**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**5th Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 23, 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: Visiting Neighbors.”

 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: *Air* Haydn

[Please remain seated while singing the opening songs.]

 Hymn 626: *As the Deer*  (sing 1 time)

 Hymn 627: *I Love You, Lord* (sing 1 time)

 Call to Worship

 Leader: Eternal One, you are the open door that beckons everyone home.

 **People: You reach out and invite us to follow.**

  Leader: As we worship, we invite you into our lives.

 **All:** **As we worship, we invite you into our hearts and minds.**

 Hymn: *Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me* pg. 40, gold worship supplement

 Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Loving God, you came to us in Jesus Christ, teaching love and grace. We find it hard to accept your kind words to us. We find it harder still to extend that good teaching to others. By the power of your Holy Spirit within us, and in the mercy of the cross and empty tomb, help us embody your teachings each day. 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  (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.**

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Daniel Iverson

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 The Passing of the Peace

 Word with Children Heidi Shierry
 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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 Prayer for Illumination

 Scripture Lessons:  Ezekiel 34:11-16 Pew Bible, p. 803 (O.T.)

 Luke 19:1-10 Pew Bible, p. 82 (N.T.)

 Sermon: “Up a Tree”

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison) 2 Corinthians 2:16-18

**From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view;even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.**

 Hymn 401: *Here in This Place (Gather Us In)* (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: *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Eklund

 \**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 630: *Fairest Lord Jesus* (all verses)

 Benediction and Charge

 Leader: Now go and serve the Lord,
 **People: For we are blessed to be a blessing! Alleluia!**

 Postlude: *To God Be the Glory* arr. Hayes

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden
Liturgist: Ann Anderson
Greeter/Fellowship: Anny Davidson
Guest Musician: Cindy Trowbridge
Worship Associate: David Kozich
Tech support: Chris Kozich, Alec Parks

The flowers today are from Lynn Ferino for her sister Donna’s birthday.

(Last week’s flowers were from the Kozich family for David’s birthday, not Daniel’s.)

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** will not meet today or June 30 while Blair and the Youth Mission team are away.
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. 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**.** (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.

This Wednesday, June 26, we will send out eNotes, but it is also the **deadline for the July *Dialog*,** which will go out on July 3.

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**
**Adult Education**: Our after-worship Bible class will meet next on July 7, and then also on the 14th and 21st. We won’t meet on July 28, Aug. 4 or 11.

**Men of Southminster**: Men! Put Saturday, July 13, 9:00 a.m., in your calendar for our next men’s get together.
 **Youth:** The Youth Mission Team is at workcamp, so no youth event until July 14. What is happening then? Our annual **Fox River Naval Battle**. Think a six-mile canoe trip downstream with squirt guns! This is a fun event for the whole family. Cost is $70/canoe (cash or check only), and we will meet at Ayer’s Landing (3494 East 2089th Rd., Ottawa, IL 61350—a little over an hour from Glen Ellyn) at 1:45 p.m. We will be on dry land by about 4:30 p.m. Be sure to let Blair know that you are in!

**Please pray for Southminster’s Youth Mission Team** during their workcamp experience in Dexter, Maine. They will return on June 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.

**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 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.

**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 Lynn Ferino celebrating her sister Donna’s birthday. (Last week’s flowers were from the Kozich family for David’s birthday, not Daniel’s.)***We give thanks to God for joys:**
 *- Our Youth Mission Team, ready for a week of serving the residents of Dexter, Maine.***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. *This past weekend – June 15-16 – there were 9 mass shootings (involving 4 or more victims) in 7 states (3 just in Michigan!), killing 5 people and wounding 55 others.* To see current statistics for mass shootings in our country go to <https://www.gunviolencearchive.org/reports/mass-shooting>.
  - 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 in September
**Blessed are those who mourn:**
*- Pat Wiedner and family on the death of her brother, Terry Murray, last week
 - Prayers for the Ellinghausen family on the death of Hal’s brother Ed’s wife last Sunday*
  - 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:** *- Bonnie Humeseon has been in ICU for 2 weeks and is facing another surgery.
 - Esther, recovering from successful surgery on Thursday
 - Meagan Severson had surgery Thursday at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. (Her home is in Anchorage, Alaska.)*  - Phyllis Lay, hospitalized in Florida
  - Heidi Shierry, continuing health issues
  - Carmen, who had a stroke (sister of Pedro Luis Laza in Cuba)
  - 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); *Barb’s Aunt Ruth*.
**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/July, 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. (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:** **The Youth Mission Team will be away until June 30.
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 **Monday, June 24 – Pastor’s Sabbath
Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart on Facebook live at 4:20 p.m.
Tuesday, June 25** A.A.meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  **Wednesday, June 26
 eNotes go out, but it is also the deadline for the July *Dialog*
Thursday, June 27
 Young Adults** meet at 6:30 p.m. at Panera Bread, 1101 E. Ogden Ave.,
 Naperville **Friday, June 28** A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
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 Install the remaining elders- and deacons-elect. **In-person Fellowship** in the Narthex following the meeting
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**Bearing Fruit – June 23, 2024**

**Christian Hospitality**

This past Thursday morning a good representation of Southminster friends and members showed up to send our youth and young adults to a work mission trip to Dexter, Maine. There they will work on homes for the elderly and for those who are financially challenged. Thank you to those who made the extra effort to see Lauren, Landon, Noah, Sam, Jake, Kevin, Parin, Kathy, Nalani, and Blair off on their adventures! It’s a trip of over 2,000 miles. Thursday night they stayed at Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church in Rochester, New York. Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church is a great example of Christian hospitably.

Glen Ellyn worshiping communities have their own expression of Christian hospitality. Beginning this past December, people from Texas have been dropped off at our train station. Some call them asylum seekers, some call them migrants, and some call them, immigrants, but they are all people who have crossed over the Mexican-United States border into Texas. They come by bus, and the last leg of the journey is from the Glen Ellyn train station to Chicago. People who live across the street from the station contacted their downtown church congregations, and an effort was made to find coats, hats, and mittens for the new arrivals from Texas, who were not prepared for our winter weather. Southminster was one of the congregations that donated coats, hats, and mittens.

The buses have been intermittent, but since April twenty buses have stopped in Glen Ellyn. As a result, a Rapid Response Team was formed to bring food, water, diapers, and wipes. Southminster is one of the congregations involved. The other congregations are First United Church of Christ, St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Faith Lutheran Church, and Grace Lutheran Church. In fact, other people in the community who have seen the hospitality and love have begun to participate. The work of the churches and their hospitality has inspired others.

There is a very short time frame that our temporary guests are in town. We are given no notice of when they will arrive. Generally, there is a window of about 15-20 minutes to distribute supplies. A group text is sent to volunteers, and people respond with supplies. If you are interested in bearing the fruit of God’s love this way, please connect with David Dornblaser of St. Mark’s. His email is Dornblaser@me.com. He will explain further how to go about obtaining the needed supplies and giving them to the people who are dropped off. When people work together to bear the fruit of God’s love it can be inspiring.

**Welcome back, Cindy Trowbridge**
We once again welcome Cindy Trowbridge as our accompanist today while our Music Director is away. Cindy performs as a collaborative pianist in recitals and competitions throughout the Chicago area. A member of the piano faculty at the College of DuPage, she teaches private and class piano and serves as staff accompanist. Cindy also does extensive work as an accompanist for vocal and instrumental studios and recitals at Wheaton College. She is the principal pianist for the Credo Flute Summer Festival and has been the pianist for DuPage Opera Theater and music director for Wheaton College’s Opera Music Theater program.