**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**25th Sunday after Pentecost**

**November 10, 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: “People’s Resource Center”

 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 as we begin worship.]

 Hymn: *City of God*  pg. 8, gold supplement

 Call to Worship

 Leader: Let there be love and understanding among us.

 **People: Lord, help us to walk faithfully…**

 Leader: That we may live with hope in our hearts and eternity in our minds,

 **People: That we may lie down in peace and rise up waiting to do your will.**

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

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

 Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Lord, through Jesus Christ we are one people from every land, nation, race, and language. Even so, there have been ways that we have built and reinforced divisions. We are sorry. Help us to be faithful and welcoming, through the power of your Holy Spirit alive within us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is both savior and Lord. Amen.**

 (Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

 Declaration of God’s Grace/The Good News of Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:16-19, edited)

 Leader: From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view.

 **People: So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:**

 Leader: Everything old has passed away;

 **People: See, everything has become new!**

 **All: We declare the good news!
 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 Bobbi Frey
 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:  Isaiah 1: 11, 16-17  Pew Bible, p. 630 (O.T.)

 Micah 6:7-8 Pew Bible, p. 866 (O.T.)

 2 Corinthians 5:20 Pew Bible p. 181 (N.T.)

 Sermon: “A Word of Living Hope” Pastor Wendy Boden, Pastor Stephen Williams

 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. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

 Hymn: *Bring Forth the Kingdom*  pg. 6, 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 Anthem: *National Hymn Medley*

 \**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 338: *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies (America the Beautiful)*

 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

Guest speaker: Pastor Stephen Williams from People’s Resource Center

Liturgist: Gretchen Fleming
Greeter/Fellowship: Elise Henkels
Musician: Tom Anderson
Worship Associate: David Kozich
Tech support: Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson

The flowers today are given by Tricia Smith in memory of her mother, Mary Jackson.

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**will not meet today.
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. In December you are invited to share Christmas-related photos:
 **December 8: “Candles**” – Please send by Thursday, December 5.

 **December 15: “Angels**” – Please send by Thursday, December 12.

 **December 22: “Christmas Trees**” – Please send by Thursday, December 19.

 **December 29: “Christmas PJs**” – Please send by Thursday, December 26.

**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.)

**Calling all musicians, vocal or instrumental!** If you would like to offer your musical gifts in worship, please talk to Tom Anderson at the piano after the postlude, during fellowship, by text at 651-246-5029, or by emailing the office (admin@southminsterpc.org) and we’ll forward your message.

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**
**Adult Education** will not meet today or next Sunday; join us again on November 24.

**Men** **of Southminster**:  Join us on Wednesday, November 20, at 7:30 p.m. for good conversation and light refreshments. Want to tell your story—the (brief) story of your life and God’s role in it? Let Blair N know. Also, our meeting times have settled into Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. If there are better times for you, let Blair know. Also, men, if you have not been getting emails about our get-togethers, then Blair N does not have your email address. Get that to him, and he will get the info to you!

**Youth**: **Pizza & Games** today and on November 17! Be sure to let Blair N know that you are coming. Friends are always welcome!

**Sleep Out Saturday**:
Our crack team of professional sleepers did it again. They raised over $3600 for Bridge Communities’ transitional housing program! You can still sponsor a sleeper by donating through <https://www.bridgecommunities.org/sleep-out-saturday/group136>.

**A quick note from the Stewardship Ministry**

As we continue in this season of stewardship, I encourage you to please turn in your stewardship pledge card. Your commitment not only supports the mission and ministries of our church but also reflects our collective dedication to serving God and our community.

By pledging, you help us plan for the year ahead, ensuring that we can continue to share God’s love in meaningful ways. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference.

Thank you for being a faithful steward of the blessings God has entrusted to you.

Stewardship Moderator,

Jay Lerch

jaylerch@sbcglobal.net

**From the Mission Ministry: Share the Spirit!**

It is that wonderful time of year when we support People’s Resource Center’s Share the Spirit program to provide gift cards and some small presents to brighten the Christmas season for those they serve – families in DuPage County that need assistance with their living expenses.

People’s Resource Center (PRC) is requesting donations of gift cards, specifically $25 cards for Jewel, Mariano’s, Target, or Walmart. In a win-win for PRC and Southminster, you can order cards through our Jubilee Bucks sales! You can begin ordering gift cards on Sunday, November 10 through Sunday, December 1. (Bobbi Frey will hold the Share the Spirit orders received during November and place them all – along with the regular orders – on December 1.) There will be a special green Share the Spirit order form available on the nametag shelf at church that lists the Jubilee Bucks cards supporting this program.

If you would rather purchase an actual gift, PRC is requesting the following:

NEW books (ages 0-17)

NEW family games

NEW stuffed animals for children under age 1 (12” or smaller )

NEW with tags blankets (no hand-made blankets)

***Gifts must be at church no later than Sunday, December 8, at 11:00 a.m.***

Thank you for supporting this program and helping those families in need.

**Welcome and Outreach Ministry**
**Today… An Artists’ Reception!**

If you are enjoying the artwork in our main hallway art gallery, come meet the artists this afternoon from 12:30 to 2:00. Enjoy light refreshments and live music, too!

Next Sunday, November 17, anyone interested in becoming a member of Southminster Presbyterian Church is invited to a **New Member Brunch** at 11:00 a.m. Please talk with our Pastor Wendy Boden if you are interested.

**From the Christian Education Ministry**: **Family Advent Candle Workshop**

To our entire Church Family, you’re invited to join us on November 24 (Thanksgiving and Pie Sunday) at 11:15 a.m. for a family Advent activity. We will be making beeswax Advent candles. There is a sign-up poster in the narthex; please sign up so we know how many supplies we need to order. We will be meeting in the classroom by the nursery. We hope to see you then!

**From the Worship Ministry**

**It’s not too early to think about Christmas poinsettias!**

In anticipation and celebration of Christmas, poinsettias will grace the sanctuary on Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24. They may be taken home after the Christmas Eve service.

We are ordering 12 red 2-stem 6.5” plants and 4 white (slightly larger) 2-stem 7.5” plants. Order yours by signing up in the narthex by Sunday, December 15. Thank you to everyone who orders, helping keep this beautiful tradition of poinsettias adorning the sanctuary on Christmas Eve.

Please note: ***The Flower fund is getting low.*** There are many unpaid flower orders on the narthex chart. If you ordered flowers this year, please pay as soon as you are able. You might consider bundling your check for a past arrangement as well as one coming up before the end of the year. Thank you for your support of the Flower Ministry.

**Presbyterian Women** will meet this Friday, November 15, at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will be guided by Linda Ellinghausen in making our own fall flower arrangements. The flowers have already been ordered, for those who signed up, but **ALL women are invited to attend, even if you want to just watch and get ideas.** (That’s fun, too!) A reminder to those arranging flowers – bring your own scissors or floral shears and a small, shallow container for your arrangement.

The annual **Thank Offering** will be accepted on Sunday, November 24, during the Word with Children. Monies collected through the Thank Offering provide grants to various worthwhile programs each year to help fund real solutions in the areas of health, education, economic development, and the needs of women and children. 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!

**Presbyterian Readers** will meet Wednesday, November 20, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The November book is *The Guncle* by Steven Rowley, “a warm and deeply funny novel about a once-famous sitcom star whose unexpected family tragedy leaves him with his niece and nephew.”

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

We will not meet in December.

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

**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.)

**Jubilee Bucks:**
Your next chance to order Jubilee Bucks gift cards will be December 1—order for yourself and for Christmas giving! Starting on November 10, you can also use a special form to **order gift cards for PRC’s Share the Spirit project**. PRC is requesting $25 cards for Jewel, Mariano’s, Target, or Walmart, and you can order cards through our Jubilee Bucks sales! Special green order forms for Share the Spirit will be available starting Sunday, November 10—order through Sunday, December 1. For more information about Share the Spirit, scroll up to see the Mission Ministry notes.
And thanks to all who order Jubilee Bucks—our year-to-date total of “free” money earned now stands at $1,841.68!

**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 Tricia Smith in memory of her mother, Mary Jackson.***We give thanks to God for joys:** *- We thank God for the men and women who have served in the defense of our nation.***We pray for the whole world and our nation:**
*- We lift up the President, the president-elect, and all elected officials. We pray for God's hand to direct their hearts and minds. May they lead our nation with godly intentions. We pray for the healing and unity of our country and ask that all people model love and justice.
 - We pray for our sisters and brothers in Cuba, where Hurricane Rafael struck on Wednesday, knocking out the power grid and causing unknown (as yet) damage.* - We pray for all those affected by hurricanes, especially the families of those who lost lives and homes, as well as all who are working to provide assistance.
 - Victims of disastrous flooding in eastern Spain
  - Peace for Haiti and Sudan; Hamas, Israel, the people of Palestine, Iran, and the tangle of interests in the Middle East; Ukraine and Russia, Korea – both North and South
 - We pray for an end to gun violence in our nation. *In one day (last Sunday, November 3) there were 119 shooting incidents in 30 states plus the District of Columbia, leaving 31 people dead and 107 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 pray for United Methodist clergy in Northern Illinois who have faced hostility and threats because they are foreign-born and/or are serving in cross-cultural appointments.
  - We continue to pray for peace in the world
**Blessed are those who mourn**:
 *- Andrea Schmidt and all her family on the death of her mother, Gail Johnston, on November 1
 - Angela Smith and her family on the passing of her father, Franklin Keith Beeler, on October 30* - The family of Marlene Young who died unexpectedly on October 20
 - The family and friends of Pam Ellinghausen Greenholt, Hal’s niece, who died Oct. 19
 - John and Alicia Rasnic on the death of their friend Irving “Joe” Johnson, Jr. who was a good friend of John’s in college and the best man at their wedding.
 - The Henkels family on the death of Terri, sister-in-law of Steve and Elise, who died on October 7
 - 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**:
 - Floyd Rogers asks prayers for his cousin, Maryann Carlson, in palliative care.
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., 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**:
 *- Prayers for a good outcome for Susie Salins, who is having back surgery* - Joan Koska has moved; her new address is 14800 S. Van Dyke Rd., Apt. 1215, Plainfield, IL 60544. Cards are welcome, but no visitors, please. - Joey, a 10-year-old boy who is in Lurie Children’s Hospital waiting for a new heart
 - Kim Gosney’s sister is still hospitalized but is doing better and is being weaned off meds.
 - Roger, JoAnn, John, Lydia, Kate, Maggie, Mark, My-Lee
 - Dorothy, the daughter of our friend Edem in Ghana, having pediatric neurological challenges
 - 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
 - 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 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 November call Deacon Sue Knisely (630-776-7998). 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, November 10**
 **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. - in person and also live on Facebook **Fellowship** in the Narthex following worship
 **Staff meeting** at 11:00 in the Pastor’s office
 **Meeting re: Child Protection Policy** 11:15 a.m. in the Pastor’s office
 **No Adult Ed. Bible Study**
 **Artists’ Reception** 12:30-2:00 p.m. hallway gallery, Narthex
 **Youth: Pizza & Games** 4:00-6:00 p.m.
**Monday, November 11 – Pastor’s Sabbath, Veterans Day
Tuesday-Friday –** **Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** on Facebook live at 4:20 p.m.  **Tuesday-Wednesday: Pastor Wendy Boden and Blair Nelson will be away
Tuesday, November 12
 Knitting Circle** meets at 10:00 a.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library
 **Deacons** meet at 7:30 p.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday, November 13** **eNotes go out
 Property** meets at 7:00 p.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library
**Thursday, November 14
 Session docket deadline in noon** (Session meets Tuesday, Nov. 19) **Choir rehearsal** at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
 **Finance/Parking Lot meeting** at 7:00 p.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library
 **Young Adults Video Club** at 8:30 p.m. **Friday, November 15
 PW** at 9:30 a.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library
 A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Next** **Sunday, November 17**
 **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. - in person and also live on Facebook **Fellowship** in the Narthex following worship
 **Staff meeting** at 11:00 in the Pastor’s office
 **New Member Brunch** 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
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**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 – November 10, 2024**

**Loving God by Loving Others!**
There are some in our congregation who are disappointed by the recent election results and others who are delighted by them. God’s kingdom is not of this world. God is above politics. After the surprise 2016 election results, many in the congregation gathered to express their shock. Those who were delighted with the result stood outside the conversation circle. Excluding conversations can be damaging to our sense of Christian community. Please remember that as we join in fellowship together after worship, we seek to be a congregation of Christian love and grace.

For several years, our pastor has invited graduates from Bridge Communities to speak to our congregation on the second Sunday of November as we rejoice in our service with Sleep Out Saturday team the weekend before. We have also had other mission members speak to our congregation, most notably World Relief and DuPage PADS. Today, we welcome a People’s Resource Center ambassador, Paster Stephen Williams.

Southminster has supported the People’s Resource Center (PRC) for many years. Our own Carol McHaley was instrumental in the early progress of the PRC. In years past, members and friends of Southminster donated and left packages by the Prayer Table as they entered our sanctuary. However, we stepped up our game during the pandemic by collecting donations at the home of our members, the Freys. Beginning in March 2020, Lincoln Hill Subdivision and Southminster partnered to leave groceries, toiletries, and other items on the steps of the Freys’ home. Now, our collection is just inside our main entrance, and of course, we have continued the tradition of collecting donations continually and especially for the Super/Souper Bowl.

We will soon continue to support PRC with their Share the Spirit Program, a Christmas effort. More information will be available in the bulletin and during today’s Word with Children.

We love God by loving one another when things don’t go our way and when things do go our way. We love God by supporting PRC because they are our neighbors. Together we bear the fruit of God’s love.