**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**19th Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 8, 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 “Be a Cheerful Giver!”

 Welcome, Announcements, and Moment for Stewardship

 Prelude

 Lighting the Candles (Psalm 42:1)

**As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.**

[Please remain seated while singing these songs.]

 Hymn 728: *Somebody’s Knocking at Your Door*

 Hymn 743: *O God, You Are My God*

 Call to Worship

 Leader: Love God with every heartbeat and breath.

 **People:** **Love God with every conscious act.**

 Leader: Love God, neighbor, and enemy.

 **All:** **We will carry love for all as we worship this day.**

 Hymn 726: *Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)* (all)

 Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Lord God, we do not follow Jesus as we are called to do. We love with condition. We judge and critique. We are blind to our offenses, yet we throw stones of condemnation at others. You are our source of healing and hope. We turn to you knowing of your extravagant and costly grace which bathes us all. Through the power of your spirit, help us to take up our crosses and follow. We ask 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 (Phil. 3:9; Eph. 2:17)

 Leader: “God accepted us simply because of our faith in Christ,”
 through whom our sins were forgiven.

 **People: May he help us to continue to “preach peace
 to those who are near and far.”**

 **All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

 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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**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:  Luke 14:25-27 Pew Bible, p. 78 (N.T.)

 Sermon: “Leaving All to Follow Christ” Pastor Cathy Gaddis

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

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life
or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

 Hymn: *I Surrender All*  p. 27, gold supplement

 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: *“Something from the gold supplement”*

 \**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 765: *May the God of Hope Go with Us*

 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: Rev. Cathy Gaddis

Liturgist/Worship Host: Gretchen Fleming
Greeter/Fellowship: Linda Ellinghausen
Musician: Tom Anderson

Worship Assistant: David Kozich
Tech support: Chris Kozich, Alec Parks

The flowers today celebrate birthdays: from the Boden Nelsons for Anna and Lanny Russell for his granddaughter, Grace, turning “Sweet 16”!

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** usually meets at 11:15 a.m., but since Blair Nelson isn’t here today, there will be no class. Join us next week!

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. Coming up we’ll be looking for this:
 **November 5: “Beloved Saints”** – Photos of the people who have died since last All
 Saints Day and whose names we will list during our Prayers of the People in worship on
 November 5. Please send us photos by Friday, October 27. (It takes more time than
 usual to prepare this slideshow.)
**Send photos to our dedicated email address, used just for photos:****PhotoStory@Southminsterpc.org****.** (If you only have hard copies of your photos, please leave them in the photo box on Pastor Wendy’s desk, labeled with your name and the date they are to be used.)

**Also Wanted:  Photos of Your Cheerful Faces**

October is Stewardship Month. Beginning today, our Photo Stories all month will feature photos of your cheerful faces. Please feel free to send cheerful photos of you and your family directly to Chris Kozich, at **kintonck@gmail.com**. We need all photos by October 26. In addition, Stewardship Ministry representatives will be available to take photos during after-worship fellowship time.

**Reminder to staff and ministry moderators – the deadline for Session docket items
is this Thursday (October 12) at noon!**

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**
**Adult Education**:  Blair N. forgot to mention last week that he and Wendy would be gone today. We will not be having our Bible class but will resume next Sunday. Join us then!

**Men!**  Put Saturday, October 21, 9:00 a.m. in the Parlor on your calendar for our second Men’s Ministry fellowship and gathering. Where will we go from here? Also, bring a couple of bucks for the coffee and donuts this time, please.

**Youth**:  No event this weekend, but let Blair know which of the All-Church events in October you will be attending: **Clean Up Saturday**, Oct. 14; the **Stewardship Potluck**, Oct . 15; and **Trunk or Treat**, Oct. 29. (We will add a special SPYish bit to the Trunk or Treat event.) Also, let Blair N. know if you plan to be a sleeper for **Sleep Out Saturday** on Nov. 4 – he needs to know what email to use for your registration with Bridge Communities.

**From Blair and Mission**:
**Sleep Out Saturday** is coming November 4. You don't have to be a member of our youth group to sleep outside and raise money for Bridge Communities. Want to join our highly trained and polished team of sleepers? Just contact Blair N. and give him an email address to register you with Bridge Communities. They will then send you access to your very own donation page. All you need to do is tell everyone you know that you are sleeping outside for SOS and give them the link to the donation page. You don't have to collect or handle money. Easy-peasy.

**From the Property Ministry**
Mark your calendars – this coming Saturday, October 14, is our annual **Fall Clean-Up Day**! We can use your helping hands for projects outdoors on the grounds and inside the building! The work goes on from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. – any amount of time you can spend helping will be appreciated, even if it is just an hour or two. The Property Ministry will provide snacks and drinks (coffee and water). The rain date will be October 21.

**From the Stewardship Ministry:**
**Hot Dog!** You are invited to **Stewardship Ministry’s Hot Dog Potluck Supper** next Sunday, October 15, at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Hot dogs, chips, iced tea, coffee, and water will be provided by the Stewardship Ministry. You may bring a side dish to share if you like, or just come for the great food and great company – there will be plenty of both! The sign-up sheets are in the narthex; signing up is not required, but it will help our planning if you do.

**Be a cheerful giver!** (2 Corinthians 9:7)
God blesses us freely! Sharing those blessings freely is our privilege. You are invited to be a cheerful giver – one who gives freely to help support the work and mission of Southminster Presbyterian Church.

During the month of October, you are invited to make a pledge to declare the amount you expect to give to Southminster in 2024. If you did not receive a pledge card by mail, extra copies will be available at church. Or, you may contact Stewardship moderator Chris Kozich directly with your confidential pledge information: Kintonck@gmail.com. We hope to receive all pledges by October 31. For additional information, see the October *Dialog* or contact Chris K.

**From the Christian Ed. Ministry: Trunk or Treat!**
A Reminder: The Christian Ed. Ministry is hosting a Trunk or Treat event in our parking lot on Sunday, October 29, from 2-4 PM. We hope you are planning on coming! It’s not too late to host a trunk (sign up in the narthex). If you are hosting a trunk, remember we advise ***individually wrapped treats with no nuts or nut products, gum, or hard candy. Small trinkets would be okay, too.*** This activity is open to our church family and to the public. Bring your friends and neighbors. In case of rain, we’ll be in Fellowship Hall. We’ll see you at Trunk or Treat!
**From the Worship Ministry:
All Saints Sunday, November 5, 2023**
We will celebrate All Saints Day on Sunday, November 5. During our Prayers of the People on All Saints Sunday, we will pray for those who died during the past year (since All Saints Day 2022). If you have a loved one, friend, or family member whose death occurred since last All Saints Day and whom you would like mentioned during our All Saints Prayer, please let us know by October 27, giving us their name and date of death. Email the office at admin@southminsterpc.org or call 630-469-9149. If you leave a phone message, you can help us be as accurate as possible by providing correct spelling and leaving your name and phone number so we can check with you if we have any questions.

If you would like a photo of your friend or loved one to be included in the Photo Story on November 5, please send a picture and their name to PhotoStory@Southminsterpc.org by October 27. Please do not send either photos or names/dates to the pastor.

**From the Mission Ministry:**

Thank you all for your contributions to the **Peace and Global Witness Offering**, which we dedicated last Sunday, World Communion Sunday. We raised $1,085! 75% of the funds go to programs initiated the Presbyterian Church USA at the national and regional levels to promote peace and justice. The remaining quarter of those funds, or $271.00, is allocated to a local non-profit organization of our choice that is working to promote peace and justice, and this year it will be the Criminal Justice Committee of the DuPage branch of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People). This committee is focused on building relationships with law enforcement and ways in which we can make the criminal justice system fairer.

We thank you, also, for all the new and gently-worn shoes you donated during September for **Jolly Old Soles**! We will have a final report on this collection soon.

Please plan to join the **Presbyterian Women (Women’s Circle)** as they meet on Friday, October 15, at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Kathy Davidson will tell us about the European river cruise that she and Paul took. ALL women are welcome!

**Glen Ellyn Interfaith Prayer Breakfast:** For many years now Southminster Presbyterian Church has been a leader in the interfaith conversation through the Glen Ellyn Interfaith Prayer Breakfast. Pastor Wendy invites you to be her guest at this year’s Interfaith Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday, October 25, 7:30-9:00 a.m. at the Abbington. Please RSVP to her by Tuesday, October 17. If you like, you can form your own table by purchasing tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/glen-ellyn-prayer-breakfast-2023-tickets-723137482677?aff=ebdsshotherlink>. The featured speaker will be a young woman who escaped from Afghanistan, where the Taliban had her name on a wanted list; a network of people helped her find safe passage to the United States.

We are planning to have a **Prospective Members Brunch** after worship at 11:00 a.m. on November 12 in Fellowship Hall. Please contact Pastor Wendy if you would like to be included. You may call the church office: 630-469-9149.

**Jubilee Bucks:**
Thanks to all who ordered Jubilee Bucks gift cards last Sunday. Our year-to-date total of “free” money earned from the sale of Jubilee Bucks is $1,337.22. Your next chance to order will be November 5.

 **Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)**:
Southminster has been faithfully providing donations of food items and personal care products for PRC for many years. If you would like suggestions for what to give, PRC has provided a list of the items that are most needed. Copies are printed on bright green paper and are in the stand on the nametag shelf (main hallway – across from the offices). You can view the list online at the PRC website: <https://www.peoplesrc.org/give-food-or-goods/>.
Many thanks to all who continue to support PRC’s mission to meet our communities’ needs, neighbor to neighbor.

**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** celebrate birthdays: from the Boden Nelsons for Anna and Lanny Russell for his granddaughter, Grace, turning “Sweet 16”!
**We give thanks to God for joys:**
 - for the beautiful day that God gave us last Sunday!
 - Becca and Eric Storey on their marriage on October 1
 - for a Sudanese family of 7 who arrived in DuPage County last week
  - Linda Wolf Jeziorski, as she continues to heal
**We pray for the whole world and our nation:**
 - We give thanks for the many years of service to our country given by Senator Dianne Feinstein, who died last week. May her memory be a blessing.
  - We pray for an end to gun violence in our nation. This past weekend (September 30-October 1) there were 8 mass shootings (involving 4 or more victims), leaving 6 dead and 31 injured. Click on [data from the Gun Violence Archive](https://www.gunviolencearchive.org/reports/mass-shooting) to see the current national statistics for mass shootings.
  - We pray for safety in our schools.
  - We pray for our nation as we continue to wrestle with race relations.
 - The people of Morocco following a devastating earthquake, and those of Libya following deadly floods
  - All who are affected by extreme weather conditions
  - We continue to pray for peace in the world
**Blessed are those who mourn:**
 - Steve Shierry asks prayers for his family on the death of his cousin, Craig Deem, this past week
 - the family and very many friends of Tim O’Neal, who died after a long struggle with cancer. He was a friend of both Barb Doppelt and Heidi Shierry.
 - Linda Barten on the death of her mother
 - Sean Salins asks prayers for his sister and family on the passing of her daughter.
 - Susie Salins ask prayers for the family of Stewart Lapham
  - The family of Dick Barten, who died last week
 - We pray for the Johnson family in the death of Willis, especially for Steve, Roxane, Nalani, and Cyrus
  - We pray for the family of Grace Van Beveren whose service was held at Southminster on August 26.
  - We pray for Joan and for the Koska sons and their families, mourning the loss of Ed.
  - 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:
*Please help us pray for your family and friends by updating your loved ones’ information with the church office. We support them and you in their journey.***
 - Katie Boston’s father, Rod Boehmer, is on his third round of meds and is currently stable.
 - Lanny Russell asks prayer for Dean Lohrbach, who is undergoing cancer treatment
 - Sandy Lopata’s friend, Rebecca Moeckler, who continues to battle pancreatic cancer
  - We continue to pray for: BobbyKae B., Tom G., Jan M., Nikki M., Tim O., Helen S., Marta S., 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:**  - Maykel Bautis Solomon, seeking prayers for moving his family to Oregon under the new government humanitarian parole program
 - Kathy Sanders requests prayers for Miles, an 8th grader who has a tumor on his spine. He will need surgery, which is complicated because of a heart condition.
  - Edem, our friend in Ghana, who is searching for a job
  - Pain relief for Paul Anderson
  - Susie Salins, recovering from a surgical procedure. She is doing well but dealing with a 12-week-long total recovery.
  - Jim Smith, recovering at Brookdale
  - We pray for those who are in hospice care: Gail Johnston at Du Page Convalescent Center (If you send a card to Gail, please mail it to Andrea Schmidt, whose address is in the directory.); former President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn.
**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 October, call 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, October 8**
 **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook;
 **In-person Fellowship** in the Narthex following the service
 **No Staff meeting, Adult Ed. or Youth activity
Monday, October 9 – Pastor’s Sabbath
Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** on Facebook live at 4:20 p.m.
**Tuesday, October 10
..Knitting Circle** meet sat 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor/Narthex **Deacons** meet at 7:30 p.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday, October 11
 eNotes go out
Thursday, October 12
 Session docket deadline at noon**
 **Pastor’s Bible Study** meets at 4:00 p.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library
**Friday, October 13**
 A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Saturday, October 14
 Fall Clean-Up Day** from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. We welcome your help for whatever
 amount of time you can contribute! **Next** **Sunday,** **October 15**
 **Worship** 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
 **Adult Ed.** at 11:15 a.m. either online via Google Meet or by joining Blair
 in person in the McHenry Parlor/Library **Stewardship Hot Dog Potluck Supper** at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

**Bearing Fruit – October 8, 2023**

**Welcome, Cathy Gaddis!**

Our Pastor Wendy Boden and Minster of Youth and Adult Discipleship Blair Nelson are with their daughter this Sunday morning. They look forward to seeing you next Sunday during worship and connecting with you at our annual Stewardship Potluck. This will be our very first all church gathering since the pandemic!

We used to have a pig roast at this event. This year it’s a different kind of pig roast – no pig, but hot dogs! We have a chance to connect Sunday, October 15, at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Hot dogs, chips, iced tea, coffee, and water will be provided. You may simply come and connect and not bring anything, but you may bring a side dish to share if you like. There will be plenty of food and fellowship! The sign-up sheets are in the narthex; signing up is not required, but it will help our planning if you do.

We are blessed to have the Pastor Cathy “Cat” Gaddis as our preacher today. Cathy Gaddis born and raised in Davenport, IA and, as a child, she was raised in Bethel A.M.E. Church. At the age of thirteen, Cathy left the faith and travelled the world as a professional singer and performer. She would not return to the faith until June of 1997, when she received Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at Word of Life Church in St. Joseph, Missouri, and converted from atheism to Christianity.

God called Cathy to be an Evangelist in 1997. She was listening to an Evangelist speak at a conference when she heard the Lord say to her: “This is what I want you to do.” She knew then and there that her job in the Kingdom of God was to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and she accepted the calling of God to be an Evangelist.

In late 1999, Cathy followed her husband in founding New Generation Christian Center in Aurora, IL. In 2000, she was ordained as a pastor and evangelist by Wayne Cochran, Senior Pastor at the Voice for Jesus Church in Miami, Florida.

At New Generation, she served as Co-Pastor with her husband, Vincent Gaddis, where she served as the Praise and Worship Leader, Director of Christian Education, and oversaw the Angel Food Outreach Ministry until the church closed in 2008. In 2009, the Gaddises joined River Valley Community Church in Aurora, where she founded the Exhale Women’s Ministry until the Gaddises left in 2022.

Over the years, Pastor Cathy has travelled to Barcelona, Spain, and to various cities in Thailand carrying the Word of God as an Evangelist and to anywhere she is invited to speak. She currently works with Street Hope Church in Chicago, where she collects and distributes clothing and assists in feeding street people. For 14 years, she was a mentor and football coach for the Aurora Christian Middle School Football Program, and now serves with her son, Lewis, and her husband as an assistant coach for the Tri-City Chargers Youth Football League in Kane County.

Pastor Cathy resides in Aurora and is married to the Rev. Dr. Vincent R. Gaddis. She is the mother of two sons, Clinton Cox (wife Jasmin) and Lewis Gaddis (wife Jamie) and is “Nana” to Grace, Lewis II, and Isaac Gaddis. She is also unashamedly a fan of the Kansas City Chiefs.