**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**The Day of Pentecost**

**June 8, 2025**

**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: “Youth Talent Show”

Welcome and Announcements

Pouring the Water, Lighting the Candles (Romans 5:5 NIV)

**And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.**

Prelude

[Please remain seated while singing the opening song.]

Hymn 280: *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*  (all verses)

Call to Worship   (1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 27)

Leader: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**People: There are different ways of serving God,   
 but it is the same Lord who is served.**

Leader: God works through each person in a unique way,   
 but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.

**People: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

**All: Together we are the body of Christ,   
 and individually members of it.**

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

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Lord God, your presence is a mystery. We long to know you more deeply. You have granted us your living Word as a record of what you desire for humanity. You come to us in the shape and voice of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Even so, we are often too busy to pause and listen. Forgive us and continue to breathe life into our living, encouraging the growth of love in the everyday, that we might be the body of Christ in the world. We ask this 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 288: *Spirit of the Living God* (sing twice)

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

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The Passing of the Peace

Word with Children: Commissioning the Youth Mission Team

Children worshiping in the sanctuary, please come forward.

Commissioning Prayer:

**Congregation: Loving God, you care for all people and equip us to be agents of your   
 care as we carry out the mission of the church, your body on earth.   
 We ask your blessing on our Youth Mission Team as they prepare to go   
 and serve the people of the Rosebud Reservation. Prepare their bodies to   
 work hard. Prepare their hearts to receive the fellowship of the people   
 they will meet—their residents, other Lakota people, their crew members,   
 other volunteers, and the rest of their team. Equip them with your Holy   
 Spirit so that, as they serve, they will grow; as they help, they will listen   
 and learn; and, as they travel and work, they will be safe. Bring them   
 home to us full of the joy of serving you and with a deepened knowledge   
 of you.**

Team Members: We go, Lord, in your name and the name of Southminster, to serve you, the   
 Lakota people, and each other. May we honor you in all that we do.

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.**

As the children leave:

*Lead Me, Guide Me*  (refrain only) Hymnal 740

**Lead me, guide me, along the way,  
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**

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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons:  Genesis 11:1-9 Pew Bible, p. 9 (O.T.)

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

Sermon: “That Refugee Was Me” Rev. Keith Draper

Hymn 69: *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)* (verse 1 + refrain)

Verse 1

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,   
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin   
My hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,   
I will make their darkness bright,  
Who will bear my light to them?   
Whom shall I send?**

Refrain:

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?**

**I have heard you calling in the night.**

**I will go, Lord, if you lead me.**

**I will hold your people in my heart.**

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Service of Installation

Presentation

**To be Installed as Elder**

Melissa Hammer, Class of 2026

Our Common Ministry

Questions to Elders and Deacons

Questions to the Congregation

Leader: Do we, the members of the church, accept this person as an elder,  
 chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us  
 in the way of Jesus Christ?

**All: We do.**

Leader: Do we agree to pray for her, to encourage her, to respect her decisions,  
 and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ who alone  
 is head of the Church?

**All: We do.**

Congregational Prayer (unison)

**Gracious God, pour out your Spirit of power and truth upon the whole church   
that we may be for you a holy people, baptized to serve you in the world.   
Sustain this congregation in ministry. Ground us in the gospel, secure our hope in Christ, strengthen our service to the outcast, and increase our love for one another.   
Show us the transforming power of your grace in our life together, that we may be servants of the gospel, offering a compelling witness in the world to the good news   
of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Welcome to Ministry

Response: *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)*

Refrain

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?**

**I have heard you calling in the night.**

**I will go, Lord, if you lead me.**

**I will hold your people in my heart.**

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: *I Will Look to the Hills*  Charles Garner

\**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 291: *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* (all)

Charge and Benediction

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: Rev. Keith Draper

Liturgist: Ann Anderson  
Greeter/Fellowship: Kathy Sanders  
Elder at the Door: Andrea Schmidt  
Musicians: Tom Anderson, David Kozich, the Southminster Choir  
Worship Associate: David Kozich  
Tech support: Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson

The flowers today are given by John Pezl in memory of his and Dawn’s 49th wedding anniversary.

**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,   
We have refreshed our list of people fighting cancer following Luminaria Sunday. Please make a point of sending an email, text, phone call, or filling out a blue prayer request and letting the people of Southminster know who you would like us to keep in prayer. All prayer requests are welcome. We want to be able to know who to talk to in order to follow up on all the people we pray for each week.

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

**Joys and Concerns**   
*The flowers today are given by John Pezl in memory of his and Dawn’s 49th wedding anniversary.* **We give thanks to God for joys: (*Romans 12:15) “Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.”****- Congratulations to Jake Falkman on his graduation from Naperville North High School. He will attend Iowa State to major in engineering.*   
*- Baby “Sonny,” child of Meghan and Quinn, who was born at 26 weeks, now up to almost 3 pounds, is off intubation (now on CPAP), and continuing g-tube feeding.*  - Brian, a friend of Rebecca Storey, is now home after a hospital stay; he is on a liver transplant list.  
 - We thank you that Marta had a stable scan and looks forward to a beautiful summer.  
 - Jonathan continues to improve.  
**We pray for the whole world and our nation: *(1 Timothy 2:1-2) “I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.”*** - May everyone have food, shelter, clean water, clothing, health, and loving relationships.   
  - We pray for the peace of the world and all its people.   
 - May we resist the temptation to hate and embrace the law of love.   
  - To our trans siblings and families, we offer our prayers for serenity and peace.   
  - Lord, may you guide all our leaders to live peaceful and quiet lives.   
 - We remember the Tiananmen Square Massacre on June 3, 1989, 36 years ago. We pray for everyone's right to free speech and dignity.   
 - We lift all the victims of the antisemitic terror attack in Colorado. We pray for the safe return of the hostages from Hamas and for an end to Israel's retribution against Palestine.  - For those suffering from the wildfires in Canada; Manitoba and Saskatchewan have declared states of emergency.  
  - We pray for people in prison, that they may know you have not forgotten them.   
  - We pray for an end to gun violence in our nation. Reach out to those who are desperate enough to resort to guns to resolve their issues and pain. Bring comfort to those who have suffered loss due to gun violence. May our public servants collaborate to address this critical issue.   
**Blessed are those who mourn: (Romans 12:15) “Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.”**   
We continue to lift up the families and friends of:   
  - Alicia Rasnic   
  - Bobette Barfod, our pastor’s mother   
  - Joan Koska   
  - Linda Wolf Jeziorski and her husband, Paul   
  - Gail Johnston, Andrea Schmidt’s mother   
  - Franklin Keith Beeler, Angela Smith’s father   
  - Those we name in our hearts and hold dear.   
**We lift up those affected by cancer, along with their support systems:**Please help us pray for your family and friends by updating the church office with information about your loved ones. We support them and you in this journey.   
We continue to pray for Alyssa, Kerri, Margaret F., Marge H., Ginny O., Cis R., Marta S., Meagan S., Shelayne, Kurt Parent, who is now in palliative care, former President Joe Biden, and those we name in our hearts.   
We pray for all who are recovering from or dealing with mental, physical, or other health challenges:   
 *- Gary, who has had a brain bleed*  
  - Helen Shierry, who was hospitalized after a fall. We continue to pray for Steve and Heidi as they support her.   
  - Deb Bohi’s brother, Tom, is experiencing undiagnosed issues.   
  - Heather Kralicek’s father, Carl Hays, who has suffered several silent strokes.   
  - Barb’s friend, Sue, is in rehab, recuperating from a broken pelvis after a serious fall.   
  - Jack Thorne, recovering at home and assisted by his daughter.   
  - Jim Smith, at Brookdale, and all those in care centers.   
Prayers for our worshiping community and the Jeremiah Task Force as we discern God’s call to SPC for the 21st century.

**This week at Southminster:**  **Sunday, June 8**  
 **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook  
 **Fellowship** will follow the service   
 **Rummage Sale and Car Wash**, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
 **Program Ministry meeting (Worship, C.E., YAD, Welcome & Outreach)**, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Parlor/Library  
**Monday, June 9 – Pastor’s Sabbath  
Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart on Facebook live, 5:05 p.m.   
Tuesday, June 10  
 Knitting Circle**, 10:00 a.m., McHenry Parlor/Library **Staff calendar meeting**, 12:30 p.m., McHenry Parlor/Library  
 **Deacons**, 7:30 p.m., Parlor/Library  
 A.A., 7:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall **Wednesday, June 11**  
 **eNotes go out  
 Property**, 7:00 p.m., McHenry Parlor/Library **Thursday, June 12** **Session docket deadline**, noon **Young Adults Video Club**, 8:30 p.m.  
**Friday, June 13**  
 Mission Trip staging all day in the main hall  
 A.A., 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
**Saturday, June 14  
 Youth Mission Team leaves for their Mission Trip  
 Team Members arrive** by 8:30 a.m.  
 **Send the team of with prayer** – **everyone invited**!, 9:00 a.m. **Youth Mission Trip June 14-21  
Next** **Sunday,** **June 15**  
 **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook  
 **Fellowship** will follow the service   
 **Staff Meeting**, 11:00 a.m. in the Pastor’s office  
 **No Adult Ed.**  
  
  
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.

**Our “Comfort Zone”** – It is always contagion season, so we continue to have a “comfort zone” toward the back of the sanctuary. You may wear a mask, of course, if you so choose.  
  
**Sunday Morning Adult Ed. Bible Study will not meet today while Blair is working at the Rummage Sale.**  
  
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 5:05 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. During this summer we hope to receive photos you have taken… of your garden, your vacations, parks of DuPage County, pets, or whatever categories you might like to suggest. These will probably be used in August—let Pastor Wendy Boden know what your suggestions are. Then watchfor a schedule of when the Photo Stories will be shown.

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**    
**Adult Education:** We will continue our study of Philippians on June 22. Our next session after that will be July 13. Join us on those dates at 11:15 a.m. in the Parlor/Library for edifying study and conversation.

**Youth Mission Team:** We leave for Mission, SD, and our week of work camp on Saturday!! Be packed and at the church by 8:30 a.m. We hope to be on the road by 9:00 a.m.

**See our Youth Mission Team off!** Seven youth and adults are heading for a week of workcamp on the Rosebud Reservation of the Lakota people in South Dakota. Want to see them off with smiles and prayer? Be at church by 9:00 a.m. this Saturday, June 14. That would be a blessing!

***“Paving the Way”***

**The Parking Lot Reconstruction Project**

The most difficult part of the project is completed! Enjoy our new, smooth, freshly paved parking lot and four new ADA compliant handicap accessible spaces. The contractor will be finishing up the minor details, like the light bollards. Thank you again for your patience during the disruption.

**From the Worship Ministry**:

**Calling all musicians, vocal or instrumental!** If you would like to offer your musical gifts in worship during the summer, please talk to Tom Anderson on a Sunday when he is here, by text at 651-246-5029, or by emailing the office ([admin@southminsterpc.org](mailto:admin@southminsterpc.org)) and we’ll forward your message.

The **flower chart for the remainder of 2025** is posted in the Narthex. Please sign up in person or email Sarah Allen at [sarah.cleland.allen@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.cleland.allen@gmail.com%20) with your choice of flower dates and honoree. Flowers remain $35.00. Thanks for your support of the Flower Ministry at Southminster.

**From the Mission Ministry:**

**Gifts Grow:** We’re still tabulating the results of our May “Gifts Grow” program, in which your donations to Southminster missions were matched by the Mission Ministry. Watch for a full recap in the July *Dialog*.

**Looking ahead… we’re planning another visit to our Sister Church in Cuba**

Southminster church members will be making our next trip to visit our sister church in Cuba in November 2025, during about a week period including Sunday, November 16, 2025. The exact dates around that Sunday that we will be traveling have not yet been determined.

**Members of the church who are interested in participating in this trip should make their interest known as soon as feasible to either Pastor Wendy Boden or the Moderator of Mission, Gretchen Fleming.** Please also feel free to ask either of these persons any questions you have about the trip. Gretchen Fleming can be reached at [gretchen\_fleming@yahoo.com](mailto:gretchen_fleming@yahoo.com) or by phone or text at (630) 517-0926.

**Presbyterian Readers** will meet Wednesday, June 18, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The book for June is *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro. “Set in the U.S. in an unspecified future, the book is told from the point of view of Klara, a solar-powered AF (Artificial Friend), who is chosen by Josie, a sickly child, to be her companion.” The author “looks at our rapidly changing modern world through the eyes of an unforgettable narrator to explore a fundamental question: what does it mean to love?”  
  
Since we didn’t have enough people for a discussion last month, we invite anyone interested to stay on Zoom after the discussion of *Klara* to review *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.

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](mailto:rboserup@sbcglobal.net).

**An invitation to all from the Glen Ellyn Interfaith Prayer Foundation and People’s Community Church:**On Thursday, June 19, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. we will have a **Juneteenth Celebration**: A Reckoning: Reclaiming the Past, Remembering Black Voices, Reshaping the future. Join us as we celebrate the culture of African Americans on Juneteenth through food, music, and ceremony to celebrate freedom and culture. Peoples Community Church is at 670 S. Lambert Road, Glen Ellyn.  
  
  
**Jubilee Bucks**We had a great sale of gift cards last Sunday! Our earnings for the year now total $1,006.10 in “free” money for Southminster.

Your next chance to order will be Sunday, July 6.

**Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)**:   
This is the 50th year People’s Resource Center is distributing food to our neighbors in DuPage County! That first year, bags of groceries were shared from a house with 125 families. This past year, groceries were provided over 63,000 times! Our weekly trunkful of groceries from Southminster is truly appreciated! Not only does PRC distribute food, they also assist people with other needs - ELL (English Language Learner) classes, job assistance, social work, computer classes and repair, gas cards, rental assistance, tutoring, art classes, and more. Volunteers are always welcomed and appreciated!  
  
  
**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 until June 10, call Deacon Lynn Ferino (630-272-2269); from June 11 to August 12, 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. You may 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.

**Bearing Fruit – June 8, 2025**

**Pentecost: Healing the Nations**

Today we are honored to welcome Rev. Keith Draper, Regional Director of Church Relations at World Relief Chicagoland, to our pulpit. Given that today is Pentecost, it is especially fitting to have Rev. Draper with us. Pentecost commemorates the imparting of the Holy Spirit to Christ's Church, symbolizing, among other things, God’s healing of divisions among people.  
  
At Pentecost, pilgrims in Jerusalem from across the Roman Empire heard words of praise to God in their native languages. This event is reminiscent of a reversal of the Tower of Babel as described in Genesis 11. Chicagoland mirrors a modern-day Tower of Babel. According to the 2015 U.S. Census, 400,000 residents do not speak English as their primary language. The most commonly spoken languages after English include Spanish, Mandarin, Polish, Arabic, Hindi, and Urdu.  
  
Southminster Presbyterian Church financially supports World Relief Chicago through our mission budget. We also provide volunteers and organize special collections. Last year, we collected "welcome baskets" with supplies for immigrant newcomers' kitchens. This year, our Mission Ministry will partner with our Vacation Bible School to collect school supplies and backpacks for the children of World Relief. This will help them have a great start in school, which begins for most in mid-August.  
  
With the gift of the Holy Spirit there is the healing of the nations, the growing gift of love for everyone, and the power to be body of Christ in the World. On Pentecost we seek to bear the fruit of God’s love with all people no matter where they are from.