**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**The Day of Pentecost**

**May 19, 2024**

**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 “Pentecost Art.”

Welcome and Announcements

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.**

Prelude

[Please remain seated while singing the opening songs.]

Hymn 314: *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness* (verses 1, 2)

*(Christ, Be our Light)*

Hymn 853: *We Are Marching in the Light of God*

(sing 2 verses: “We are marching…” and “We are praying…”

Call to Worship

Leader: And God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

**People: Your sons and daughters will prophesy,**

Leader: Your young will see visions,

**People: Your elders will dream dreams.**

**All:** **Let us worship God in the power of the Spirit.**

Hymn 401: *Here in This Place (Gather Us In)* (all)

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Mighty and merciful God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us to love the world, welcoming everyone in your name. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling. We have been timid and frightened disciples, forgetful of your powerful presence and the strength of your Spirit among us. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who is both savior and Lord. Amen.**

(Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

The Good News of Jesus Christ (Romans 8:33-34)

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

**People: Only Christ and Christ died for us;**

Leader: Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us,

**People: Christ intercedes for us.**

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia!**

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 Paul Jeziorski  
 Children worshiping in the sanctuary, please come forward.

As the children leave:

*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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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons:  Romans 8:22-27 Pew Bible, p. 158 (N.T.)

Acts 2:1-21 Pew Bible, p. 119 (N.T.)

Sermon: “All Are Welcome” The Rev. Dr. Craig M. Howard

Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)   
 *PCUSA Book of Order* (W-1.0105)

**The Holy Spirit manifests God’s gracious action and empowers our grateful response. The Spirit gathers us for worship, enlightens and equips us through the Word, claims and nourishes us through the Sacraments, and sends us out for service. To each member of Christ’s body, the Spirit gives gifts for ministry in the Church and mission in the world.**

Hymn 291:  *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* (all 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 Anthem: *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* (Hymnal 66)

\**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 286: *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* (all verses)

Benediction and Charge

Leader: Now go and serve the Lord,  
 **People: For we are blessed to be a blessing!**

Leader:  The cross, **All:  We shall take it.**  
  Leader:  The bread, **All:  We shall break it.**  
  Leader:  The pain, **All:  We shall bear it.**  
  Leader:  The joy, **All:  We shall share it.**  
  Leader:  The Gospel, **All:  We shall live it.**  Leader:  The love, **All:  We shall give it.**  
  Leader:  The light, **All:  We shall cherish it.**  Leader:  The darkness, **All:  God shall perish it.**  Leader:  For Jesus’ sake. **All:  Amen.**  Leader:  For the Lord is risen! **All:  He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Postlude

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden   
Guest preacher: the Rev. Dr. Craig M. Howard, Executive Presbyter,   
 the Presbytery of Chicago  
Liturgist: Jessica Parks  
Greeter/Fellowship: Angela Smith  
Musicians: Tom Anderson, the Southminster Choir  
Worship Associate: David Kozich  
Tech support: Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson

The flowers today are from Beth Bonde in memory of Jim.

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.  
If you are present for worship, following the service you are invited by the deacons to gather for **in-person fellowship** in the narthex.

**Sunday Morning Adult Ed. Bible Study, 11:15 a.m.:** If you’re at church and wish to join us, find Blair at his computer in the parlor/library. If you’re following us online, join the class by using this link: <https://meet.google.com/fna-eojg-uye>.   
  
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.

We 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. Here’s the next opportunity for you to share your photos:  
 **June 2: “Cuba”** - members of the mission team, please share some of the photos you take   
 during your visit to our sister church. Send photos by Thursday, May 30.

**Send photos to our dedicated email address, used just for photos:**[PhotoStory@Southminsterpc.org](mailto: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.

**Meet the artist at a reception today!**

This afternoon from 12:30-2:00 Southminster will host an **Artist’s Reception** for Jesse Lee. His works may be enjoyed now in our Hallway Gallery. No Strings Attached (a saxophone quartet) will perform during the reception.

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**    
**Adult Education**: Our study of Matthew's gospel continues today at 11:15 in the Parlor/Library. To join us online, use this link: [<https://meet.google.com/fna-eojg-uye>](https://meet.google.com/fna-eojg-uye). Note that we won't be meeting May 26 or June 2.   
  
**Men of Southminster**: See you this Saturday morning at 9:00 for our time of stories, fellowship coffee, and donuts. The stories and fellowship are in good supply, but please let Blair N know that you are coming so we have enough coffee and donuts.   
  
**Youth**: No event this weekend, but Rummage Sale is coming. Watch for an email from Blair N about that  
  
**Rummage Sale**: Southminster's annual Rummage Sale will be Saturday and Sunday, June 1-2, with the following weekend as a rain date. Donations are accepted in Fellowship Hall starting after worship next Sunday, May 26, and continuing throughout the following week. If you don’t have a key to the building, call the office first to see if someone is here (630-469-9249) or contact Blair N. any time that week (630-917-6035). Price stickers are available on the name tag counter near the main entrance and will be in Fellowship Hall during intake. It is a huge help if you price your items. Clothes and books don't need pricing, though – we have a flat rate for them. ***Please do not donate electronics or infant furniture such as cribs or high chairs. The electronics don't sell, and there are laws restricting the resale of infant furniture.***   
  
Also, be sure to **come and shop the sale**. Who knows what wonders you will find?! Proceeds support our Youth Mission Team.   
And we could use some **help setting up for the sale** on Saturday morning, June 1st. If you can be at church at 7:00 a.m., awake and strong enough to do some lifting, please contact Blair N. at 630-917-6035.   
  
 **From the Mission Ministry:** During the month of May you have the opportunity to contribute to our missions through a program we call “**Gifts Grow**,” and your gifts will be matched by the Mission Ministry up to a total of $5,400 for the entire event. Our missions are Bridge Communities, Cuba Sister Church, DuPage PADS, Metropolitan Family Services, People’s Resource Center, Walk-In Ministry, World Relief, and the Youth Mission Trip. Our Friday emails and Sunday bulletins offer information about each of these ministries.  
Matching funds are capped at $300 per family, $1,000 per organization, and $5,400 total. Be sure your donation indicates which mission(s) you are supporting; all donations must be received by May 31.  
  
  
**From the Worship Ministry**:

The **flower chart** for the remainder of 2024 is posted in the narthex, and there are still a number of Sundays available. (Some openings coming up: June 23 and 30; July 14 and 21.) Please sign up in person or email Sarah Allen, [sarah.cleland.allen@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.cleland.allen@gmail.com) with your choice of flower dates and honoree. Flowers remain $35.00 per arrangement. Thank you for your support of the Flower Ministry at Southminster.

**Jubilee Bucks:**Thanks to all who have ordered gift cards! So far this year we have made $764.54 in "free" money for our church! Next chance to order is June 2.   **Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)**:   
Many thanks to all who contribute to People’s Resource Center! The need is definitely there! In one week in late April, they served 544 families. This is about the weekly average. Each family received over 60 pounds of food- pasta, rice, canned corn, soup, tomato sauce, tuna, cereal, salad greens, apples, squash, potatoes, bread, pastries, meat, milk, eggs, and other assorted items. 544 families at 60 pounds each equals ***over 30,000 pounds of food a week!*** Our donations do help make a difference!

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.

**Community News  
A Southminster Musician in Performance – one performance left!**  
Our Derek Buckley will sing with Sinfonietta Bel Canto in the U.S. premiere of Daniel François Auber’s comic one-act opera “Le Concert à la Coeur ou La Débuntante.” Also on the program will be Saint-Saëns’ Second Symphony, op. 55. The last performance is today, Sunday, May 19, 4:00 p.m. at Mayslake Peabody Estate, 1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook.   
  
The **Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall** is coming to College of DuPage from Wednesday, May 29, to Sunday, June 2, in Fawell Lot C. Admission is free.  
Hours:   
Wednesday, May 29 – 2:00-8:00 p.m.

May 30 to June 2 – 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

The Wall is hosted by Glen Ellyn American Legion, Post 3, and sponsored by the Village of Glen Ellyn and the College of DuPage  
  
  
**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, please send an update to the office once in a while. Thank you! Pastor Wendy**

***New requests and updates are italicized in our prayer list.***

**Joys and Concerns**  **The flowers today** are from Beth Bonde in memory of Jim.  
**We give thanks to God for joys:**   
 *- Kayla Schmidt’s graduation from Illinois State University with a Bachelor’s degree in elementary education. She’s now looking for a position.  
 - Successful back surgery for Louanne Jourdan on Monday!   
 - Donna Marton’s brother, Richard, whose foot is healing.*   
**We pray for the whole world and our nation:**   
  - Peace for our college campuses and in the Middle East  
  - Peace for Haiti and Sudan; Hamas, Israel, the people of Palestine, and the tangle of interests in the Middle East; Ukraine and Russia  
  - Pray for our President and our legislative and judicial bodies  
  - Pray for those affected by violent weather/tornadoes through the Midwest and Southeast   
  - We pray for an end to gun violence in our nation. On just one day – this past Sunday, May 12 – there were 103 incidents of gun violence in 27 states plus the District of Columbia, killing 40 people and wounding 102 others. Go to [the Gun Violence Archive](https://www.gunviolencearchive.org/last-72-hours) to see current statistics for shootings in our country.  
  - We pray for our nation as we continue to wrestle with race relations.  
  - We continue to pray for peace in the world  
**Blessed are those who mourn:**   
  - The family and friends of Rev. Richard Thompson, a former pastor of Southminster, who died on April 11. His service was Monday at the 1st Presbyterian Church of Ft. Collins, Colorado. Southminster sent a peace lily.  
  - For the families and friends of Ruth, Grace, Ed, Dan, and those we name in our hearts and hold dear.  
**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.***   
  - We continue to pray for: Frank B., Katie B., Pam G., Tom G., Frank L., Jean K., Jan M., Nikki M., Rebecca M., Tim O., Laura P., Gerry S., Marta S., Meagan S., Beverly W., Shelayne, 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 Doppelt’s sister-in-law, Michaele, recovering from knee replacement surgery*   
  - Barb’s Aunt Ruth, who fell and has a broken hip among other health issues for which she is refusing surgery/treatment  
  - *Brandon, a young man with liver damage*  
  - Prayers for all who are looking for meaningful employment  
   - Mya, an 11-year-old who is suffering from an auto immune disease  
  - All those who have medical concerns and upcoming medical procedures  - Isabella, awaiting a kidney donor  
  - Oaklen, a grandchild of a friend of Tricia Smith, who has birth defects  
  - Sandy Phee asks prayers for Linda Talaga, who is now blind in both eyes.  
  - *Prayers for healing, strength, and peace for Dan, a neighbor of Ann Anderson*   
  - All those who are experiencing chronic pain.  
  - For those who are depressed  
  - Jim Smith, at Brookdale, and all who are in care centers   
 - *Difficult marriages*  
  - We continue prayers for those 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.  
**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.  
**Prayers for our worshiping community** as we discern together God’s call on SPC for the 21st century.  
**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 May call Lynn Ferino (630-272-2269). 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.  
 **Regular 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, May 19 – The Day of Pentecost** **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. - in person and also live on Facebook; the Rev. Dr. Craig Howard, Executive Presbyter of Chicago Presbytery will be our guest preacher  
 **In-person Fellowship** in the Narthex following the meeting  
 **Staff Meeting** at 11:00 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  
 **Confirmation class and new officers** meet together at 11:15 a.m.   
 in Fellowship Hall  
 **Artist’s Reception** from 12:30-2:00 p.m. in the main hallway art gallery and   
 Narthex. There will be refreshments and music!  
 **No Youth Pizza & Games**   
**Monday, May 20 – Pastor’s Sabbath  
Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** on Facebook live at 4:20 p.m.   
 (Pastor Wendy Boden and the Cuba Mission Team will be streaming Heart to   
 Heart from Cuba. There may be interruptions or scheduling irregularities, but she   
 will try to do Heart to Heart as best she can while the team is there.)  
**Tuesday, May 21  
 The Cuba Mission team** leaves for Cuba  
 A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
**Thursday, May 23  
 Young Adults Online** at 8:30 p.m.  **Friday, May 24** A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
**Next** **Sunday,** **May 26** **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. - in person and also live on Facebook; Dr. Blair Nelson   
 preaching  
 **In-person Fellowship** in the Narthex following the meeting  
 **Staff Meeting** at 10:45 a.m. in the Pastor’s Office   
 **No staff meeting, Confirmation, or Adult Ed.** **Start bringing rummage sale donations** to Fellowship Hall after worship  
Bring donations to Fellowship Hall throughout the week. If you don’t have a key to the church, call the office (630-469-9149) or Blair N (630-917-6035) to be sure someone is here to let you in.

**Bearing Fruit – May 19, 2024**

**Pentecost, and Welcome Craig Howard, Executive Presbyter**  
Today we celebrate Pentecost, the giving of the Holy Spirit to the early church. Some people today may be wearing a fiery color like red, yellow, or orange in recognition of this wonderful gift of God’s presence. The Worship Arts Team has outdone itself, and the sanctuary looks beautiful! We will pray for our mission team to Cuba during the Word with Children. Our sermon will be given by Rev. Dr. Craig Howard, who is our Executive Presbyter.  
  
Craig began serving as Executive Presbyter of Chicago at the end of 2021. Before coming to Chicago, he served as Presbytery Leader of Giddings-Lovejoy in St. Louis, Ministry Relations Officer with the Presbyterian Foundation, and as Presbytery Executive for the Presbytery of Milwaukee.  
  
Craig is a native of Chicago’s south suburbs. He completed his undergraduate work at DePaul University and earned M.Div. and D.Min. degrees from McCormick Theological Seminary.  
  
Craig’s first career was in business as an insurance executive. After being ordained to specialized ministry, Craig served as Director of Recruitment and Admissions at McCormick Seminary and later as Chief Development Officer.  
  
Craig has served several racial ethnic churches including Latinx, African American, Korean, and Euro American — and also a new church development in the Pentecostal Church.  
  
Craig’s spouse is the Rev. Marilyn Gamm, who is also a pastor in St. Louis. They have two adult daughters who both live in Chicago.  
  
Celebrating Pentecost, sending people to our sister church, and welcoming our Executive Presbyter are all ways we bear the fruit of God’s love in the world.