**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**7th Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 16, 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 “Meet Our Deacons.”

 Welcome and Announcements

  Prelude

 Lighting the Candles (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 626: *As the Deer* (sing 2 times)

 Hymn 627: *I Love You, Lord* (sing 2 times)

 Call to Worship

 Leader: May we be a loving community for all who enter.

 **People: May our entrance be an invitation to a deeper experience of God’s love.**

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

 Hymn 721: *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* (all verses)

 Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Loving God, we have forgotten that to love you is to love one another. To love is to work for the blessing of the world. Forgive us. Breathe love into our lives through your Spirit that we may faithfully answer your call. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is both savior and Lord. Amen.**

 (Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

 Declaration of God’s Grace/The Good News of Jesus Christ

 Leader: May the God of mercy who forgives all our sins

 **People: Strengthen us in all goodness,**

 Leader: And by the power of the Holy Spirit

 **People: Keep us in eternal life.**

 **All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.**

 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.**

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

**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.

 *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 Lesson:  Mark 3:13-19 Pew Bible, p. 37, (N.T.)

 Sermon: “The Call” Dr. Vincent Gaddis

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)
 from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (PCUSA)

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

 Hymn 720: *Jesus Calls Us* (all 4 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: *Yes* Songwriters: James Wells/Cory Asbury/Laura Hackett;
 David Whitworth/Seth Yates/Jaye Thomas/Caleb Culver

 \**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 726: *Will You Come and Follow Me? (The Summons)* (all 5 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**

Guest preacher: Dr. Vincent Gaddis
Liturgist/Worship Host: Steve Henkels

Greeter/Fellowship: Angela Smith
Musicians: Tom Anderson, Cathy Gaddis
Worship Associate: David Kozich
Tech support: Chris Kozich

The flowers today are given by Susan and Walter Briney in honor of God’s love.

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. The class will resume on August 6.

You are invited to join us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/>), where most weeks we have a live sharing of “**Heart to Heart**” with Pastor Wendy Boden at 4:20 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. “Heart to Heart” will take a break until the first week of August.

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. We’re all set for the rest of this month, but watch here for the next time we’ll need your photos.

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**
**Adult Education**: Our Bible class will not meet the rest of July. We will continue our study of Zechariah on August 6.

**Youth:** As the summer schedule goes, there are no dates for a youth event in July. Enjoy the summer and watch for August event information to come.  **From the Worship Ministry:**

**Choir members and other singers:** During the summer there is no formal choir, but we still need people to help lead worship, not only for those in attendance in worship but for those at home online. If you are willing to lend your voice to this ministry, please simply come in and sit in one of the choir seats during worship.

**Singers and instrumentalists of all ages** are invited to share their gifts during summer worship. Please connect with Music Director Tom Anderson to sign up for a Sunday (or more than one) on which you’re willing to help lead us with music. Reach Tom at 651-246-5029 or tomanderson101@gmail.com.

 **From the Mission Ministry:
We’re having a “kitchen shower” for World Relief!**
Imagine how it would feel to arrive in the United States as a refugee with nothing but what you were wearing and maybe carrying a bag or two. Throughout the month of July, our Mission Ministry will work with World Relief to host a “shower,” collecting items a refugee family would need to equip a kitchen. We will have bins in the coat room, and you can bring in donations any time this month.

Please consider donating from the following list:

1 set of mixing bowls     1 set of baking pans/dishes

1 saucepan/pot & 1 frying pan      1 set of cooking utensils

measuring cups & spoons         medium/lg cutting board

manual can opener                    3 kitchen towels

3 dishcloths                              silverware for 4

dishes for 4 (plates & bowls)       4 drinking glasses and 4 mugs

rice or pressure cooker              tea kettle

1 toilet brush                            1 broom & dustpan

1 plastic laundry basket           1 pad of paper

5 pens/pencils                     1 electric fan

1 small toolkit                        1 travel sewing kit

1 flashlight & batteries            1 alarm clock

*World Relief asks that all items be new to preserve the recipients’ dignity.*If we receive duplicates, World Relief will store them to distribute to other refugee families. Thank you for helping refugee families in need.

**Start saving shoes!** The shoe collection for Jolly Old Soles is coming back in September. During the summer, please set aside your gently used shoes for the upcoming collection. Formal and casual shoes, boots, sandals… all are welcome, but we ask that you keep them at home until September, when the collection boxes are in place. Thank you.

**Consider visiting our sister church in Cuba!**
The Mission Ministry is beginning to plan for our next trip to visit our sister church in Guanabacoa, Cuba. Right now ***we would like to hear from those of you who might be interesting in going***, telling us when you are available to go and asking us more about the trip. One key issue is that we need to submit the names and passport information for those going at least three months in advance, so we hope to make some plans in the next few weeks to allow for that delay. **Please let Gretchen Fleming know by next Sunday, July 23, if you have an interest in this trip to visit our sister church and what specifically you need to know to make a decision. You may contact Gretchen by phone or text at 630-517-0926 or email at** **gretchen\_fleming@yahoo.com****.**

**Used (zero-balance) gift cards**: Please do not cut the used cards in half before you turn them in. They are used to make guitar picks, and only whole cards are useful.

**From the Christian Education Ministry**

**Mark your calendars**…Southminster is hosting a one-day Vacation Bible School, “Blooming Together - One Day to Grow with God,” on Saturday, August 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for children going into kindergarten through fifth grade. There will be no charge to attend! Here’s how you can help:

* Sign up your children/grandchildren/friends/neighbors/other relatives (the registration will be online soon)
* Sign up to donate/loan some items we will need (the sign-up list will be in the narthex soon)
* VOLUNTEER: let Blair Baldwin or Deb Bohi know if you want to volunteer. We are also looking for young people older than fifth grade to assist.

**Presbyterian Readers** will meet this Wednesday, July 19, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The July 19 book is *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. We will meet in August, so on July 19, please bring your suggestions for the next couple of months.

Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of the month:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86861724721?pwd=TE0yYXZGZUtUNkdvYWh4UEhaTFc0dz09> Meeting ID: 868 6172 4721 Passcode: 600865

**Next Sunday: It’s the Crosstown Rivalry Fellowship!**

The first series of 2023’s Chicago baseball’s Crosstown Classic between the Cubs and the Sox will occur on July 25-July 26. We’ll celebrate next Sunday, July 23, when the Deacons will host fun, baseball-themed refreshments during fellowship after church. We invite you to wear something from your favorite baseball teams that week, to celebrate this summertime tradition and “friendly” rivalry!

**Jubilee Bucks:**
Thanks to all who ordered Jubilee Bucks gift cards in July. Our year-to-date total of “free” money earned from the sale of these cards is $901.57. The next order date will be August 6.

 **Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)**:
It is amazing how we have been supporting PRC with our weekly donations! The Wheaton location serves over 500 families every week! This is twice as many as dring the summer of 2021. Most needed items are rice, pasta, canned soup, corn, tomatoes, tuna, peanut butter, pasta sauce, and diapers (sizes 5,6,7).

**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 from Susan and Walter Briney in honor of God’s love.  **We give thanks to God for joys:**
 - For the new family from Sudan who arrived recently… a family of 9 now living in Wheaton.
 - Thanks to God for the beautiful diversity of humanity!
 - the safe return of our Youth Mission Team after their week of assisting people in Imperial, Pennsylvania
 - 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.
**We pray for the whole world and our nation:**
  - We pray for an end to gun violence in our nation. Over this past Saturday and Sunday, 8 mass shootings (involving 4 or more victims) in 7 states (two in Texas) left 9 people dead and 34 wounded. Click on [data from the Gun Violence Archive](https://www.gunviolencearchive.org/reports/mass-shooting) to see the current statistics.
 - Wildfires in Canada causing air quality issues through the Midwest, including hazardous breathing conditions here
 - Both the passengers of the Titan and those who died trying to migrate to Europe
  - We continue to pray for peace in the world Ukraine and Russia, the Holy Land, Sudan, Myanmar, and everywhere that people face war, civil unrest, and the fight for civil rights.
**Blessed are those who mourn:**
 - The family of Margaret Rolando, Sandy Lopata’s cousin, who died Saturday morning
 - We pray for Joan and for the Koska sons and their families, mourning the death of Ed. His Service of Witness to the Resurrection was held June 24 at Southminster.
  - The family and many friends of Dan Bohi, and especially Deb, Jessica and Megan and their spouses, and the four grandchildren.
 - We thank God for the love that God puts in our hearts for our pets. Blessed are those who mourn the loss of their beloved pets.
**We lift up those who are affected by cancer, as well as their support systems:** - A friend of Heidi Shierry and Barb Doppelt: Tim O’Neal, receiving care at home for bile duct cancer and blood infections
 - Helen Shierry is doing well on her chemotherapy with no side effects from the chemo drugs and feeling good. She is upbeat and thankful for all the prayers from our congregation.
  - Marta Sundquist, who had surgery for a brain tumor and has completed her first stages of treatment. You can be updated on her condition and send her messages online through CaringBridge.org.
  - We continue to pray for: Steve, Peggy, Cameron A., Rod B., Sam C., Tammy G., Pam G., Amy H., Shelayne L., Jan M., Nikki M., Felicita M., Rebecca M., Tracy N., Jim 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:**
 - Barb’s grandson, Dash, having surgery tomorrow
 - Bud Boden, Wendy’s father, hospitalized with an abdominal abscess; waiting for a diagnosis
 - Donovan Eagan (Zee’s son), who broke both his arms while playing
 - Prayers for health for Pat and Tom Grimsey, brother and sister-in-law of Deb Bohi
 - Jim Smith, recovering at Brookdale
 - Donna Marton is at home
  - Our members who are in long term care: **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
  - the family of Maykel Solomon
  - Those struggling with house issues
  - Those who are suffering from depression
 - Those making difficult life transitions
  - Former President Jimmy Carter and his family; he is under in-home hospice care and his wife, Rosalynn has recently been diagnosed with dementia.
**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 July, 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.

**Pastor Boden will not be in the office from Sunday, July 16, until returning to the pulpit on August 6.** In an emergency you may call Rev. Holly Hopp of St. Luke Presbyterian in Downers Grove; she will cover through August 1. Her cell number is 512-554-1956. Pastor Boden will be available by cell phone from August 2-6.

**Revised Deacon Flock Member Lists:** The Deacons have been finalized for the coming year, and revised "Flock" lists have been created with members assigned to each Deacon. The new list will be posted on the Deacon bulletin board this week, closest to the Parlor/Library. You will see an alphabetic list by church member, with their assigned Deacon representative and phone number. Over the next month, we will also be asking Deacons to contact their members and ensure that they have their contact information, email addresses, and best phone numbers. Thank you to all the Deacons for their willingness to serve. We look forward to the year ahead!

**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, July 16**
 **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook.
 Guest preacher: Dr. Vince Gaddis
 **In-person Fellowship** in the Narthex following the service
 **No Adult Ed. or Youth activity**
**Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** on Facebook will take a break and resume during
 the first full week of August. **Tuesday, July 18**
 A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday, July 19**
 **eNotes go out
 Presbyterian Readers** meet at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom **Friday, July 21**
 A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Next** **Sunday,** **July 23**
 **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook.
 Guest preacher: Rev. Jessica Scholten
 **In-person Fellowship** in the Narthex following the service. It will be a baseball-
 themed fellowship in recognition of the crosstown rivalry between the Sox and
 the Cubs! Wear your favorite team’s gear!
 **No Adult Ed. or Youth activity**

**Bearing Fruit – July 16, 2023**

**Welcome, Dr. Vincent and Cathy Gaddis!**

Today we welcome back Dr. Vincent Gaddis and his wife, Cathy! Vince’s students call him Dr. G. He is a professor, minister, and community activist whose objective is to help create the vision of the Beloved Community. He is also a public speaker who regularly gives presentations on race and racism, the Prison Industrial Complex, and the question of values in America. His current research is for a future book entitled, *Revolution in Values: Why America Must Embrace the Beloved Community*. Vince and Cathy are personal friends of our Minster of Youth and Adult Discipleship, Dr. Blair Nelson, and our Pastor Wendy Boden. Pastor Cathy will be sharing the gift of her singing voice for us today. Thank you for the gift of your presence and love, Dr. G and Cat.

**Our Deacons**

It has been written that the church on earth is the body of Christ. We are God’s hands and feet. That is true, and when looking at our Board of Deacons we can see the evidence firsthand. Our deacons do so much more than serve during fellowship.

All of the officers of our congregation and in the PCUSA answer the same ordination and installation questions, but each has its own unique question. The deacons are asked, “Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people’s help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?”

The deacons at Southminster partner with the pastor in caring for the members of the congregation. Each deacon has her or his “flock”, and that means you! Each member is assigned a deacon who may reach out to them in a variety of ways: cards, texts, phone calls, email, or an invitation to visit. If there is a special need, like an addition to the family, or an illness, or grief, the deacons will work with the Congregational Care Ministry and help with meals. Of course, they can only help if you reach out and let them know that you could use some help.

Not all Presbyterian congregations have a board of deacons. Those congregations handle congregational care by a committee of the session.

Our July newsletter highlighted the work of our elders, but the work of the church includes our Board of Deacons. Our current deacons are Andrea Davidson, Linda Ellinghausen, Lynn Ferino, Elise Henkels, Paul Jeziorski, Louanne Jourdan, Nick Kaskovich, Sue Knisely, Barb Kocinski, Angela Smith, Diane Swiss, and Barb Zink. Thank you for answering God’s call and bearing the fruit of God’s love.