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| We listen | We pass the peace | We read along | We give our offering of time, talent and treasure | We stand | We sing if we are at home | We pray | We respond | We participate  in the Word  with Children |

(Kids – use your worship packet and the tools listed at the end of the bulletin to do all these things.)

**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**25th Sunday after Pentecost**

**November 19, 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.

**** 1 Gathering Music

****Our Photo Story today is “Artist’s Reception.”

2 Welcome, Announcements, and Moment for Mission

**** 3a Lighting the Candles (2 Timothy 1:7)

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

**** 3b Improvisational Prelude: *We Gather Together*

****[Please remain seated while singing the opening song.]

4 Hymn: *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)* p. 2, gold supplement

**** 5 Call to Worship  (Psalm 46)

Leader: Be still and know that I am God.

**People: Be still and know.**

Leader: Be still.

**People: Be.**

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

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6 Hymn 647: *Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*

**** 7 Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Beloved God, you have blessed us, but often we forget all the many ways you have touched our lives. You ask us to share love and life, but we run so fast just to stay in the same place that we miss your generosity. Help us to look to you and trust your faithfulness in plenty and in want. Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

**** **** 8 Declaration of God’s Grace/The Good News of Jesus Christ (Psalm 103:8-12)

Leader: The Lord is compassionate and gracious.

**People: The Lord is slow to anger, abounding in love.**

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

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

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

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10 The Passing of the Peace



11a Word with Children: The Thank Offering Caroline Linde

Children worshiping in the sanctuary, please come forward.

People will sing as they come forward:

Hymn 367: *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* (verses 1, 2)

**Come, ye thankful people, come;  
Raise the song of harvest home.  
All is safely gathered in,  
Ere the winter storms begin.  
God, our Maker, doth provide  
For our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God’s own temple, come;  
Raise the song of harvest home.**

**All the world is God’s own field,  
Fruit in thankful praise to yield.  
Wheat and tares together sown,  
Unto joy or sorrow grown.  
First the blade, and then the ear,  
Then the full corn shall appear.  
Lord of harvest, grant that we  
Wholesome grain and pure may be.**

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****11b *God Welcomes All*  Hymnal 399

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

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

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

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13 Scripture Lessons:  Psalm 46 Pew Bible, p. 517, O.T.)

Jeremiah 33:14-18 Pew Bible, p. 738 (O.T.)



14 Sermon: “Be Present”

****15 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)   
 from *The Confession of 1967* (PCUSA)[9.22]

**The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God’s grace.**

****16 Hymn 37: *Let All Things Now Living*  (all)

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Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

**People**: **hear our prayers.**

**The Lord’s Prayer:** (unison)

**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.]

18 Offertory Anthem: *‘Tis a Gift to Be Simple*  arr. Nicholas Micchelli

****19 \**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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****20 Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

****21 Thanksgiving Hymn Medley

Hymn 336: *We Gather Together* (all 3 verses)

Hymn 643: *Now Thank We All Our God* (all 3 verses)

****22 Charge and Benediction

Leader: Now go and serve the Lord,

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

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23 Improvisational Postlude

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden   
Liturgist: Steve Henkels  
Greeter/Fellowship: Barb Kocinski  
Music: Tom Anderson, Southminster Choir  
Worship Assistant: David Kozich

Tech support: Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson

The flowers today are given by Francine Long Francine Long to celebrate the birthday of her great-nephew, Ben Walsh.

**Good Morning to our Children:**

To complete all the activities in this worship folder you will need:

* ears to hear
* a mouth to sing
* hands to fold
* eyes to read
* a brain to think
* a worship kit including:
  + something to color with – crayons, markers or colored pencils
  + something to write with, like a pen or pencil
  + something to write on, like a table or a clipboard
  + scissors and tape

If you would like a worship kit for your child, please contact Pastor Wendy ([wendy@southminsterpc.org](mailto:wendy@southminsterpc.org)) and one will come to you!

**A Guide to Our Worship Symbols**

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| Ear | **We listen**: “Basically, the sermon is God’s dynamic, eternal Word spoken to us in such a way that we might hear what God has to say to us and be encouraged to follow the Lord  in faith. |
| Dove | **We pass the peace**: “…We greet one another with the peace of Christ as common forgiven sinners. As we are forgiven, so we forgive. This is also a good time to reconcile with those family members who drove us crazy trying to get to church on time, church members with whom we have tensions, or people we're not so happy to see.” |
| Open book | **We read along**: “God’s Word comes to us in many ways—through scripture, special music, sermons. Listen for God's eternal Word addressing you with good news about the Lord’s love for you and all people.” |
|  | **We give our offering of time, talent, and treasure**: “This is the time when we give ourselves, all that we are, and all that we have, to God’s service. As a symbol of what is of value to us, we make an offering… to promote the gospel.” |
| Man with kid | **We stand**: “We stand as a way of saying, “This is where I stand,” and as a way of standing in continuity with the people of God of ages past…” |
| Music notes | **We sing**: “…We sing praise with hearts and minds (even if that's a little out of tune), just enjoying God for who God is. As we open up the pathways of breath to sing praise, we make space for the Spirit breath to fill us.” Even if we simply listen and read the words, we are praising God. |
|  | **We pray**: The first thing we do is pray—for our world, the church, other people, and ourselves. The prayer is our prayer as a church. One person may pray for us, but we are all praying together as one in our hearts, continuing Christ’s ministry of prayer for the world.” |
| Pencil | **We respond**: Responding by writing or drawing helps us remember what we are hearing and is a chance to express our beliefs. |
| Children | **We participate in the Word with Children**: It is called the Word WITH Children because the whole church is invited to listen with the fresh, faith-filled ears of children to the proclaimed message. |

Worship Symbols Guide based on *Our Order of Worship* by Teresa Lockhart Stricklen, Associate for Worship, Presbyterian Church (USA) found at:

<https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/theologyandworship/pdfs/order_of_worship_brochure_dec_2008.pdf>. Edited.