**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**21st Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 13, 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/Photo Story: “Blessed by Children, Youth, and Family”

 Welcome, Announcements, Moment for Stewardship

 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 as we begin worship.]

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

 Call to Worship

 Leader: Lord, on this new day, we long to know you better.

 **People: Grant us calm hearts and clear minds
 so we may sense your presence and hear your wisdom.**

 **All:** **We worship God together!**

 Hymn: *Come As You Are*  pg. 10, gold supplement

 Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**When challenges face us, Lord, it is easy to forget that your promises are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness. Teach us your way, Lord. May your love reach deep into our souls so that we might, with your grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, walk and follow you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord. 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.**

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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.

As the children leave:

 *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:  1 Samuel 1:9-11  Pew Bible, p. 244 (O.T.)

 1 Samuel 2:1-10 Pew Bible p. 245 (O.T.)

 Sermon: “God Gave Her a Song”

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

**In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

 Hymn 470: *There Is a Longing in Our Hearts*

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 Lord Gave Me a Song* A. A. Luther

 \**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 821: *My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep from Singing)*

 Charge and Benediction

 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: Lois Stevenson
Greeter/Fellowship: Paul Jeziorski
Musicians: Tom Anderson, Victor King
Worship Associate: David Kozich
Tech support: Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson

The flowers today are given by Rita Zapel celebrating the 94th birthday of her mother, Inger-Lise Boserup.

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 a time offellowship 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 is a coming opportunity for you to share your photos:

 **November 3: “All Saints Sunday**” - If you have a family member or friend who died
 since last All Saints Day (they don't need to be a member of the Southminster faith
 community), please send a picture and their name **by October 25** to our PhotoStory
 address (below). (If you want to have their name listed and remembered in prayer on
 November 3, please also send their name and date of death to the office at
 admin@southminsterpc.org by October 25.

**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.

**Elders: Remember that Session meets today at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and also this Tuesday, October 15, at 7:30 p.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library.**

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**
**Adult Education**: We are in Jerusalem and the tension is mounting—at least that is where we are in Matthew’s gospel. Join us at 11:15 in the Parlor/Library for our study. It is edifying, entertaining, and enlightening.

**Youth**: **Pizza & Games** today, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Bring your smile, a friend, and $5 for the meal. Next Sunday, October 20, we are going to get locked in a mysterious room and figure out how to get out. Join us for an escape room adventure at Clued In at 440 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn, at 4:00 p.m. Cost is $30, payable to the church. Space is limited, so be sure to let Blair N know that you are in. First come, first served. Also, we have a special project all our own for Clean Up Saturday this Saturday, October 19. Let Blair know whether you can make it. Time to get our hands dirty!

**Sleep Out Saturday** is coming November 2. The donation page is up and running, so you can support your favorite sleeping by going to <https://www.bridgecommunities.org/sleep-out-saturday/group136>. But you can also help homeless families in DuPage Co. by becoming a sleeper (I am pretty sure you have the requisite skills), and you don’t have to be teenager to do it. Interested? Contact Blair N.

 **Property Ministry needs your help!**

**Fall Clean-Up Day** will be this Saturday, October 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Even if you can only spare an hour or two during that time, your help will be appreciated. We’ll have projects both indoors and outside, and the Property Ministry will provide snacks and drinks. Rain date: October 26.

**From the Worship Ministry**

**All Saints Sunday: *Remembering those we have lost this past year***

All Saints Sunday ‒ November 3 this year‒ as a way to acknowledge our grief by giving it to God as we renew our hope in God through Jesus Christ. Death does not have the last word! On this Sunday we draw close to God and to one another. We remember the hope that we are called to as Christ’s people. We will conclude our worship that day by gathering in our Memorial Garden and blessing the new memorial bricks that have been placed there during the past year.

If you would you like to add the name of a loved one (they don't need to be a member of the Southminster faith community), please send a picture and their name to PhotoStory@Southminsterpc.org **by October 25**. If you would like their name to be printed in the Bearing Fruit and mentioned in prayers, please send their name and date of death to
[admin@Southminsterpc.org](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5COwner%5CDesktop%5C2020%20Pandemic%2009-01-23%20update%5CDialog%5CSeptember%202023%5Cadmin%40Southminsterpc.org%20) **by October 25**, as well.

**From the Stewardship Ministry**

This year’s stewardship campaign theme is “We are Blessed to be a Blessing!” Matthew 10:8 states “Freely you have received; freely give.” This simple yet profound truth calls us to recognize that all we have – our time, talents, and treasures – are given to us by God, not for our benefit alone, but so that we may bless others.

As we look ahead to the coming year, we invite you to prayerfully consider how you might continue to participate in God’s work through your giving. Whether it’s through your time, talents, or treasure, your support is vital to the life of our church and the fulfillment of our mission.

You should have already received a pledge card in the mail. We encourage you to consider how you might continue to participate in God’s work through your giving. It is not the size of the gift that matters, but the spirit with which it is given. When you make your pledge, a Blessings logo will be hung in the Narthex so we can all witness the participation of our Southminster community. So, don’t wait until Stewardship Sunday, October 20th, to make your pledge. Turn it in early! We hope to receive all pledges by the end of October in order to compile a responsible, balanced budget for next year.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness and generosity. May God bless you and your family abundantly in the years to come.

Please contact moderator Jay Lerch at jaylerch@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions or need stewardship materials or a pledge card.

**From the Christian Education Ministry: Trunk or Treat!**

Don’t forget our Trunk or Treat event is coming soon: Sunday, October 27, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in our parking lot. This event is open to the public. Please invite your friends, neighbors, and relatives. Children must be accompanied by an adult. In case of bad weather, we’ll be in Fellowship Hall.

We are still looking for members of our church to host trunks. It’s easy, put a few decorations on your trunk and bring some candy/trinkets to pass out. There is a sign-up poster in the narthex. It is a fun event!

**Welcome and Outreach Ministry** invites anyone interested in becoming a member of Southminster Presbyterian Church to attend a **New Member Brunch** on Sunday, November 17, at 11:00 a.m. Please talk with our Pastor Wendy Boden if you are interested.

**Presbyterian Readers** will meet this Wednesday, October 16, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The October book is *Evergreen* by Naomi Hirahara. “A Japanese American nurse’s aide navigates the dangers of post-WWII and post-Manzanar life as she attempts to find justice for a broken family in this follow-up to the award-winning *Clark and Division*.”

Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting through this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86861724721?pwd=TE0yYXZGZUtUNkdvYWh4UEhaTFc0dz09>
Meeting ID: 868 6172 4721 Passcode: 600865

**For more information about the Readers**, contact Rita Zapel at rboserup@sbcglobal.net.

**Presbyterian Women** will hold their next meeting on Friday, October 18,at 9:30 a.m. in the McHenry Parlor. The program will be “Personal Safety” presented by Officer Allison Ramirez of the Glen Ellyn Police Department.

November’s meeting will be “Fall Floral Arrangements” on Friday, November 15, with Linda Ellinghausen guiding us in creating our own arrangements. The cost is $12 per person, which is due prior to the November meeting. The deadline to sign up to participate is Sunday, November 3(the sign-up sheet is on PW bulletin board). You don’t have to create a floral arrangement to join us for this fun event; so please come, watch, provide input, and socialize with us. All are welcome.

**A note from Barb:** **The puzzles are back – have fun and help SCARCE**!
A friend from my church volunteers at SCARCE and often has boxes of donated jigsaw puzzles that need to be assembled so they’ll know whether all the pieces are there. I have several puzzles in the church office (under the front edge of the desk). Take one home, assemble it, and then put a note on the box: “All pieces here” or “Pieces missing.” Then bring it back so I can return it to SCARCE. (They have other things they can do with puzzles that are missing pieces – using pieces for art projects, for instance, or simply recycling the cardboard.)

 **Position opening at Chicago Presbytery**:
Chicago Presbytery is doing some very powerful ministries in the areas of new church development, confronting systematic racism, working for peace, connecting with ecumenical partners, and providing financial support to diverse ministries. The presbytery needs administrative help supporting these ministries. Here is an opportunity to serve on our presbytery team:
The **Associate Executive Presbyter Administrative Assistant** is a part-time position (25 hours/week) with $32,500 annual compensation.

  [Here is a link to the position description.](https://chicagopresbytery.org/job-board/associate-executive-presbyter-administrative-assistant-chicago-presbytery/)

This position is for someone whose love for and commitment to the church would shine in this ministry opportunity. Interested persons need to apply to the Presbytery of Chicago by **Friday, October 18, 2024**.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Steve Pierce or Megan Hendrickson.

**Jubilee Bucks**
Thanks to all who ordered Jubilee Bucks on October 6; Southminster’s year-to-date total of “free” money from the sale of these gift cards is $1,604.51.
Your next chance to order will be Sunday, November 3, but you can always get your order in early with an email to bobbifrey@aol.com.

**Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)**:
Our weekly donations are greatly appreciated! Every bit helps! Each client receives between 70-100 pounds of food per visit! PRC receives, rescues, sorts and distributes about 40,000 pounds of food per week. Thanks to all! If you’d like suggestions for the most needed items for the PRC food pantry, there are lists of suggested donations 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** ***The flowers today*** *are given by Rita Zapel celebrating the 94th birthday of her mother, Inger-Lise Boserup.***We give thanks to God for joys.**
**We pray for the whole world and our nation:**
 *- We pray for all those affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton, especially the families of those who lost lives and homes, as well as all who are working around the clock to provide assistance.*
  - Peace for Haiti and Sudan; Hamas, Israel, the people of Palestine, Iran, and the tangle of interests in the Middle East; Ukraine and Russia
  - Pray for the American people to come together as we vote.
  - We pray for an end to gun violence in our nation. *In one day (last Sunday, October 6) there were 140 shooting incidents in 35 states plus the District of Columbia, leaving 44 people dead and 122 people injured.* To see current statistics for shootings in this 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
**Blessed are those who mourn**:
 *- Rebecca Hecker and family on the death of her mother this week* - Marta Sundquist and family of the death of her mother, Elizabeth Parrish
 - Victor King and family on the death of his sister, Elrene King, in South Africa
 - Prayers for the family and friends of Caroline Linde, and especially for Ralph
  - For those we name in our hearts and hold dear
**We lift up those who are affected by cancer, as well as their support systems**:
 *- Terri Henkels, sister-in-law of Steve and Elise, who is in hospice care with late-stage cancer
 - Floyd Rogers asks prayers for his cousin, Maryann Carlson, moving into palliative care for cancer.*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: Kim, Mark, Frank B., Katie B., Pam G., Tom G., Frank L., Jean K., Jan M., Nikki M., Rebecca M., Tim O., Betsey P., Laura P., Cis R., Gerry S., Marta S., Meagan S., Mary T., 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**:
 *- Hurricane check-ins: Louanne is well, as are Alan Stevenson and Bob and Rose Audette
 - May-Lee and her 4 cats left their home near Tampa to evacuate ahead of the coming hurricane
 - Donna Marton’s family asks prayers for Mark’s housing options, that he would be able to transition easily to the next room or facility.* - Mark and Maggie
 - Paul Jeziorski’s brother, Dave, is recovering at home from pneumonia.
 - Pray for our pets
 - Joan Koska is rehabbing at Alta Oak Brook Care, 2013 Midwest Road, Oak Brook, IL 60523. No visitors at this time, please, but cards are welcome.
 - Rick Crilly, recovering from shunt surgery, which went well
 - Pat Wiedner, at home now following hip replacement and rehab
 - Heather Kralicek recovering from foot surgery
 - Prayers for Paul Anderson following ankle surgery
  - Jim Smith, at Brookdale, and all who are in care centers
 - Those trying to conceive and struggling with infertility
  - Prayers for all who are looking for meaningful employment
  - All those who have medical concerns and upcoming medical procedures
  - All those who are experiencing chronic pain.
  - For those who are depressed
  - 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, who is now 100 years old!; Barb Doppelt’s friend Bill
 - We continue to pray for: Barb (Deb’s cousin), Brandon, Dan, Joe M., Felice T., Isabella, Kathy, Linda T., Mya, Oaklen, Phyllis L.
**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 October call Deacon Beth Bonde (630-207-1113). 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.

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 13**
 **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. - in person and also live on Facebook **Fellowship** in the Narthex following worship
 **Staff meeting/Special Session meeting re: sound system** at 11:00
 in the Sanctuary
 **Adult Ed. Bible Study** at 11:15 a.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library
 **Confirmation** at 12:16 p.m. at Rainbow Cone
 **Youth: Pizza & Games** from 4:00-6:-- p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Pastor Wendy Boden will be at a pastors’ retreat** from Sunday afternoon
 until Tuesday mid-afternoon. **Tuesday-Friday –** **Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** on Facebook live at 4:20 p.m.  **Tuesday, October 15**
 **Session** meets at 7:30 p.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library
 A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday, October 16**
 **eNotes go out
 Presbyterian Readers** meet at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom **Thursday, October 17
 Choir rehearsal** at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
 **Young Adults Video Club** at 8:30 p.m. **Friday, October 18
 Presbyterian Women** at 9:30 a.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Saturday, October 19
 Fall Clean-Up Day** from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
**Next** **Sunday, October 20 – Stewardship Sunday**
 **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. - in person and also live on Facebook **Fellowship** in the Narthex following worship with “Breads of the World”
 **Staff meeting** at 11:00 in the Pastor’s office
 **Confirmation** at 11:15 a.m. in the Pastor’s office
 **Adult Ed. Bible Study** at 11:15 a.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library
 **Youth: Escape Room** at 4:00 p.m. at Clued In

**Covid – where are we now?**Covid spiked in recent months, so we have continued having a “comfort zone” toward the back of the sanctuary. You may, of course, continue to wear a mask, if you so choose.

**Bearing Fruit – October 13, 2024**

**Love and Service: Clean Up Saturday**

Love is expressed in various ways: through gifts, words, presence, service, and physical expressions like handshakes or smiles. All of these expressions of love can be found at Southminster Presbyterian Church, a caring community of Christian hope.

On Saturday, October 19, we ask you to demonstrate love through service.

The Property Ministry hosts a “Clean Up Saturday " each fall and spring. To prepare our property for winter, a number of projects need to be completed. Here are some of the tasks that need to be done:

**Indoor Tasks**1. Clean windows
2. Polish pews (Sanctuary)
3. Clean downstairs kitchen

**Outdoor Tasks**1. Spread mulch into flower beds
2. Clean windows
3. Clean small stained-glass windows on the west wall of the Parlor/Library
4. Trim bushes – along the Sanctuary and fellowship hall east & west sides
5. Trim bushes by AC units
6. Clean up flower beds – remove weeds/leaves
7. Scrape and paint the railing in the circle
8. Paint the south side of the Southminster Presbyterian Church sign along Park Blvd.
9. Pick up walnuts

We will gather from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with a break in the middle for yummy snacks and drinks. If you can’t make it, you can contact Steve Kozich and volunteer for a job to be done at another time, or you can even look around and see something that needs to be done and tell Steve you will take care of it.

Helping out to clean up for an hour or two on October 19 or another time is a wonderful way to demonstrate your love and gratitude to the members of Property Ministry who maintain our beautiful setting. Together we bear the fruit of God’s love for us and one another.