing or drawing helps us remember what we are hearing and is a chance to express our beliefs. |
| Children | **We participate in the Word with Children**: It is called the Word WITH Children because the whole church is invited to listen with the fresh, faith-filled ears of children to the proclaimed message. |

Quotations for our Worship Symbols Guide are taken from *Our Order of Worship* by Teresa Lockhart Stricklen, Associate for Worship, Presbyterian Church (USA), found at <https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/theologyandworship/pdfs/order_of_worship_brochure_dec_2008.pdf>. Edited.

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