**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**2nd Sunday in Lent**

**March 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: *Come, All You Servants of the Lord;* *We Thank You, Lord, for You Are Good;* *Transform Us;*

*Together We Serve; Bless Now, O God, the Journey*

Our Photo Story today is “Celtic Christianity.”

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Remembering Our Baptism (Isaiah 55:1)

**“Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
    come to the waters;   
and he who has no money,  
    come, buy and eat!  
Come; buy wine and milk  
    without money and without price.**

Hymn: *Hold Me Fast* (verse 1)  pg. 19, blue worship supplement

Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome to this place of love and grace;

**People: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.**

Leader: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

**People: Together we are the beloved community.**

**All:** **Let us worship God.**

Hymn 500: *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread* (all)

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Lord you gave us the great gift of Holy Communion and we rejoice in your generosity toward us. As we break bread together and share the common cup, may your Holy Spirit break down any divisions among us, granting us grace for the journey home. Unite us as people who live in gratitude for each other’s company and for your guiding presence. 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 (Romans 8:34)

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

**People: Only Christ and Christ died for us!**

Leader: Christ rose for us!

**People: Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

Response: *Kyrie* pg. 2, blue worship supplement

**Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

**Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

**Christe, Christe eleison.**

**Christe, Christe eleison.**

**Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

**Kyrie, Kyrie eleison, eleison.**

(The words are Greek for *Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.*)

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The Passing of the Peace

Word with Children

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 20:1-16  Pew Bible, p. 21, (N.T.)

Sermon: “Stories for the Journey: Generosity”

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 501: *Feed Us, Lord* (all verses)

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

Offertory Anthem:  *Lamb of God*  Twila Paris/Lloyd Larson

\**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 Anthem:  *Jesus Took the Cup*  arr. Hal H. Hopson

*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 36: *For the Fruit of All Creation* (all 3 verses)

Charge and Benediction

Leader: Now go and serve the Lord,  
 **People: For we are blessed to be a blessing!**

Leader:  The cross, **All:  We shall take it.**  
  Leader:  The bread, **All:  We shall break it.**  
  Leader:  The pain, **All:  We shall bear it.**  
  Leader:  The joy, **All:  We shall share it.**  
  Leader:  The Gospel, **All:  We shall live it.**  Leader:  The love, **All:  We shall give it.**  
  Leader:  The light, **All:  We shall cherish it.**  Leader:  The darkness, **All:  God shall perish it.**  Leader:  For Jesus’ sake. **All:  Amen.**

Postlude

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden

Liturgist: Jessica Parks

Deacon Greeter/Fellowship: Angela Smith

Musicians: Tom Anderson, Southminster Choir

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson

The flowers today are given by Sue Clary in memory of Dan Bohi.

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 canned 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 McHenry 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:   
 **March 12: “March Madness!”** We’re getting ready for March Mission Madness, when we use the NCAA championship basketball tournaments (men’s and women’s this year!) to raise money for Southminster missions. We need photos of basketball fans – wearing school or team gear, holding signs for your favorite college teams, attending games… you know – college basketball fan shots. Send us your photos by Thursday, March 9.   
  
**Send photos to our new dedicated email address, just for photos:** [**PhotoStory@Southminsterpc.org**](mailto:PhotoStory@Southminsterpc.org)**.**

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**

**Adult Education Bible Study**: Our Sunday after-worship adult Bible class is studying the post-exilic prophet, Zechariah. Come and see what the prophet had to say to the restored Jewish community. Join us at 11:15 either in the McHenry Parlor/Library or online through this Google Meets link: [https://meet.google.com/fna-eojg-uye](https://meet.google.com/fna-eojg-uye" \t "_blank).   
  
**Youth:** Up for food and fun today? Come to **Pizza & Games** in Fellowship Hall from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Be sure to let Blair know that you are coming. Bring a friend. Bring $5 (if you plan to eat). Bring a smile and a joke. Bring a curiosity about God and our faith. See you there! Remember that Chili Cook-Off is March 19 and the Talent Show is in April, so we need to be working on those grand events.   
 Next Sunday: **Photo Scavenger Hunt**! A camera and a mall. Fun, right? All youth are invited to a Photo Scavenger Hunt at Yorktown Mall on March 12. We will meet at the mall (specific location will be announced closer to the date) at 3:00 p.m., play until pick-up time at 5:00 p.m. So, keep in touch with Blair for details.

**Chili Cook-Off on Sunday, March 19:** It is time to get ready for some good eating! After a couple years absence, it is time to indulgence in the glories of Southminster Chili expertise. So, dig out your gran-ma-ma’s recipe, do a few test runs, and enter the competition. Sign-up sheet for contestants and for judges (i.e. all who come and eat get to vote) are in the Narthex. Cooks, bring your chili (or soup, if that is your jam) to Fellowship Hall before church on March 19. Everyone, join us for the meal after Fellowship. A free-will offering toward the Youth Mission Trip will be received. Bon appétit!   
  
 **From the Easter Celebration Task Force: It’s Egg Stuffing Time!**

**What can you do to help?**

* Check in the choir room for Easter eggs to be stuffed at home (stuffed eggs should be returned to the choir room)
* Donate candy to fill the Easter eggs – wrapped candy that can fit in a plastic egg, but please:  ***no nuts, no peanut butter, no chewing gum, and no hard candy***

Please place your donations in the basket outside the choir room.

**And join us today, March 5, after worship for a group egg stuffing workshop.**

Session has called the **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** to be held   
Sunday, March 26, at the close of the worship service.   
***Moderators and staff, you need to turn in your narrative reports   
by this Tuesday, March 7!***

**Almost time to** “**Spring Forward**!” Next Sunday, March 12, is the beginning of **Daylight Saving Time**! Don’t forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you fall asleep on Saturday night.

**From the Mission Ministry**  
Coming soon – **March Mission Madness**, in which your competitive spirit benefits the missions that Southminster sponsors! Keep your eye on NCAA basketball (this year we will follow both the men’s and women’s tournaments!) and see the March Dialog and an eBlast this Friday for information about how you can join the fun.

**From the Worship Ministry**  
It’s time to think about **Easter flowers!** We would love to have at least **10 Easter lilies** (2 stem plants @ $32 each) and **10 pink azalea plants** (6” pots @ $28 each) to beautify the sanctuary on Easter. Sign up at church or contact Sarah Allen (630-988-8231 or [ridesrowdy@aol.com](file:///C:\Users\Owner\Desktop\2020%20Pandemic%2001-28-22%20update\Dialog\February%202022\ridesrowdy@aol.com)); the deadline for orders is March 19. Checks should be made to SPC with “Easter flowers” on the memo line. Thanks to everyone who will help fill our sanctuary with color and beauty on Easter morning.   
The **flower chart for the first half of 2023** is posted in the narthex. Flower arrangements are $35. ***We have the last two Sundays in March still available****!* If you’re not at church to sign up, contact Sarah Allen (contact information above).  
  
**An invitation from Tom Anderson, our Music Director**: We are always in need of volunteers to give the gift if music in worship, but especially for Holy Week, which this year is the first full week of April. The additional services give us more opportunities to celebrate and reflect on our faith together, and music is a special part of that shared worship. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in contributing musical gifts – singing, playing, even temporarily adding your voice to our choir – or if you have questions about doing so, even if you’re on the fence, please contact me at [tomanderson101@gmail.com](mailto:tomanderson101@gmail.com) or (651) 246-5129.

**From the Christian Ed. Ministry**  
**Kids’ Corner Proudly Presents...**

On Sunday, April 2, Kids’ Corner will proudly present “Palm and Light,” a shadow play created and prepared by the children of Southminster. If you have children (or youthful friends) who may want to participate, please contact Blair Baldwin at [blairbaldwin@southminsterpc.org](mailto:blairbaldwin@southminsterpc.org).

**Connect with Our Kids!**

Southminster is looking for volunteers to be available on Sunday mornings in the event we need nursery + Sunday School services! Hopefully, we’ll have some new chicks hatching this spring, which means we need YOU! Yes, you – the adults of the church – to step up and nurture our future generations. If you are willing to be on an “on call” list of volunteers, please contact Blair Baldwin at the email address above. This is not a weekly commitment but rather an attempt to gain a list of folks who can potentially help out if we need additional adults.

**Join us on Saturday, March 18, for a visit to the Illinois Holocaust Museum**.   
We will join with friends from Glen Ellyn First United Methodist Church to visit the museum and education center in Skokie, Illinois. We will leave from Southminster at 9:15 a.m. There is a $15 charge for the museum. Those who choose to will have lunch together afterward. See the March *Dialog* for additional details about the tour and exhibits.  
  
Please call or email the church by March 12 if you plan to attend: 630-469-9149 or [admin@southminsterpc.org](mailto:admin@southminsterpc.org).   
  
  
**Presbyterian Readers** meet on Wednesday, March 15, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. This month’s book is *84, Charing Cross Road* by Helene Hanff.

Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting at 7:00p.m. on March 15:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86861724721?pwd=TE0yYXZGZUtUNkdvYWh4UEhaTFc0dz09>

Meeting ID: 868 6172 4721 Passcode: 600865

This link is good for the entire year.  
  
  
**Presbyterian Women’s Circle** will meet this month on Friday, March 17, at 9:30 a.m. in the McHenry Parlor/Library. This is St. Patrick’s Day, and our feature will be a program by our Pastor, Wendy Boden, on Celtic Spirituality. All women are invited to join us. Refreshments, a devotional, and a short business meeting will be held first, prior to the beginning of our featured program.  
  
  
**Early newsletter deadline!** The April *Dialog* will come out on March 29 – a week early – to include the schedule and descriptions of Holy Week and Easter services and events. (Holy Week begins with Palm/Passion Sunday, April 2.) *The deadline for articles will also be a week early: Wednesday, March 22.*

**Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey): **Order today!**  
Today, March 5, is your only chance this month to order Jubilee Bucks gift cards. Orders are due by 9:00 p.m.; email [bobbifrey@aol.com](mailto: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 next Sunday, April 2.  
 **Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):   
People’s Resource Center really appreciated all the soup we brought in from the Souper Bowl collection—a full trash can full of soup cans! The number of clients at the PRC keeps rising, which means the need continues to be great. All donations are appreciated! Collection bins continue to be on a bench in the main entryway of the church.

**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 Sue Clary in memory of Dan Bohi. **We celebrate joys**:   
 - 60 Congolese refugees entered the USA through O’Hare recently. Adeline was one – she was greeted and transported home by Steve Henkels.  
 - We celebrate the love and support expressed on our annual Luminaria Sunday (last Sunday, February 26) for those who have fought or are now fighting cancer and the many people who faithfully walk alongside them.  
 - Burton and Marilyn Barr, who celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on February 15 **We pray for the whole world and our nation:**  
  - Former President Jimmy Carter and his family, as he is now under in-home hospice care   
  - All those affected by devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria and the aid workers assisting there. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is working with partners on the ground in the area and is inviting churches and everyone interested in helping to donate by going to this site: <https://pda.pcusa.org/>.  
  - The people of Ukraine, the Holy Land, Pakistan, Iran, and everywhere that people face war, civil unrest, and the fight for civil rights  
  - We pray for an end to gun violence in our nation: Thus far, in 2023 there have been more mass shootings than there have been days in the year. Click on [data from the Gun Violence Archive](https://www.gunviolencearchive.org/reports/mass-shooting) to see the statistics. **We pray for those who mourn. Please lift up grieving families and friends.** - Pete Slattery, whose mother passed away following an extended illness  
  - The family and many friends of Dan Bohi, and especially Deb, Jessica and Megan and their spouses, and the four grandchildren.   
**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:**  
  - Helen Shierry, Steve’s mother, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer  
  - Continuing prayers for Linda Wolf Jeziorski as she rests at home  
  - Nikki Petersen Mendoza, Sam Cvengross, Steve, 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.** - Bobette and Frank Barfod, Wendy’s mom and bonus dad; both have Covid, but Frank was hospitalized  **We pray for all who are recovering or dealing with mental or physical health or other challenges:**  
  - Jim, undergoing tests  
  - Our members who are in long term care: Ed Koska at Tabor Hills, Gail Johnston, in hospice care at Du Page Convalescent Center (If you send a card, please send to Andrea Schmidt, whose address is in the directory.), and Grace Van Beveren at Oak Brook Care      
  - 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 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 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  
**The upcoming school board and other local elections**

**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 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](mailto: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: The office closed on Mondays.**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, March 5 – *2nd Sunday in Lent,* Communion**  
**Order Jubilee Bucks gift cards** by emailing [bobbifrey@aol.com](mailto:bobbifrey@aol.com) before 9 p.m.  
 **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook.   
 **In-person Fellowship** in the Narthex following worship.   
 **Staff Meeting** at 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
 **Egg Stuffing Workshop** after worship in the Narthex  
 **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, March 6 – Pastor’s Sabbath. Church office is closed.  
Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** on Facebook live at 4:20 p.m.  **Tuesday, March 7**  
 **Staff and Ministry moderators: send your reports for the Annual reports   
 booklets no later than today!** [**admin@southminsterpc.org**](file:///C:\Users\ttt\Downloads\admin@southminsterpc.org)   
 **Mission Ministry** meets at 4:00 p.m. in the McHenry Parlor/Library  
 The **Jeremiah Task Force** meets at 7:30 p.m. in the McHenry Parlor/Library  
 A.A. at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
**Wednesday, March 8**  
 **eNotes** go out  
 **Property Ministry** at 7:00 p.m. in the McHenry Parlor/Library **Thursday, March 9   
 Choir rehearsal** at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary **Friday, March 10  
Watch for an eblast with details about how to sign up for March Mission   
 Madness.** (The deadline to register your brackets is Thursday, March 16,   
 at 10:00 a.m.)  
 A.A. at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
**Saturday, March 11  
 Set your clocks ahead one hour** before you go to sleep!  
**Next Sunday, March 12 – *3rd Sunday in Lent***  
**Daylight Saving Time begins**   
 **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook.   
 **In-person Fellowship** in the Narthex following worship.   
 **Staff Meeting** at 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
 **Adult Ed.** at 11:15 a.m. either by Google Meet or by joining Blair in   
 the McHenry Parlor/Library  
 **Youth:**  **Photo Scavenger Hunt** at Yorktown Mall from 3:00-5:00 p.m.   
 Get details from Blair.

**Bearing Fruit – March 5, 2023**

**The Season of Lent**  
We began our season of Lent this year with our Luminaria Sunday. It was a beautiful expression of our love and support of those who have or have dealt with cancer. It was a physical representation of prayers to God for a cure.  
  
During the season of Lent we will be pouring water at the beginning of each service as a reminder of our baptismal vows, the promises we made to follow Jesus Christ. There are six candles on the Lord’s Table representing the six weeks till Easter Resurrection Sunday. At the conclusion of our service, we will extinguish one candle for each Sunday we are in Lent representing the journey we make with Christ to the cross. For those of you at home you may want to gather six candles for yourself while you watch the service at home. You may also want to get a bowl or a pitcher of water to remind you of your baptism.  
  
Southminster has long supported One Great Hour of Sharing during Lent and hosting a community Easter Saturday Celebration. One Great Hour has been a Presbyterian Lenten tradition since 1947, before Southminster was formed. That’s 76 years! In 1949, church leaders from several denominations joined Presbyterians to begin working together to promote this effort. That year major networks broadcast a show called “One Great Hour,” on Saturday, March 26, at 10 p.m. EST. The broadcast, featuring President Truman and popular musicians and actors of the time, closed with the request that people make a sacrificial contribution at their own place of worship the next morning. While there is no record of funds raised that day, it is estimated that over 75,000 churches participated.   
  
Our Easter Celebration welcomes the community to celebrate the good news of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Yes, there are crafts and an egg hunt, but there is also the sharing of the Christ event as well. This Sunday in the narthex there will be our only egg stuffing event. Please join us following worship.  
  
Supporting One Great Hour of Sharing and the Easter Saturday Celebration are two ways we bear the fruit of God’s love outside of our doors during the season of Lent.