**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**24th Sunday after Pentecost**

**November 12, 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 “Sleep Out Saturday.”

Welcome, Announcements, and Moment for Mission

Lighting the Candles (2 Timothy 1:7)

**“For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.”**

Prelude: *Serenity* César Franck

[Please remain seated while singing this opening song.]

Hymn: *Bring Forth the Kingdom* p. 6, gold supplement

Call to Worship

Leader: We created this building to be a visible sign of God’s presence.

**People: May it be a beacon of love, justice, and truth for all of humanity.**

Leader: We enter to affirm the sacredness of our lives,

**All:** **God’s loving presence in our midst.**

Hymn: *Before the Throne of God Above* p. 3, gold supplement

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Lord God, thank you that that your answer to us through Jesus Christ is always, “Welcome Home.” For the times when we have gone our own way and turned our back on you, please forgive us. We boldly ask this in the name of our savior and Lord Jesus Christ. 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.**

**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

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:  Leviticus 19:18 Pew Bible, p. 106, O.T.)

Hosea 11:1-9 Pew Bible, p. 842 (O.T.)

Sermon: “Hosea”

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

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

Hymn 44: *Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us*

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: *The Water Is Wide*  Old English Tune

\**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 8: *Eternal Father Strong to Save*

Charge and Benediction

Leader: Now go and serve the Lord,

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

Postlude: *Patriotic Medley* arr. Derek A. Buckley

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden   
Liturgist: Lois Stevenson  
Greeter/Fellowship: Elise Henkels  
Music: Derek A. Buckley  
Worship Assistant: David Kozich

Tech support: Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson

The flowers today are given by Janey Sarther in memory of Dave Sarther.

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 because of the prospective member brunch.  
  
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 next month we’ll be looking for holiday-themed photos, such as of Advent wreaths, Christmas trees, and crèches. Keep this in mind as you decorate your home – take photos and watch for the dates we would like them submitted.  
  
  
**Elders, moderators, and staff: The deadline for Session docket items is this Thursday, November 16, at noon.**  
  
**Notes from Blair Nelson:**   
**Adult Education**:  We will not meet today so Blair can attend the prospective member brunch that meets at the same time as the class. Join us next Sunday at 11:15 a.m. for our continuing study of Matthew’s gospel.  
  
**Men of Southminster!**  Our **pizza dinner** is this Wednesday, November 15, at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please let Blair N know whether you will be coming and what pizza topping you desire, and please bring $10 for the meal. See you there!  
  
**Young Adults: November means Thanksgiving and “Tacos Before Turkey”!**

Thanksgiving brings our far-flung friends back home for family time and turkey stuffing. It also gives us a chance to see old friends. You can join us two ways any time between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23: Come to Wendy and Blair’s for tacos (2S172 Huntington Pl., Glen Ellyn), or be virtually present through a Zoom link that will be published in eNotes and the bulletin closer to the date.   
  
**Youth**:  Great job on **Sleep Out Saturday**, everybody, especially to Lauren, Maggie, and Kevin, who had the nerve to be interviewed for TV news! (Which, sadly, did not make the broadcast. Such is life on the editing room floor.)  
  
No **Pizza & Games** today, but please let Blair N know if you’ll be coming next Sunday.  
  
**From Blair and Mission**: **Sleep Out Saturday**  
Thanks to our sleepers and all of you who sponsored them! As of Tuesday, they raised $2,100—with more to come in—for Bridge Communities Transitional Housing Program. If you wish to add to that number, go to <https://www.bridgecommunities.org/Sleep-Out-Saturday/Participants.html>.  
 **From the Mission Ministry: Share the Spirit**Each year for many years Southminster has helped People’s Resource Center (PRC) provide Christmas gifts for those they serve—people in DuPage County who need assistance with their living expenses. You can help make Christmas brighter for those families by donating items that PRC is requesting this year:

* NEW books (ages birth to 17)
* NEW family games
* NEW small stuffed animals (12” or smaller)
* NEW WITH TAGS blankets (no hand-made blankets)
* Retail gift cards for $25 to Wal-Mart, Jewel, Mariano's, Amazon, or Target so that families can choose personalized items for their holiday season

You must bring your gift(s) to the church by Sunday, November 26, to have them delivered to PRC in time for the holiday distribution.  
  
The gift cards can be ordered through **Jubilee Bucks** (while also earning “free money” for Southminster!) A special order form for Jubilee Bucks/Share the Spirit is available from Bobbi Frey for those who wish to donate gift cards. Many people ordered last Sunday, but you have one more opportunity: November 26. Scroll down to the Jubilee Bucks announcement for details.

**From the Deacons: Underwear for PADS**

November is “**Sunday Undies**” month! The Deacons are collecting new underwear, to be donated to the PADS IHC (Interim Housing Center). They need the following:

* Men’s Boxers - sizes L to XXXX
* Women’s Briefs - sizes 6, 7, 8
* Children’s - all sizes

Please place your donations in the laundry basket, located in the Narthex. The collection will run through Sunday, November 26. Thank you for supporting this Deacon-sponsored project!

**From the Stewardship Ministry:**   
**There is still time to be a cheerful giver!**

The stewardship ministry must wrap up its report soon but is still able to receive your pledge for 2024 if you have not yet submitted it.

If you do not have a pledge card, extra copies are available at church. Or, you may contact Stewardship moderator Chris Kozich directly with your confidential pledge information:  [Kintonck@gmail.com](mailto:Kintonck@gmail.com) .

**From the Worship Ministry: Poinsettias**Worship Ministry will again be ordering poinsettias to beautify the sanctuary for Christmas. We are hoping for 4 large 3-branch blooms – 2 **red** and 2 **white** – at $45 each. We are also hoping for 12 **red** 2-branch blooms (smaller plants than last year) at $30 each. Kindly sign up on the flower bulletin board at church or contact Sarah Allen by phone or text (630-988-8231) by December 8. Poinsettias can be taken home after the 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

**Are you considering joining Southminster Presbyterian Church?** We are having a **Prospective Members Brunch** after worship at 11:00 a.m. today in Fellowship Hall.

**“Meet the Artist” Reception—November 12**

We will host a reception for Jesse Lee, the artist whose work is hanging in our hallway gallery until just before Thanksgiving. Enjoy his work and then meet and thank him in person today from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in the hallway gallery and Narthex. All are invited!

**Presbyterian Readers** will meet this Wednesday, November 15, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The book for discussion is a banned book: *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on November 15:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86861724721?pwd=TE0yYXZGZUtUNkdvYWh4UEhaTFc0dz09>  
Meeting ID: 868 6172 4721 Passcode: 600865

**Women’s Circle**will meet this Friday, November 17, at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Those who previously signed up will be guided by Linda Ellinghausen in making fall floral arrangements. ALL women are invited to attend; those who had not signed up in advance are invited to come to watch and enjoy refreshments and conversation. (That’s fun, too!)

Our annual **Thank Offering** will be collected and dedicated during worship next Sunday, November 19. Though this offering of coins is collected by Presbyterian Women, everyone is invited to bring coins to add to the big punch bowl. The coins represent blessings and thanks, and all of us have many blessings to be thankful for!

**Interested in roleplaying games? Join our Pathfinder group!**

Southminster is starting a Pathfinder group, and we’d love it if you'd join us. For those who are unfamiliar, Pathfinder is a game like Dungeons and Dragons in which players each create their own character and join together to tell a story. Our organizational session will be next Sunday, November 19, after worship in the choir room. No experience needed. Laptops are highly recommended.

If you’re interested in joining or simply curious, please email Anny Davidson at [adavidson171@gmail.com](mailto:adavidson171@gmail.com) for more information. Looking forward to playing with you!

**Jubilee Bucks: Next order date is November 26**  
An incredible order for Jubilee Bucks was placed last Sunday! The order was for $6,615.00 of gift cards resulting in $234.78 of “free” money for our church, bringing the total for the year so far to $1,591.80! This order also included 56 cards for Share the Spirit (STS)!  
  
STS cards can be ordered through November 26, but you don’t need to wait – Bobbi can take your order any time between now and the 26th. Email it to [bobbifrey@aol.com](mailto:bobbifrey@aol.com). (If you’re also ordering card for yourself, you’ll need to tell her which cards are for STS and which are for you.)  
  
For your personal use and for holiday giving, your last order date before Christmas will be December 10. **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 Janey Sarther in memory of Dave Sarther.**We give thanks to God for joys:**   
 - 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. In just one day – last Sunday, November 5 – there were 125 incidents of gun violence in this country, leaving 33 people dead and 135 injured. Click on this link to see the current national statistics for gun violence in the past 72 hours: <https://www.gunviolencearchive.org/last-72-hours>. (If those one-day statistics are extrapolated to a year – 365 days – the totals would be 45,625 incidents, 12,045 people dead, and 49,275 people injured.)  
  - 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.   
 - All throughout the world who are recovering from earthquakes, floods, and other natural disasters  
  - We continue to pray for peace in the world, especially Ukraine and Israel/Gaza   
**Blessed are those who mourn:**  
 - Blair Baldwin’s uncle, John Clyde Baldwin, died in a car accident Monday. We pray for their family and for the other passenger who was in the car.   
 - The family of Nancy Eberhardt, a former Southminster member, who died on Tuesday. Her Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held at Southminster on Saturday, December 16.  
 - We mourn all the innocents caught up in violence.  
  - 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.***   
 - Frank Lucchesi, friend of the Birchalls, is facing pancreatic cancer.  
 - Bill Curry’s daughter-in-law, Annette, has been diagnosed with endometrial cancer.   
 - We continue to pray for: Dean, Bobby B., Rod B., Tom G., Dean L., Jan M., Nikki M., Rebecca M., Tim O., Helen S., Marta S., Gerry 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:** - Kathy Sanders requests ongoing prayers for Miles, an 8th grader who is recovering from back surgery   
  - 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 continue to pray for Viola’s family, Mary, Maykel, Edem, and others we name in our hearts.  
**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.

**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 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](mailto:wendy@southminsterpc.org). (Please note that she can only read email when she is in the office.) You may also call your deacon if you need help from the church.  
  
  
**Office Schedule: The 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:**    ***November 5-26 – Collections for Share the Spirit and Sunday Undies*  
  
Sunday, November 12**  
 **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   
 **Brunch for Prospective Members and Special Session meeting**   
 at 11:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall  
 **No Adult Ed. today**  
 **Artist’s Reception** from3:00-4:00 p.m. in the hallway art gallery and narthex  
 **Youth: No Pizza & Games today**   
**Monday, November 13 – Pastor’s Sabbath  
Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** on Facebook live at 4:20 p.m.  
**Tuesday, November 14** **Sisters Knitting Circle** at 10:00 a.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library  
 **Deacons** at 7:30 p.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library  
 A.A. at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
**Wednesday, November 15  
 eNotes go out  
 Pastor’s Prelude Bible Study** at 4:00 p.m. at Donna Marton’s home **Presbyterian Men’s Group Dinner** at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall **Presbyterian Readers** at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom  
**Thursday, November 16** **Session docket deadline** is noon today.  
 **Choir rehearsal** at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary   
 Homeowners meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
**Friday, November 17  
 PW Circle** at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall  
 A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
**Next** **Sunday,** **November 19**  
 **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook;   
 we will collect the **Thank Offering**  
 **In-person Fellowship with pies(!)** in the Narthex following the service  
 **Staff Meeting** at 10:45 a.m. in the Pastor’s Office   
 **Organizational meeting for Pathfinders** (a role-playing game) in the Choir Room  
 following worship and fellowship time   
 **Adult Ed.** at 11:15 a.m. either online via Google Meet or by joining Blair   
 in person in the McHenry Parlor/Library  
 **Youth: Pizza & Games** from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

**Bearing Fruit – November 12, 2023**

**Find Us Faithful**

Service to God is not always spectacular or showy. Sometimes service to God is simple faithfulness.   
  
**Sleep Out Saturday**  
  
Today we remember two ways that people have served God, though quietly. This past weekend, November 4, our church community participated in Bridge Communities’ Sleep Out Saturday. The Mission Ministry supported our youth who slept outside overnight to make sure that the sleepers were fed. Thanks to the cooks, Steve Henkels and Julie Storey! Mission also seeded the sleepers’ collection with $100. Thanks! Of course, major kudos go to our youth sleepers; they raised $2,100, just shy of our record of $2,285. Youth sleepers were Anna Sundquist, Lauren Hammer, Maggie McIntyre, Avery Hammer, and Grace Sarther. Adult sleepers were Blair Nelson, Melissa Hammer, and Kevin Schmidt. John Sundquist, Troy Hammer, and Janey Sarther helped with set-up. Thank you, all!  
  
Over 20 years ago Southminster partnered with other congregations to create a housing ministry through what is now known as Bridge Communities. Our speaker today from Bridge Communities is our own Blair Nelson. He has a secret to share with us.  
  
**Waiting and Praying**  
  
In honor of Veterans Day (November 11) our flags are up front. Let us give thanks for those who have served, as well as their families who served by waiting and praying. May we all pray for peace as we express our gratitude for those who serve at home and abroad.