**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**The Day of Pentecost**

**May 28, 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

Our Photo Story today is “Pentecost Art.”

 Welcome, Announcements, and Moment for Mission

  Prelude

 Lighting the Candles and Remembering Our Baptism (Galatians 5:22-23a)

**By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.**

[Please remain seated while singing these songs.]

 Hymn 314: *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness* (verses 1, 5)

 *(Christ, Be Our Light)*

 Hymn 701: *Lord, Prepare Me (Sanctuary)* (sing 2 times)

 Hymn 853: *We Are Marching in the Light of God* (sing 2 verses: “We are marching…” and “We are praying…”)

 Call to Worship  (1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 27)

 Leader: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

 **People: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

 Leader: God works through each person in a unique way,
 but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.

 **People: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

 **All:** **Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.**

 Hymn 443: *There Is a Redeemer* (all 3 verses)

 Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Mighty and merciful God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling. We have been timid and frightened disciples, forgetful of your powerful presence and the strength of your Spirit among us. We pray 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 8:33-34)

 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; Christ reigns in power for us,

 **People: Christ intercedes for us.**

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

 Response 288: *Spirit of the Living God* (sing 2 times)

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

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 The Passing of the Peace

 Word with Children

 Children worshiping in the sanctuary, please come forward.

 *God Welcomes All*  Hymnal 399

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;**

**God’s love is strong and it never ends.**

Text: John L. Bell, 2008

Music: South African song, transc, John L. Bell, 2008

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 Prayer for Illumination

 Scripture Lessons:  Acts 2:1-4 Pew Bible, p. 119, (N.T.)

 Romans 12:3-6a Pew Bible, p. 162, (N.T.)

 Sermon: “All Hands on Deck”

 Hymn 69: *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)* (verse 1 + refrain)

 Ordination and Installation

 Presentation

**To be Ordained and Installed as Elder**

 Steve Sanders, Class of 2026

**To be Installed as Elders**

 Deb Bohi, Class of 2026

 Gretchen Fleming, Class of 2026

 (Rita Zapel, Class of 2026, will be installed June 4)

**To be Installed as Deacons**

 Lynn Ferino, Class of 2026

 Elise Henkels, Class of 2026

 Sue Knisely, Class of 2026

 (Linda Ellinghausen, Class of 2025, will be installed June 4)

 Our Common Ministry

 Questions to Elders and Deacons

 Questions to the Congregation

 Leader: Do we, the members of the church, accept these people as
 elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice
 of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

 **All: We do.**

 Leader: Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions,
 and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ
 who alone is head of the Church?

 **All: We do.**

 Prayer of Ordination

 Congregational Prayer (unison)

**Gracious God, pour out your Spirit of power and truth upon the whole church
that we may be for you a holy people, baptized to serve you in the world.
Sustain this congregation in ministry. Ground us in the gospel, secure our hope in Christ, strengthen our service to the outcast, and increase our love for one another.
Show us the transforming power of your grace in our life together, that we may be servants of the gospel, offering a compelling witness in the world to the good news
of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

 Welcome to Ministry

 Response: *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)*

Refrain

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?**

**I have heard you calling in the night.**

**I will go, Lord, if you lead me.**

**I will hold your people in my heart.**

 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 Will Sing Praise* Joseph Martin

 \**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 286: *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* (all 4 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: Sarah Allen
Greeter/Fellowship: Barb Zink
Musicians: Tom Anderson, Southminster Choir
Worship Associate: David Kozich
Tech support: Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson

The flowers today are given by the Kozich family celebrating Daniel’s birthday.

If you are present for worship, following the service 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! Using the comments section on Facebook, you can say hello, ask for words of peace, or request prayers.
 **Sunday Morning Adult Ed. Bible Study** will not meet today. Enjoy your Memorial Day weekend… and bring donations for the Rummage Sale! Our next classes will be June 11 and June 25.

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 these dates:
 **June 11: “Our Youth in Mission.”** If you have photos taken during the chili cook-off,
 talent show, or rummage sale, please send them by Thursday, June 8.
 **June 18: “Favorite Men of Faith.”** In honor of Father’s Day, we’d like photos of
 men (either famous or known personally by you) who are/were men of faith.
 Please send us your photos by Thursday, June 15.
 **July 2: “Our National Parks.”** For Independence Day weekend, we’d like photos
 taken in any of our many national parks. Please send your photos by Thursday,
 June 29.

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

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**
**Adult Education**: Our Bible class will not meet today or next Sunday because of Rummage Sale activity. Join us in the Parlor or online on June 11 when we will continue our study of Matthew. There will be no class on June 18, but there will be class on June 25.

**Youth**: No event this weekend, but Rummage Sale is coming! Let Blair N. know if you are available to sort in the evening of Thursday and Friday of next week (June 1 & 2). The sale is next Saturday and Sunday, June 3 and 4, with the following weekend as a rain date. ***We need everyone at church at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday for set-up***. Dress for the weather and remember that we also do the car wash.

**Youth Mission Team**: Our potluck pre-trip meeting will be this Tuesday, May 30, at 7:00 p.m. See the info on Rummage Sale below.

**Rummage Sale**: Rummage Sale is coming this Friday and Saturday, June 3 & 4, and here is what you need to know:

1. We will begin **accepting donations** of items for sale after worship today and will continue right up to and through the sale itself, which begins on Saturday, June 3. Someone will be in the church office Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. Outside those hours, contact Blair N. (630-917-6035) if you need help getting things to church, or to get in, or for any questions you might have. Blair N. will be at church to help you for much of the week before the sale (May 30 -June 2) but do call him ahead to be sure.

2. ***Items that we cannot accept for donation: electronics, cribs, and furniture with glass tops.*** Virtually everything else is fair game (nuclear waste is an issue, though). Please price your items, but not clothing or books—we have flat rates for them. Price stickers are available on the counter in the main hallway. Tax receipts will also be available in Fellowship Hall.

3. **Want to lend a hand**? The hardest part of Rummage Sale is setting up and tearing down. Can you lend a hand on Saturday and Sunday? We need to haul everything out into the parking lot on Saturday at 7:00 a.m., then bring it back in at 3:00, then the same on Sunday immediately after worship and at 3:00 that afternoon. We appreciate any help you can give during any of those moves!!

4. **Shop**! Who knows what Knick Knack, Widget, or Whatchamacallit you will find to complete your home décor, kitchen utensil collection, or workshop. All proceeds support our Youth Mission Team, heading to Imperial, PA, for a work of service, spiritual enrichment, and adventure, in mid- June. **And bring your car to be scrubbed** by our crack team of youth car-washers for a free-will donation. Hours are Saturday: 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and Sunday: 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

5. Finally, please **be in prayer for the Youth Mission Trip**, that our team will be safe, productive, and have a deep and lasting spiritual experience, and that the folks whom the service will see the love of God in them.

 **From the Mission Ministry:**May is **Gifts Grow** month at Southminster and one of the ways we bear the Fruit of God’s love. Through Gifts Grow, you have the opportunity to contribute to our missions, and your gifts will be matched by the Mission Ministry up to a total of $300 per family, $1,000 per organization, and $5,000 for the entire event. Double your impact on the mission(s) of your choice! Remember that ***your gifts are due by this Wednesday, May 31***.

**Mission Ministry** will have a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the McHenry Parlor/Library.

**Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):
Thanks to everyone who ordered Jubilee Bucks gift cards in May. So far this year your purchases have earned Southminster $594.17 in “free” money.
The next order date will be June 4. **Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):
It is amazing how our church has been supporting PRC with our donations! Weekly deliveries of food, personal care products, and cleaning products have been greatly appreciated! The number of clients has been increasing and all items donated greatly needed and utilized. Donation boxes has been relocated a few steps farther into the church... just past the second set of doors (across from the church office).

If you are looking for ideas, donations of rice, dry pasta, and peanut butter are always in need, as are personal care items like toothpaste, bar soap, and diapers size 5-7. All donations are appreciated!

**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.

**Friends,
You are all invited to offer prayer for people whether they are members or not. It would be a joy and very helpful to know how people are doing. If you have submitted a person to be prayed for, can you send an update to the office, please, once in a while? Thank you! Pastor Wendy**

**Joys and Concerns**   **The flowers today** are given by the Kozich family celebrating Daniel’s birthday. **We give thanks to God for joys:**
 - Congratulations to our high school graduates: Samantha Falkman, Ryan Sundquist, and David Vanderford!
 - Jack Thorne, recovering from a successful pacemaker implant
 - Ron Birchall, recovering from a successful cardiac ablation
 - Floyd Rogers’ doctor told him “all is well” in the follow-up after his cancer surgery.
  - Ian Vierck, Linda Ellinghausen’s grandson, is doing well after surgery on his lungs. He has a 95% chance of never needing that surgery again.
 - Linda Wolf Jeziorski, though she is weak and in need of much care and rest, has been told “there is no evidence of the disease at this time.” Her immune system is still on the mend, so it will be a while still until we see her in worship.
  - Lynn Smith is home, though her recovery will be a long journey. Lynn is Steve Sanders’ sister and Traci Smith’s mother.
**We pray for the whole world and our nation:**
 - On this Memorial Day weekend, we thank God for those who gave the ultimate gift for the freedom of the nation. May our nation live up to the values of equality, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
  - We pray for an end to gun violence in our nation, especially for the families of the 19 children and 2 adults who were killed at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, just one year ago this week. Click on [data from the Gun Violence Archive](https://www.gunviolencearchive.org/reports/mass-shooting) to see the current statistics. - Guam, recovering from a devastating typhoon
  - We continue to pray for peace in the world Ukraine, the Holy Land, Sudan, Myanmar, and everywhere that people face war, civil unrest, and the fight for civil rights.
**Blessed are those who mourn:**
 - Kathy Sanders asks prayers for the family of Tracey Jarzombek, who died following a long struggle with cancer
 - We thank God for the love that God puts in our hearts for our pets. Blessed are those who mourn.
  - The family and many friends of Dan Bohi, and especially Deb, Jessica and Megan and their spouses, and the four grandchildren.
**We lift up those who are affected by cancer, as well as their support systems:** - Linda Ellinghausen requests prayers for Hal’s extended family: Pam Greenholt, who recently had a kiwi-sized tumor removed from the base of her brain.
 - Amy Christensen Henning, undergoing 6 months of chemotherapy
  - Marta Sundquist, who had surgery for a brain tumor. She is safe at home and will need further treatment down the road. Her doctors are putting a plan together. You can be updated on her condition and send her messages online through CaringBridge.org.
  - Continuing prayers for Nikki Petersen Mendoza (adult daughter of Pete Petersen) as she continues to heal
  - We continue to pray for: Steve, Peggy, Cameron A., Rod B., Sam C., Tammy G., Shelayne L., Jan M., Felicita M., Rebecca M., Tracy N., Tom P., Margaret R., Charlene S., Helen S., Jim S., Jon S., Connie V., Beverly W., and others we name in our hearts.
**We pray for all who are recovering or dealing with mental or physical health or other challenges:**  - Ian Van Beveren, looking for a place to live in the area
  - Our members who are in long term care: **Ed Koska** in hospice care 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 struggling with house issues
  - Those who are suffering from depression
 - Those making difficult life transitions
  - Former President Jimmy Carter and his family, as he is under in-home hospice care
**We pray for the Jeremiah 29 discernment task force as they seek God’s will for Southminster in the 21st century.**May we all be attentive to the Holy Spirit’s leading.

 **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 May, call Deacon Barb Zink (630-668-2387); in June, 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: The church office is closed on Mondays and Wednesdays.**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, neighbor, and one another. 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, May 28 – *The Day of Pentecost*** **Worship with Ordination/Installation of New Officers** at 9:30 a.m. in person
 and also live on Facebook.
 **In-person Fellowship** in the Narthex following the service
 **Staff Meeting** at 10:45 a.m. in the Pastor’s Office
 **No Adult Ed.**
 **Begin bringing in donations for the Rummage Sale following worship**. See the “Notes from Blair Nelson” (above) regarding times during the week for bringing donations.**Monday, May 29 – Memorial Day (Church office closed.)**
**All week: Drop off Rummage Sale donations.** The church office is open Tuesday,
 Thursday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m.-3:15 p.m. If you want to come outside those
 hours and don’t have a key to get in, contact Blair Nelson: 630-917-6035. **Tuesday, May 30**
 **Pastor’s Sabbath** (since Monday was a holiday). **No Heart to Heart or Pastor’s
 Bible Study**.
 **Youth Mission Team potluck/meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the Boden-Nelson home.
 A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in the choir room
**Wednesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** on Facebook live, 4:20 p.m. **Wednesday, May 31
 deadline for donations to Gifts Grow
 eNotes go out,** but it is also the **deadline for the June *Dialog*
Thursday, June 1
 Hawthorn Garden Club** will meet in the Narthex/Parlor at noon if their planned
 picnic at Blackwell is rained out
**Friday, June 2**
 A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in the choir room **Saturday, June 3
 Rummage Sale/Car Wash:
 Set-up:** 7:00 a.m. **Sale/Car Wash:** 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. **Clean up:** as long as it takesfrom 3:00 p.m.-?? **Next Sunday,** **June 4 – *Trinity Sunday*** **Worship with Communion and Installation of an elder and a deacon** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook.
 **In-person Fellowship** in the Narthex following the service
 **Staff Meeting** at 10:45 a.m. in the Pastor’s Office
 **Rummage Sale/Car Wash:**

 **Set-up:** right after worship **Sale/Car Wash:** 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. **Clean up:** from 3:00 p.m.-??

**Bearing Fruit – May 28, 2023**

**Pentecost, New Officers, and Thank You, Choir**

Today is Pentecost! No matter what colors you wore to worship today – fiery colors like red, orange, or yellow, or blue, the color of water or air –let us worship together knowing that the Holy Spirit is God’s gift in our lives, the power of God at work in our lives together and as individuals.

Pentecost is the perfect day to ordain and install our new officers! Presbyterians are unique because we ordain not only our pastors but also our ruling elders and deacons. Together, through the work of the Spirit, God guides the church through our leaders. Thank you to Deacon Caroline Linde and Elders Steve Henkels and Kathy Sanders for their faithful service these last three years.

We also welcome our new class of elders and deacons: Elders Steve Sanders, Deb Bohi, Gretchen Fleming, and Rita Zapel (who will be installed on June 4), and Deacons Lynn Ferino, Elise Henkels, Sue Knisely, and Linda Ellinghausen (also to be installed on June 4). We thank God for all our officers.

Pentecost is also a perfect day to thank the choir because breath is one of the ways we understand how the Holy Spirit works. In our Reformed tradition of Christianity, the choir aids the congregation in worshiping God. Rather than giving a performance, a choir humbly leads and helps the entire congregation express praise, gratitude, and adoration to God. When the choir sings, the choir is, in fact, praying on the behalf of the congregation.

Our choir will retire for the summer after today, but you are invited to share your musical gifts this summer as a gift to God through instrument or voice. Please also consider joining the choir when it resumes in September. In both cases, please see our Music Director Tom Anderson. You may reach Tom at (651) 246-5029 or tomanderson101@gmail.com. We thank God for all musicians, vocal and instrumental, who help us worship our Lord Jesus Christ.

Serving in worship through music and serving as an officer are both important and wonderful ways that we bear the fruit of God’s love.