**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**3rd Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 9, 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 “Cuba 2024: Worship and Personal Commections.”

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 songs.]

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

Call to Worship

Leader: We begin with gratitude to God for all that is holy in our lives.

**People: To love God is to love one another;**

Leader: To love God is to love the world and work for reconciliation;

**People: To love God is to love justice, mercy, kindness, humility, and peace;**

**All:** **To love God is to bring these visions to life.**

Hymn 319: *Men of God, Rise Up and Sing (Shout to the North)*

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Lord God, we hear and speak the words that we are to love you and neighbor. They are easy to say but difficult to live. We hide behind walls of our own creation where we feel safe and secure, not noticing that we stand alone and isolated. Forgive us. Grant us courage to love without reservation. Help us to love without stigma and prejudice. We ask this through the power of the Holy Spirit alive within us and in the name that is above all names, 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 288: *Spirit of the Living God* (sing 2 times)

**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.**

CCLI Song # 23488

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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:

*I Danced in the Morning* (refrain) Hymnal 157

Refrain:

**Dance then, wherever you may be;**

**I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,**

**And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,**

**And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

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Sydney Bertram Carter

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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons:  Deuteronomy 6:4-9 Pew Bible, p. 163 (O.T.)

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

Luke 10:25-37 Pew Bible, p. 71 (N.T.)

Sermon: “Good Sam”

Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison) *PCUSA Book of Order* (F-1.03)

**The Church is to be a community of love, where sin is forgiven, reconciliation   
is accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down.**

Hymn 771:  *What Is the World Like* (all verses)

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

**People**: **hear our prayers.**

**The Lord’s Prayer:**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,   
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;   
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power   
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

[The offering plate is at the back of the sanctuary. Please leave your gift or pledge  
in the plate on your way into or out of worship.]

Offertory: *Great Things* (pg. 17, 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 63: *The Lord Is God* (all verses)

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: Francine Long  
Greeter/Fellowship: Elise Henkels  
Musician: Tom Anderson  
Worship Associate: David Kozich  
Tech support: Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson

The flowers today are from Tricia and Jim Smith in memory of Jim’s mother, Eleanor.

If you are online, we’re glad to have you! Using the comments section on Facebook, you can say hello, ask for words of peace, or request prayers.  
If you are present for worship, following the service you are invited by the deacons to gather for **in-person fellowship** in the narthex.

**Sunday Morning Adult Ed. Bible Study, 11:15 a.m.:** If you’re at church and wish to join us, find Blair at his computer in the parlor/library. If you’re following us online, join the class by using this link: <https://meet.google.com/fna-eojg-uye>.  
You are invited to join us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/>), where we have a live sharing of “**Heart to Heart**” with Pastor Wendy Boden at 4:20 p.m. most weeks Tuesday through Friday.

We continue to be live on **Sunday morning for worship** at 9:30 a.m. (slideshow beginning at 9:15) on YouTube at  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPgWICngOvkmR1OXgCG_wiA/live>

or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/>

If you are watching from home on Facebook, please check in and say hello so we can see that you have joined us. This is one way to make worship less “remote” and strengthen community at Southminster.

*The live video will appear about 15 minutes before the scheduled start time.*

*If for any reason the feed falters, rest assured that a recording will be posted to Facebook and You Tube as soon as possible.*

You can also find links to recordings of the weekday sessions, special services, and Sunday worship posted on our web site: <https://www.southminsterpc.org/> or by going to our YouTube channel:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPgWICngOvkmR1OXgCG_wiA/videos>

**Photo Stories/PowerPoints help us feel connected!**Photo Stories/PowerPoints help us prepare for worship, connect with one another, and make sure that our at-home people get both sound and sight. Here are some coming opportunities for you to share your photos:  
 July 7: “**Summer Cooking**” (see below) – pictures of grills, kitchens, and summer food.   
 Please send photos by Wednesday, July 3.   
 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](mailto:PhotoStory@Southminsterpc.org)**.** (If you only have hard copies of your photos, please leave them in the photo box on Pastor Wendy’s desk, labeled with your name and the date they are to be used.

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**    
**Adult Education**: Our study of Matthew’s Gospel continues today at 11:15 a.m. in the Parlor/Library. We will begin Ch. 16, a key part of the gospel! Join the class online by using this link: <https://meet.google.com/fna-eojg-uye>.

**Men of Southminster**: Please be sure to reply to Blair N’s email about dates for our next get together.

**Youth & Mission Team**:  Our ***Pre-Trip meeting is today at 3:00 p.m.*** in Fellowship Hall. Blair N will have final details for our trip, and we will share wisdom about packing and living on school cafeteria food for a week.

**From the Worship Ministry**:

The **flower chart** for the remainder of 2024 is posted in the narthex, and there are still a number of Sundays available. (Some dates available this summer: July 14 and 21, August 4.) Please sign up in person or email Sarah Allen, [sarah.cleland.allen@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.cleland.allen@gmail.com) with your choice of flower dates and honoree. Flowers remain $35.00 per arrangement. Thank you for your support of the Flower Ministry at Southminster.

**Presbyterian Readers** will meet Wednesday, June 19, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Our June book is *The Secret Life of Sunflowers* by Marta Molnar, “a gripping, inspiring novel based on the true story of Johanna Bonger, Vincent Van Gogh’s sister-in-law.”

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

**Presbyterian Women’s Circle** finished their 2023-2024 year with an outdoor luncheon at Reserve 22 on May 17, at which time we said good-bye to Barb Zink. The weather and the company were both delightful.

This past year we had a travel theme for some meeting programs. We heard from Kathy Davidson about her river cruise in western Europe, from Angela Smith about her river cruise in eastern Europe, and from Rita Boserup Zapel about her trip to Australia. We made fall flower arrangements with Linda Ellinghausen, enjoyed a salad luncheon followed by a musical program by Derek Buckley and Rev. Delmar Meester at Christmas, and put on a purse auction in February. In April we had a special guest program by Dr. Karen Boden.

At this time no one has volunteered to lead the group for the 2024-2025 year. Anyone interested can contact Sue Knisely at [sueknisely@gmail.com](mailto:sueknisely@gmail.com).

**Jubilee Bucks: Next order date is July 7**  
Many thanks to all who order Jubilee Bucks. So far this year, the church has earned $938.38 in “free” money from those orders! (A small percentage of the value of each card purchased is returned as a rebate to the church.)

Your next opportunity to order Jubilee Bucks gift cards will be Sunday, July 7.   
 **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.

**Community News**You’re invited to “**Sounds of Music and Prayers**” this Wednesday, June 12, at 7:00 p.m. at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center, 535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn. This will be the 3rd annual gathering featuring musicians from various faith communities in and around Glen Ellyn. Everyone is welcome! The event will last an hour or less and there will be ice cream after the program!   
  
  
**Care Notes:** “In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” -Philippians 4:6   
Even though we aren’t all together for worship, we are still collecting prayer requests! Please email or leave a message on our answering machine at 630-469-9149 if you won’t be present to fill out a prayer request slip.

**Friends,****You are all invited to offer prayer for people whether they are members or not. It would be a joy and very helpful to know how people are doing. If you have submitted a person to be prayed for, please send an update to the office once in a while. Thank you! Pastor Wendy**

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

**Joys and Concerns**  **The flowers today** are from Tricia and Jim Smith in memory of Jim’s mother, Eleanor. **We give thanks to God for joys:**   
 *- For the safe return of our Cuba Mission Team after being able to visit and worship with our sisters and brothers in Guanabacoa  
 - Phyllis Lay is home from the hospital and recovering.***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 our President and our legislative and judicial bodies  
  - We pray for an end to gun violence in our nation. *On just one day – this past Sunday, June 2 – there were 135 incidents of gun violence in 36 states plus the District of Columbia, killing 49 people and wounding 158 others.* Go to [the Gun Violence Archive](https://www.gunviolencearchive.org/last-72-hours) to see current statistics for shootings in our country.  
  - We pray for our nation as we continue to wrestle with race relations.  
  - We continue to pray for peace in the world  
**Blessed are those who mourn:**   
 *- Former member Jeannie Plondke, age 74, of Murfreesboro, TN, died June 1. She is survived by sons Erich and Adam.  
 - For the family and friends of Carolyn Osborne, who died at age 90. She was an old friend of Lanny’s and mother of former colleagues.*  
  - For the families and friends of Ruth, Grace, Ed, Dan, and those we name in our hearts and hold dear.  
**We lift up those who are affected by cancer, as well as their support systems:   
*Please help us pray for your family and friends by updating your loved ones’ information with the church office. We support them and you in their journey.***   
  - We continue to pray for: Frank B., Katie B., Pam G., Tom G., Frank L., Jean K., Jan M., Nikki M., Rebecca M., Tim O., Laura P., Gerry S., Marta S., Meagan S., Beverly W., Shelayne, and others we name in our hearts.   **We pray for all who are recovering or dealing with mental or physical health or other challenges:** *- Steve and Heidi Shierry, for healing of multiple continuing health issues*  
 *- Healing for Jimmy Walker’s father  
 - Carmen, who had a stroke (sister of Pedro Luis Laza in Cuba)*

  - Barb Doppelt’s sister-in-law, Michaele, recovering from knee replacement surgery   
 - Barb’s Aunt Ruth, who fell and has a broken hip among other 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 friends Vicki and Bill (a married couple who both entered hospice care at the same time).  
**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 June call Lynn Ferino (630-272-2269). You may call Pastor Wendy Boden (see note below) or 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,** **June 9** **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. - in person and also live on Facebook  
 **In-person Fellowship** in the Narthex following the meeting  
 **Staff Meeting** at 10:45 a.m. in the Pastor’s Office   
 **Adult Ed.** at 11:15 a.m. either online via Google Meet or by joining Blair   
 in person in the McHenry Parlor/Library  
 **Confirmation** at 11:15 a.m. in the pastor’s office  
 **Parking Lot Planning Lunch** at 12:30 p.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library  
 **Youth Mission Team pre-trip meeting** at 3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall **Sunday evening-Tuesday mid-afternoon – Pastor Wendy Boden** will be at a Deeper Journey retreat. **Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart on Facebook live at 4:20 p.m.   
Tuesday, June 11  
 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, June 12** “Sounds of Music and Prayers” at 7:00 p.m. at the Golen Ellyn Civic Center,   
 535 Duane Street  
 **Young Adults Online at 8:30 p.m. (Note change from the usual day!)  
Thursday, June 13  
 Session docket deadline** at noon today **Friday, June 14** A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
**Next Sunday, June 16** **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. - in person and also live on Facebook. We will Ordain and   
 Install some of our 2024-2025 officers (elders and deacons) **In-person Fellowship** in the Narthex following the meeting  
 **Special Session meeting** (to authorize baptism and hear Anny Davidson’s   
 `statement of faith) at 10:45 in McHenry Parlor/Library  
 **Staff meeting** at 11:00 a.m. in the Pastor’s Office  
 **Confirmation** at 11:15 a.m. in the Pastor’s Office   
 **Adult Ed.** at 11:15 a.m. either online via Google Meet or by joining Blair   
 in person in the McHenry Parlor/Library  
 **Pathfinders** (online) from 12:15-2:15 p.m. **Youth: Pizza & Games** from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

**Bearing Fruit – June 9, 2024**

**Love Far and Near**

Why go to Cuba to love our neighbors? Our sister church in Guanabacoa, like the rest of Cuba, is experiencing a shortage of food, gasoline, and medicine, among many other things. They are also experiencing rolling scheduled blackouts. As Odie, the wife of Yoelkis, expressed it, “Life here is very hard.” We go because of God’s love.  
  
You, as part of our church family, helped make their lives easier with your generous donations, but there is one thing that only in-person visits will do. It is difficult to express, but coming to Cuba, living with them and eating with them (food comes from the black market, and our money not only feeds us, it feeds our hosts) brings love. Our presence is love in a tangible way. The country is also experiencing large emigration- people are leaving the very young and elderly behind. Our presence reminds them that they are not forgotten, but in fact loved. Our presence is a highly valued gift, God’s love made manifest by faces, hands, and hugs.  
  
For the next three weeks our PhotoStory will be focused on Cuba. The themes are Worship and Personal Connections, Ministries of Our Sister Church, and Visiting Neighbors. All the gifts were well received, but the gift of the sound system was a great joy to the entire community. A lot of love and effort went into the gift. Our Paul Jeziorski, who has visited Cuba twice, really stepped up! He not only tested what we ordered, he had to send one system back because it didn’t work. Though he wasn’t going on this trip, his efforts made love visible just like the medicines and other items you delivered. Once there some of our luggage was held up by the Cuban government because the broadcast frequency possibilities of the new equipment were suspicious. It wasn’t until after the first part of our team left for home that we were able to get it, and it required government paperwork and a lot of driving around.  
  
We have neighbors both near and far. This coming Wednesday, June 12, you are invited to meet with your neighbors at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. for “Sounds of Music and Prayer.” This year we will not need to bring lawn chairs, and we’ll have no fear of rain since we’ll be inside! Sean Salins will be one of the singers, and ice cream will be served afterward. This is an opportunity to meet our neighbors, from different Christian and other faith traditions. We will share love, music, and ice cream (sherbet will also be available). Every act of love helps to bring peace to our world. Let us bear the fruit of God’s love by loving neighbors near and far.