**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**10th Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 28, 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 “Meet Clementine.”

 Welcome and Announcements

 Lighting the Candles (Acts 2:2)‬‬‬‬‬‬‬‬‬‬‬‬

**They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the prayers.**

  Prelude

[Please remain seated while singing the opening song.]

 Hymn: *Come, People of the Risen King*  pg. 12, gold worship supplement

 Call to Worship (Galatians 3:27-28)

 Leader: As many of you as were baptized into Christ
 have clothed yourselves with Christ.

 **People: There is no longer Jew or Greek,**

 Leader: there is no longer slave or free,

 **People: there is no longer male and female;**

 **All: for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.**

 Hymn 482: *Baptized in Water*  (all verses)

 Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Almighty and loving God, there are times when we do not trust the grace you have poured out into our lives. We forget that grace is a free gift that is not earned. For the times we have withheld that grace from others, forgive us. Through the power of your Spirit, transform our hearts and minds to be your ambassadors of grace and love in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

 (Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

 The Good News of Jesus Christ  (Psalm 103)

 Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious;
     slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

 **People: For as the heavens are high above the earth,** **so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

 Leader: As far as the east is from the west,
     so far he removes our transgressions from us.

 **People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

 **All: 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.**

**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: The Sacrament of Baptism

 Children worshiping in the sanctuary, please come forward.

***Clementine Joelle Storey St. John; Born September 30, 2016,
child of Eric Storey and Katie St. John***

 Meaning of Baptism

 Presentation

 Clementine’s family: parents Eric Storey, Katie St. John; grandparents Julie Storey, Nic Bray;
 godparents Rebecca Catherine Storey and Saul Concepcion

 Representing Southminster: Elder Julie Storey

 Deacon Sue Knisely

 Question to Parents

 Question to Godparents

 Question to Congregation [The congregation will please stand.]

 Profession of Faith/Renunciations

 Apostles’ Creed (unison)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

[Please be seated.]

 Prayer of Thanksgiving over the Water

 Leader: The Lord be with you.

 **People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

 **People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

(prayer continues)

 Congregational Prayer (unison)

**O God, who called us from death to life: we give ourselves to you, and, with the church through all ages, we thank you for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

 The Sacrament of Baptism

 Welcome

 Leader: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

 **People: With joy and thanksgiving**

 **we welcome you into Christ's church**

 **to share with us in his ministry,**

 **for we are all one in Christ.**

 Baptism Response: *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*  (verses 1-4)Hymnal 727

 *(The Servant Song)*

Verse 1

**Will you let me be your servant,**

**Let me be as Christ to you?**

**Pray that I might have the grace to**

**Let you be my servant too.**

Verse 2

**We are pilgrims on a journey;**

**We’re together on the road.**

**We are here to help each other**

**Walk the mile and bear the load.**

Verse 3

**I will hold the Christ-light for you**

**In the night time of your fear.**

**I will hold my hand out to you,**

**Speak the peace you long to hear.**

Verse 4

**I will weep when you are weeping;**

**When you laugh I'll laugh with you.**

**I will share your joy and sorrow**

**Till we've seen this journey through.**

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Richard Gillard

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 Congregational Prayer (unison)

**God our Father, we praise you for calling us to be a servant people and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for choosing to add to our number this sister in faith. Together, may we live in your Spirit and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we give honor and glory forever. Amen.**

 Gifts from the Family of God

As the children leave for Sunday school:

 *He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands*

**He’s got the whole world in his hands,**

**He’s got the whole wide world in his hands,**

**He's got the whole world in his hands,**

**He's got the whole world in his hands.**

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 Prayer for Illumination

 Scripture Lessons:  Colossians 3:12-14 Pew Bible, p. 201 (N.T.)

 Genesis 50:15-22 Pew Bible, p. 48 (O.T.)

 Sermon: “Am I in the Place of God?”

 Hymn: *Grace Alone* p. 16, 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: *Come As You Are* (p. 10, 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 435: *There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy*

 Benediction and Charge

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

 Postlude

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden

Liturgist: Sarah Allen
Greeter/Fellowship: Paul Jeziorski
Musician: Tom Anderson
Worship Associate: David Kozich
Tech support: Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson

One flower arrangement today celebrates Louanne Jourdan and daughter Jennifer’s shared birthday; the other arrangement is from Lanny Russell celebrating the birth on Wednesday of his newest grandchild, Colette Poppy Russell, daughter of Andy and Nicole.

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, please wear a name tag; they are on the Mission shelf in the Narthex and on the shelf across from the church offices. Following the service, you are invited by the deacons to gather for **in-person fellowship** in the narthex.

**Sunday Morning Adult Ed. Bible Study**will take a summer break; our next meeting will be August 18.
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. Note that Pastor Boden will be away from this afternoon through August 13 and will not do Heart to Heart during that time.

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 are some coming opportunities for you to share your photos:
 **August 25:** “**Doorways into Summer**” – doors that you see during your summer travels
 or simply around Chicagoland, even your own home. Please send photos by Thursday,
 August 22.
 **October 6:** “**Communion Tables**” – photos of communion tables from the places of
 worship you visit while away on vacation or even ask a relative to send you a picture

**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.

**The August *Dialog* will go out on Wednesday, August 7. That means the deadline for articles and calendar items is this Wednesday, July 31!**

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**
**Adult Education**: There will be no after-worship adult Bible class until August 18.

**Youth**: There will be no youth event until Blair and & Wendy return from vacation in mid-August. Please respond to the email from Blair about dates for events in late August and in September, if you have not already done so.
 **From the Mission Ministry: Collection ends this week!
All this month we’re having a “kitchen shower” for World Relief!**
Imagine how it would feel to arrive in the United States as a refugee with nothing but what you were wearing and maybe carrying a bag or two. Throughout the month of July, our Mission Ministry will work with World Relief to host a “shower,” collecting items a refugee family would need to equip a kitchen. We will have bins in the coat room, and you can bring donations in any time this month (which ends this Wednesday).

Please consider donating from the following list:

1 set of mixing bowls     1 set of baking pans/dishes

1 saucepan/pot & 1 frying pan      1 set of cooking utensils

measuring cups & spoons         medium/lg cutting board

manual can opener                    3 kitchen towels

3 dishcloths                              silverware for 4

dishes for 4 (plates & bowls)       4 drinking glasses and 4 mugs

rice or pressure cooker              tea kettle

1 toilet brush                            1 broom & dustpan

1 plastic laundry basket           1 pad of paper

5 pens/pencils                     1 electric fan

1 small toolkit                        1 travel sewing kit

1 flashlight & batteries            1 alarm clock

*World Relief asks that all items be new to preserve the recipients’ dignity.*If we receive duplicates, World Relief will store them to distribute to other refugee families. Thank you for helping refugee families in need.

**From the Worship Ministry**:

We are looking for volunteers to provide **special music during the summer**! Singers and instrumentalists of all ages are invited! Sign up on the choir room door.

**From the Jeremiah Task Force**:
We are inviting you to share a **God Sighting** or a **Watch Word**. What are those, you ask?

**God Sighting**: How have you seen God at work here at Southminster?

**Watch Word**: a phrase that represents the core of our identity or ministry at Southminster. Who we are and what we do. God’s action in you.

Use the Post-It Notes by the bulletin board in the narthex that is closest to the coat room to record and post your God Sightings and Watch Words.

**Southminster Artists’ Reception – Save the date!**

Save the date for Southminster’s next Artist Reception on Sunday, August 11, 12:30-2:00 p.m. We will have a light lunch and refreshing beverages.

The art now on display in our main hallway gallery is a compilation of work by artists from the College of DuPage Continuing Education program. Their teacher, Pam (Cather) Keller has displayed her own works here a number of times. The 4 students currently displaying their work have been students of Pam's in her watercolor and acrylic classes at C.O.D. from 4-10 years. The artists are Ron Biondo (acrylic), Mark Scherer (watercolor), Steve Seder (watercolor), and Judy Stezowski (watercolor).

We hope you enjoy their art and will be here to visit with them on August 11.

**Jubilee Bucks: Order next Sunday, August 4**
Thanks to all who order Jubilee Bucks!! So far this year we have earned $1,082.13 for our church with the purchase of gift cards!
Your next opportunity to order will be Sunday, August 4.
 **Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)**:
Our weekly donations to PRC are very much appreciated! If you are looking for ideas to donate, they are presently in need of tuna, canned spaghetti or stew, bags of rice, pasta. There are also lists of suggested donations printed on green paper in one of the literature stands on the shelf in the main hallway that is across from the church offices.

**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**  ***Two flower arrangements today:*** *one celebrates Louanne Jourdan and daughter Jennifer’s shared birthday, and the second celebrates the birth on Wednesday of Colette Poppy Russell, Lanny’s newest grandchild.***We give thanks to God for joys:**  *- The baptism of Clementine this morning
 - Colette Poppy Russell, daughter of Andy and Nicole Russell, was born Wednesday morning, July 24, at Edward Hospital in Naperville. She is the granddaughter of Lanny Russell.***We pray for the whole world and our nation:**
  - 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 the American people – heal our nation and help us begin to work together.
  - We pray for an end to gun violence in our nation. *In one day (last Sunday, July 21) there were 122 shooting incidents in 31 states plus the District of Columbia, leaving 55 people dead and 118 people injured.* To see current statistics for shootings in our country go to <https://www.gunviolencearchive.org>.
  - We pray for our nation as we continue to wrestle with race relations.
  - We continue to pray for peace in the world
 - For the Cuba Partnership Network as they seek passports for Cuban pastors and spouses for their meeting, which is in Oak Brook in September
**Blessed are those who mourn:**
 *- Prayers for the family of Caroline Linde, and especially for Ralph, after her passing last Wednesday, July 17. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection for Caroline will be held at Southminster on Saturday, September 14; visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. with the service following at 11:00. You can find her obituary here:* [*https://www.hultgrenfh.com/obituary/caroline-linde*](https://www.hultgrenfh.com/obituary/caroline-linde)*.
 - The Rasnics ask prayers for the family of Hank Dowgwillo, their daughter’s father-in-law, who died this past week at the age of 90.
 - Rita Zapel asks prayers for the Levin family on the death of Shirley Levin
 - Prayers for the family of Sonya Massey* - Prayers for the family of Barb Doppelt’s longtime friend Vicki Lafontaine and support especially for her husband, Bill, who is in hospice care
 - Prayers for the family and congregation of Pastor Abel in Cuba on the death of his eldest son, Abelito.
  - 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.***
 - Prayers for Jason Burris, brother-in-law of Pete and Pam Petersen, who is now in hospice care as a result of brain cancer
  - 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., Cis R., 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:**
 *- Rita Zapel asks prayers for Felice Tristano, age 94, who fell and broke his pelvis. He is the father-in-law of Rita’s brother.
 - Paul Anderson needs prayers for healing; he has 2 broken feet.*
  - Phyllis Lay, hospitalized in Florida
  - Heidi Shierry, continuing health issues
  - 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; Barb’s Aunt Ruth
**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 July, 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. (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.

**Church staff will be away…**

**Pastor Wendy Boden and Minister of Youth and Adult Discipleship Blair Nelson** will be away from this afternoon through August 13. For **Pastoral Care** during this time, contact Rev. Beth Freese Dammers, Pastor/Head of Staff at Community Presbyterian Church in Clarendon Hills. Her office number is 630/323-6522; cell phone is 630/400-1401. Or you may always call your deacon.

Note that Wendy will not stream Heart to Heart while she is away.

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:**  **Until July 31 – collection of items for World Relief Kitchen Shower
Sunday, July 28** **Worship** at 9:30 a.m., Sacrament of Baptism - in person and also live on Facebook **In-person Fellowship** in the Narthex following worship
 **Staff meeting** 11:00-11;15 a.m. in the pastor’s office
 **VBS meeting** 11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Sunday school room **No Adult Ed. or Youth activity**
**Pastor Wendy Boden and Minister of Youth and Adult Discipleship Blair
 Nelson will be away through August 13. There will be no Heart to Heart
 during this time. Pastoral care coverage is listed above.**
**Tuesday, July 30** A.A.meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  **Wednesday, July 31
The kitchen shower for World Relief ends today.
 eNotes go out, but it is also the deadline for the August Dialog.
Friday, August 2** A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Next Sunday, July 28** **Worship** at 9:30 a.m., **communion** - in person and also live on Facebook **In-person Fellowship** in the Narthex following worship
 **No Adult Ed. or Youth activity**

**Bearing Fruit – July 28, 2024**

**Welcome, Clementine**

Today our chancel has three symbols of Presbyterian worship: the font, the table, and the pulpit. These “pieces of furniture” represent Baptism, Communion, and the Word of God. Normally, we don’t have the font up on the chancel; instead we have it in the back by the entrance to the sanctuary where it represents entrance into the community of Christ. When we come to worship, we remember our own baptisms each Sunday.

The Sacrament of Baptism holds a deep well of meaning – our forgiveness through Christ, as well as our cleansing and renewal, our dying and rising with Jesus Christ. In Baptism we are grafted into the body of Christ. We receiver the gift of the Holy Spirit, and we enter the family of God. Our tradition understands the Sacrament of Baptism to be a sign of God’s covenant, an outward sign of an inward reality.

The water of baptism is linked with the waters of creation, the flood, the exodus, and Christ’s own baptism. Christ identified himself with sinners but was also claimed by God as a beloved Son and was then sent out anointed by the Holy Spirit for service. In Baptism we are connected with God’s creative and redemptive purposes.

The parts of Baptism in our worship service are Presentation, Profession of Faith, and Thanksgiving over the Water, the act of Baptism, and Welcome. At Southminster we have a few gifts for the newly baptized as well: an age-appropriate Bible, a prayer shawl from our Knitting Ministry, a picture frame that will be signed by those in attendance today, other gifts from the children of the church, and shells from our sister church in Cuba. These gifts remind us of the importance of God’s word, the love of our community of Christ, and our mission to the world.

Because there is one body, there is one baptism. The Presbyterian Church (USA) recognizes all baptisms by other Christian churches that are administered with water and performed in the name of the triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. On other occasions, like the Baptism of the Lord, Pentecost, and certainly at Confirmation, we reaffirm our own baptisms.

Baptisms are a celebration and welcome into the family of God. Together we bear the fruit of God’s love by welcoming our newest family member: Clementine Joelle Storey St. John, born September 30, 2016.