**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday**

**October 29, 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 this opening song.]

 Hymn: *In Christ Alone*  p. 25, gold supplement

 Call to Worship

 Leader: O give thanks to God, for God is good.

 **People: God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

 Leader: Let the redeemed, those redeemed from trouble, bear witness:

 **People: God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.**

 **All:** **God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

 Hymn: *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death* p. 7, gold supplement

 Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Lord of all, we have depended on our own strength rather than yours. We have sought good enough rather than grace, good works rather than faith, and our good intentions rather than your good book. With gentle love humble us to accept what you freely offer us through Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of sins and the opportunity to be new creations. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is our Lord and savior. Now hear our silent and personal prayers. 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 Lessons:  1 Kings 12:1-17 Pew Bible, p. 317 (O.T.)

 Matthew 20:24-28 Pew Bible, p. 22 (N.T.)

 Sermon: “Call for Wisdom”

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison) Ephesians 4:1-6

**I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.**

 Hymn 727: *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant (The Servant Song)* (verses 1-4)

 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: *Christ, the Sure Foundation*  Douglas E. Wagner

 \**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 275: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

 Charge and Benediction

 Leader: Now go and serve the Lord,

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

 Bagpipe Postlude: *Amazing Grace*

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden
Liturgist: Angela Smith
Greeter/Fellowship: Nick Kaskovich
Musicians: Tom Anderson, Southminster Choir; Joseph Coakley, bagpipes
Worship Assistant: David Kozich

Tech support: Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson

The flowers today are given by Rita and Scott Zapel celebrating their 32nd wedding anniversary.

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, 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 the class, find Blair and 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. Watch for opportunities coming up to share your photos.

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**
**Adult Education**: Our study of Matthew’s gospel continues today. Join us at 11:15 a.m. in the Parlor/Library or online via this link: <https://meet.google.com/fna-eojg-uye>. John the Baptist raised the question, “Are you (Jesus) the one, or should we look for another?”

**Men**: Our next event will be a Pizza Dinner on either November 15 or 29. Let Blair N know which works best for you. If you can’t make either, don’t worry—there will be another event.

**SPY**: **Trunk or Treat** is today! If you are going to be there, contact Blair N about how you can be a part (unless, of course, your family is doing a trunk and you are part of it—your family’s plan, not the trunk). And **Sleep Out Saturday** is next weekend – are you signed up? Get in touch with Blair!

**From Blair and Mission**:
**Sleep Out Saturday:** Next Saturday night, November 4-5, a group of Southminsterians will be sleeping on the church lawn in makeshift shelters and tents. Why? As part of Bridge Communities’ annual Sleep Out Saturday fundraiser. You can help get homeless families off the streets and on with their lives by signing up to be a sleeper (contact Blair N) or sponsoring a sleep at <https://www.bridgecommunities.org/sleep-out-saturday/group129>. To sleep or not to sleep—that is the question. ***Note that we still need an adult woman to be part of the group to satisfy our Child Protection Policy****.* It is easy, all you gotta do is sleep!

**From the Christian Ed. Ministry: Trunk or Treat!**
A reminder: The Christian Ed. Ministry is hosting Trunk or Treat in our parking lot today from 2:00-4:00 PM. We hope you are planning on coming! 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 Stewardship Ministry:**
**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 Mission Ministry**
**Supporting Sleep Out Saturday:** Mission partners with our youth in support of Bridge Communities’ annual Sleep Out Saturday event to raise money and awareness of homelessness in DuPage County. For ways you can help support this cause, scroll up to “Notes from Blair Nelson.”

**From the Worship Ministry:
All Saints Sunday, November 5, 2023**
We will celebrate All Saints Day next Sunday, November 5. During our Prayers of the People we will pray for those who died during the past year (since All Saints Day 2022). The deadline to submit names has passed, but if anyone close to you dies this week, please let us know immediately. Email the office at admin@southminsterpc.org or call 630-469-9149.
 **Women’s Breakfast** meets the first Wednesday of the month. The next breakfast will be this Wednesday, November 1, at 8:30 a.m. at Danby’s Station, 750 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn.All women are invited to join the group – no reservations needed, just come!

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.

**Women’s Circle to Arrange Flowers:** ALL women are invited to attend the Friday, November 17, meeting of Women’s Circle. Linda Ellinghausen will be guiding us in making fall/Thanksgiving flower arrangements. The cost of flowers and greens will be $14.00; you’ll need to furnish your own container. Please let Linda know by November 9 if you want to participate; there is a signup sheet posted in the narthex. Women who would rather watch others do the arranging are welcome, too!

**Jubilee Bucks: Order dates have changed!**
The dates to order for the rest of the calendar year have changed a bit. Order dates will be November 5 and 26 and December 10. This will give you an extra opportunity to place an order for the holiday season. If you plan to order **gift cards for Share the Spirit (STS)**, a special order form will be available, both at church (in the stand on the nametag shelf in the main hall), and attached to Friday emails and the November *Dialog*. Cards for STS are to be in the amount of $25 and for these stores only: Jewel, Mariano’s, Amazon, Target, and Walmart. Note that orders for STS gift cards will end after November 26. All cards ordered for STS will be kept at church when delivered. If you have any questions about the gift cards, please contact Bobbi Frey. (Watch for more information about Share the Spirit in the November *Dialog*, going out this Wednesday.) **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** are from Rita and Scott Zapel celebrating their 32nd wedding anniversary
**We give thanks to God for joys:**
 - For a beautiful expression of community and welcome at the Glen Ellyn Interfaith Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday morning
 - Tricia Smith is grateful for the care and concern of Southminster during the past several years.
  - Linda Wolf Jeziorski, as she continues to heal
**We pray for the whole world and our nation:**
  - We pray for an end to gun violence in our nation. Just this past Wednesday in Lewiston, Maine, a gunman armed with a semi-automatic weapon killed 18 people and wounded 13. (These numbers may change if any of the critically injured victims die.) It was the 36th mass shooting – involving 4 or more victims – in our country this year. 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 and any place where people gather.
  - We pray for our nation as we continue to wrestle with race relations.
 - The people of Afghanistan and Morocco following devastating earthquakes, and those of Libya following deadly floods
  - All who are affected by extreme weather conditions
  - We continue to pray for peace in the world, especially Ukraine and Israel/Gaza
**Blessed are those who mourn:**
 - We mourn all the innocents caught up in violence.
 - For Hanaan Shahin, the grieving mother of Wadea Al-Fayoume, after the boy’s stabbing death by their landlord in Plainfield, IL. We pray for Hanaan’s recovery from her own stab wounds.
 - The Rasnics ask prayers for the family of Eileen Dowling, who died at the age of 90.
  - We continue to pray for the family of Grace Van Beveren
  - 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.***
 - Gerry Smith, a friend of Jeziorskis, facing possible chemo and radiation treatment for a tumor
 - We continue to pray for: Bobby B., Rod B., Tom G., Dean L., Jan M., Nikki M., Rebecca 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:** - Viola Patterson asks prayers for her family: Her daughter and 3 grandchildren are in an abusive situation, and her 6-year-old grandson has PTSD because of it.
 - Mary, a friend of Tricia Smith, having eye concerns
 - Victor King is recovering after being hospitalized
 - Those in need of direction and healing during big life changes
  - 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, has found a new job but now needs help finding an apartment
  - Pain relief for Paul Anderson
  - 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 and all of us as we seek God’s will for Southminster in the 21st century.**May we all be attentive to the Holy Spirit’s leading.

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 or November, 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 29**
 **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
 **Trunk or Treat** in the parking lot from 2:00-4:00 p.m. (in Fellowship Hall in case
 of bad weather) **Monday, October 30 – Pastor’s Sabbath** DPCC Quilting Ministry from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Narthex **Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** on Facebook live at 4:20 p.m.
**Tuesday, October 31** A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday, November 1
 Women’s Breakfast** at 8:30 a.m. at Danby’s Station **the November *Dialog* goes out
 Pastor’s Prelude Bible Study** at 4:00 p.m. at Donna Marton’s home **No Endowment meeting
Thursday, November 2** Hawthorn Garden Club at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall **Choir rehearsal** at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
**Friday, November 3**
 A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Saturday, November 4
 Sleep Out Saturday** for Bridge Communities. Get event details/times from Blair N.
 **Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. Sunday. Don’t forget to set your clocks to “fall back” one hour before you go to bed!**
**Next** **Sunday,** **November 5 – All Saints Sunday
Order Jubilee Bucks gift cards** by emailing bobbifrey@aol.com before 9:00 p.m.
 **Breakfast** for those who participated in Sleep Out Saturday
 **Worship, communion, prayers for those who died this past year, dedication
 of memorial bricks** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook;
 **In-person Fellowship** in the Narthex following the service
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**Bearing Fruit – October 29, 2023**

**Reformation Sunday: “506 Years in the Making”**

Today we are honoring Reformation Sunday. Please make our piper Joseph Coakley feel welcome as he welcomes you to worship. He will be at his post outside the building this Sunday morning from 9:00 to 9:30. Joe is standing in for our piper Dave Johnston, who will be greeting us the following Sunday for All Saints Day.

October 31, 2017, was the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Reformed churches, including the Presbyterian branch of the family tree that is Christianity, commemorate this on the last Sunday in October. Through the years in different times and places, Christians have tried to articulate, to speak clearly, about the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Their statements, or confessions, are represented by the banners that are displayed here today. Each banner represents a particular time in history and place to show how God’s people have tried to faithfully live as followers of Jesus Christ.

As Protestant and Reformed Christians, we live by *Grace Alone, Faith Alone, and Scripture Alone*. Another important result of the Reformation is the emphasis on the *Priesthood of All Believers*, the call of all lay people to be engaged in the work of Christ’s Church. Scripture is our authority. The confessions are guides. As the Westminster Confessions states, the Church of Jesus Christ is *“reformed and always reforming according to the word of God.”* Only the Bible holds the position of authority in our faith. Our 12 confessions were written by many people in different life situations, and these confessions are a response to the historical, political stresses of their time. The most recent addition to the PCUSA constitution is the Belhar Confession of South Africa.

The unities of these 12 confessions are:

* Conviction that Jesus Christ as the one truly human and truly divine Mediator, Lord, and Savior
* Doctrine of the Trinity
* The Authority of Scripture
* The work of the Holy Spirit in the interpretation of the Scriptures
* The right preaching of Scripture and the right administration of the Sacraments
* God’s sovereign claim on not only our personal lives, but our lives together

We live our lives faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ, guided by Scripture, and seek to live as a church family faithful to God’s sovereign call on our lives as a congregation, a community of faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

There are booklets on the prayer table about the confessions and banners of our faith tradition if you would like more information.