**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**4th Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 16, 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: Ministries of Our Sister Church.”

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: *Great Things*  pg. 17, gold worship supplement

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: *Speak. O Lord* pg. 38, gold worship supplement

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Gracious and faithful God, you have welcomed us with open, loving arms. We rejoice in your grace through Jesus Christ. But we confess there are times when we are not as welcoming and forgiving as we are called to be. We let our prejudices, preconceptions, fears, and resentments bar people from our circle of care and concern. We need your help, not just your pardon, to be the people you call us to be. We ask this in the power of the Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

The Good News of Jesus Christ  (Psalm 103)

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

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

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

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

**All: Alleluia!**

Response 288: *Spirit of the Living God* (sing 1 time)

**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:  1 Corinthians 13:4-13 Pew Bible, p. 175 (N.T.)

Luke 18:15-17 Pew Bible, p. 81 (N.T.)

Sermon: “Childlike or Childish?”

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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Ordination and Installation

Presentation

**To be Ordained and Installed as Elder**

Angela Smith, Class of 2027

**To be Ordained and Installed as Deacon**

Kathy Sanders, Class of 2027

Our Common Ministry

Questions to Elder and Deacon

Questions to the Congregation

Leader: Do we, the members of the church, accept these people as elder  
 and deacon, 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 them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions,  
 and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone  
 is head of the Church?

**All: We do.**

Prayer of Ordination

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: *Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me* (pg. 40, 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 726: *Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)*

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: Steve Henkels  
Greeter/Fellowship: Sue Knisely  
Musician: Tom Anderson  
Worship Associate: David Kozich  
Tech support: Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson

The flowers today are from the Kozich family celebrating Daniel’s birthday.

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. 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**” – 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. 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.

**Session elders: Remember that we have a special Session meeting today following worship in McHenry Parlor/Library** to meet with Clementine’s family who would like her to be baptized and hear Anny Davidson’s faith statement. **Remember also our regular monthly meeting this Tuesday, June 18, at 7:30 p.m. also in the Parlor/Library.**

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**    
**Adult Education**: If we have a Father’s Day quorum, we will continue our study of Ch. 16 of Matthew’s gospel, focusing on who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple. Join us in person at 11:15 in the Parlor/Library; 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:** There is no youth event this weekend. Have a great Father’s Day. Please respond to the email from Blair about available dates for summer events. **Youth Mission Team**:  We meet at church on Thursday at 8:00 a.m., planning to be on the road by 9:00 a.m. at the latest. Watch for one more email from Blair N with final information for the trip. Any questions about what to pack, tools or otherwise, or anything else, contact Blair. Pray for a great trip, productive ministry, and a deep encounter with God. Dexter, here we come!

**Please pray for Southminster’s Youth Mission Team** during their workcamp trip, June 20-30. The members of this year’s team: Jake Falkman, Lauren Hammer, Landon Behm, Sam Falkman, Noah Salins, Kevin Schmidt, Kathy Sanders, Parin Schmidt, Nalani Johnson, and Blair Nelson.   
Want to see them off? Come to the parking lot around 8:30 a.m. to pray for them and send them with our blessing.

**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.) 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 this 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

**Community News**The Peoples Community Church is sponsoring a **3-Mile Walk for the Homeless** this Saturday, June 22, 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. (check in starts at 8:00 a.m.) Registration is $15 plus they ask for donations of non-perishable items, canned goods, and toiletries. Flyers with registration forms are available in the Narthex or you can register at <https://www.pcc-onlinechurch.org/events>.  
  
  
**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. There are also lists of suggested donations printed on green paper in one of the literature stands on the shelf in the main hallway that is across from the church offices.

**Care Notes:** “In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” -Philippians 4:6   
Even though we aren’t all together for worship, we are still collecting prayer requests! Please email or leave a message on our answering machine at 630-469-9149 if you won’t be present to fill out a prayer request slip.

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

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

**Joys and Concerns**  **The flowers today** are from the Kozich family celebrating Daniel’s birthday. **We give thanks to God for joys.** **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 9 – there were 154 incidents of gun violence in 31 states plus the District of Columbia, killing 47 people and wounding 142 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  
 - For the Cuba Partnership Network as they seek passports for Cuban pastors and spouses for their meeting, which is in Oak Brook this year in October  
**Blessed are those who mourn:**   
*- The family of Yvonne Colberg (mother of Lois’s daughter-in-law) who died Sunday morning after a long illness  
  - Former member Jeannie Plondke, age 74, of Murfreesboro, TN, died June 1. She is survived by sons Erich and Adam.*  
  - 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:***- Phyllis Lay is back in the hospital in Florida  
  - Barb Doppelt’s sister-in-law, Michaele, being treated at home following hospitalization for blood clots in her lung, believed to be a result of recent knee replacement surgery   
  - 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’s Aunt Ruth, who 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 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](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.   
  
  
**Dates to remember this week:** **Sunday, June 16** **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. - in person and also live on Facebook **In-person Fellowship** in the Narthex following the meeting  
 **Special Session and Staff meeting** (to authorize baptism and hear a deacon-   
 elect’s statement of faith) at 10:45 in McHenry Parlor/Library  
 **Staff meeting** to continue in the Pastor’s Office, if needed  
 **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. **Monday, June 17 – Pastor’s Sabbath  
Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart on Facebook live at 4:20 p.m.   
Tuesday, June 18  
 Session** meets at 7:30 p.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library A.A.meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  **Wednesday, June 19  
 Presbyterian Readers** meet at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom **Thursday, June 20  
 Youth Mission Team leaves for workcamp in Dexter, Maine.   
 Team, arrive by 8:00 a.m.  
 Come around 8:30 to see them off and pray them on their way!**  
**Youth Mission Team will be away June 20-30.  
Friday, June 21** A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
**Next Sunday, June 23** **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. - in person and also live on Facebook.  **In-person Fellowship** in the Narthex following the meeting  
 **Staff meeting** (Pastor Wendy and David K.) at 11:00 a.m. in the Pastor’s Office   
 **No Adult Ed., Confirmation, or Youth Group** while Blair N and the Youth Mission Team are away

**Bearing Fruit – June 16, 2024**

**Ordination and Installation of New Officers**  
Presbyterians ordain not only their pastors but their Ruling Elders and Deacons as well. Today we are ordaining and installing Angela Smith to the office of Elder and Kathy Sanders to the office of Deacon. Ordination applies to all Presbyterian Churches.   
  
When we ordain someone, we are ordaining them to the service of God in the larger Church. We will be ordaining and installing the rest of our Elders and Deacons on June 30.   
  
The Presbyterian Church and other Reformed traditions of Christianity are unique in that we ordain lay people to office. Together the Pastor (Minister of Word and Sacrament or Teaching Elder) and the Session (Ruling Elders) oversee the work and ministry the church. Deacons are called to a ministry of service and compassion to the church members.  
  
Please note that the Constitutional Questions or Vows and the same for all three offices: Pastor (Minister of the Word and Sacrament), Elder, and Deacon. Only the last questions differ.   
  
**For Minister of the Word and Sacrament:** *Will you be a faithful minister of the Word and Sacrament, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the councils of the church; and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?*  
  
**For Ruling Elder**: *Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?*   
  
**For Deacon**: *Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people’s help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?*   
  
Our officers are not the only ones who are answering questions! The congregation makes a commitment as well.   
 **For the Congregation:** *Do we, the members of the church, accept these people as elder and deacon, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is head of the Church?*  
  
As we ordain and install our officers both this week and on the last Sunday this month, please be in prayer for our servant leaders. We bear the fruit of God’s love by serving and supporting one another in the shared ministry of Southminster and Christ’s Church everywhere.