**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**2nd Sunday of Advent**

**December 8, 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/PhotoStory: “Candles”

Welcome, Announcements, and Moment for Mission

Lighting the Advent Wreath Lighters: the Kozich family

Lighters: We light this candle in hope.

We light this candle for peace.

We light the candles of hope and peace as a sign   
 of the coming light of Christ.

**All:** **Come; let us walk in the light of the Lord!**

Response 85: *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah* (verse 2)

**Light two candles to watch for Messiah;**

**Let the light banish darkness.**

**He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,**

**Gently lead them homeward.**

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Prelude

[Please remain seated as we begin worship.]

Call to Worship  (Psalm 27:14; James 5:8)

Leader: Wait for the Lord; be strong,

**People: And let your heart take courage; wait for the****Lord!**

**All:** **The Lord is near!**

Hymn 101: *No Wind at the Window*  (all verses)

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Faithful God, you are at work to restore all creation in its intended harmony. Give us your shalom that we may be reconciled to all enemies. May we experience the peace that passes all understanding through Christ Jesus our Lord. God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come. Amen.**

(Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

Declaration of God’s Grace/The Good News of Jesus Christ  (Romans 13:12-13 edited)

Leader: Wake from your sleep,

**People: For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;**

Leader: The night is far gone; the day is near.

**All: Let us walk in the light of Christ, for we are forgiven.**

Response 314: *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness* (verse 1)

*(Christ, Be Our Light)*

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
Light for the world to see.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

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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:

*While We Are Waiting, Come*  Hymnal 92, verses 1, 2

**While we are waiting, come;  
While we are waiting, come.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,  
While we are waiting, come.**

**With power and glory, come;  
With power and glory, come.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,  
While we are waiting, come.**

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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons:  Luke 1:26-38  Pew Bible, p. 56 (N.T.)

Luke 1:46-56 Pew Bible, p. 57 (N.T.)

Sermon: “Fear Not” Pastor Wendy Boden

Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison) (Psalm 30:11-12; Philippians 4:7)

**You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guards our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.**

Hymn 107: *Awake! Awake! And Greet the New Morn* (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 Anthem: *Amid the Cold of Winter* arr. Bret Rhoades

Response: *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*(Hymn 314, verse 5)

(*Christ, Be Our Light)*

**Many the gifts, many the people,  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
Making your kingdom come.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Hymn 105: *People, Look East* (all verses)

Charge and Benediction

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

Postlude

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden

Liturgist: Pete Petersen  
Greeter/Fellowship: Francine Long  
Musicians: Tom Anderson, the Southminster Choir  
Worship Associate: David Kozich  
Tech support: Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson

The flowers today are from the Parks family celebrating Elspeth’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 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,** **11:15 a.m.:** If you’re at church and wish to join us, get your coffee at fellowship time and then find Blair in the parlor/library.

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

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

**December 29: “Christmas PJs**” – Please send by Thursday, December 26.  
***Or, you may send them all at the same time, if you like.*  
  
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.)

**Calling all musicians, vocal or instrumental!** If you would like to offer your musical gifts in worship, 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.

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**    
**Adult Education**: Our class will not meet today because of the rehearsal for next Sunday’s Christmas program.   
  
**Men** **of Southminster:** We aren’t meeting in December (busy month), but watch for an email or text from Blair about setting a January date.    
  
**Youth**:  We have **practice for the Christmas Program** **at 11:00 today** (after worship and fellowship), and also **Pizza and Games** at 4:00 p.m. The **Charlie Brown Christmas Party and Lock-In** is coming on Friday, Dec. 20th. You won't want to miss that!

**Committee Moderators and Staff**: Remember that all items for the Session docket (for the December 17 meeting) are due by noon this Thursday, December 12.

**From our Deacons**:   
**A gift for you**! Please help yourselves to the Christmas season bookmarks that are available in the Narthex on the Deacon shelf (closest to the coatroom).

**Also, please take a look in the kitchen if you have brought food to any event at the church.** You may have dishes or containers waiting for you to reclaim and take home!

**From the Mission Ministry:   
Share the Spirit:** Our collection of gift cards and presents for our less fortunate neighbors in DuPage County ends today. Through Jubilee Bucks, Southminster is donating 101 gift cards worth $2,525.00! Many thanks to all who ordered cards and donated games, books, stuffed animals, and blankets.

**OTC Medicines for our Cuba sister church.   
Bring donations by next Sunday, December 15.**

**Over-the-counter medicines – large bottles if possible (will be doled out in small bags). Save money by buying generic. Best prices: Target, Walmart, Amazon**

Ibuprofen (eg. Advil, Motrin) 200 mg tablets (*containers of 200 pills or more)*   
Naproxen Sodium (eg. Aleve) 220 mg tablets (*containers of 300 pills or more)*Antifungal creams (eg. Clotrimazol) 2 oz. or 60 gm tube  
Triple antibiotic ointment 1 oz. or 28 gm tube  
Hydrocortisone cream 1 oz. 28 gm tube or 2 oz. 60 gm tube  
Medicines for stomach (eg Omeprazol, Famotidine ) 20 mg. tablets  
Benadryl Adult 25mg tablets 100 count (Generic Equate ok)  
Children’s Complete CHEWABLE Vitamins (**not gummies**)  
Children’s Tylenol CHEWABLE 160 mg tablets (Generic EQUATE 160 mg tablets)  
Children’s Benadryl CHEWABLE 12.5mg tablets (Generic ok)  
Children’s Ibuprofen CHEWABLE 100 mg tablets (Generic Equate 48 count ok)  
Antibacterial EQUATE Fabric Band-Aid- various sizes

**Special Christmas Offerings:**It is Advent, and as we look forward to celebrating our Savior’s birth during this season, we have two additional opportunities to help our brothers and sisters in Christ.

First, there is the **Christmas Joy Offering**. The theme this year is “Prepare the Way”. This offering all goes to PCUSA to honor and celebrate leaders like retired pastors, church workers, and their families who now find themselves in financial need. The envelopes for this offering are blue and white with a manger scene printed on them.

Second is our **Local Mission Offering**. The total amount collected will go to help the missions that we support as a church. These envelopes have assorted designs on them.

You can donate without using one of the special envelopes, but please clearly indicate to which offering you want your donation to go.

At this special holy time of year please consider helping those in need. These special collections will be dedicated on Sunday, January 5.

**From the Worship Ministry**   
**Our annual Christmas program**featuring our children, youth, and choir, will be the worship service next Sunday, December 15. (Rehearsal for all participants is today following the worship service.) We would like all participants to be here by 8:45 a.m. next Sunday morning

*Because the longest day/night of the year (December 21) is a Saturday, we will not hold a* ***Longest Night Service*** *this year. Please remember those who**are not feeling merry this holiday season.*

The **Christmas Eve service** (Tuesday, December 24) will again be at 4:30 p.m.! It will be a traditional service including Scripture, carols, choir, and concluding with the traditional *Silent Night* candlelight singing.(The earlier time accommodates choir members and others who wish to gather with their families later that evening.)

Thanks to everyone who ordered poinsettias to beautify the sanctuary for Christmas – there’s still time to order if you haven’t already. ***Orders are due by next Sunday, December 15***. Please take your plants home after the Christmas Eve service on Tuesday afternoon, December 24, or pick them up in the narthex on Thursday, December 26, from 10-11:00 a.m. If unable to pick up, please arrange for someone else to do so. There will be no home deliveries.

**Sign up for Flowers:** Watch for the 2025 flower chart to be posted soon – you will be able to sign up for arrangements for the first half of the year. If you are unable to sign up at church, contact Sarah Allen ([sarah.cleland.allen@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.cleland.allen@gmail.com)) with your requests.

We hope to keep the same price as last year ($35 per arrangement), but to be sure, check the information on the flower chart when you sign up to see what the 2025 actually will be. If you are donating your flowers, mark the chart with an X. Deacons deliver flowers that are donated. If you are not donating the flowers, please be sure to take them home after Sunday worship or designate someone to pick them up for you.

Thank you for your support of Southminster’s Flower Ministry. Questions: call or text Sarah Allen (630-988-8231).

**From the Stewardship Ministry**We will begin our budget process for 2025 at the December 17 Session meeting. It would be helpful to have all our pledges in by then. 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](mailto:jaylerch@sbcglobal.net)

**From the Endowment Funds Ministry: Composing a Legacy   
*“Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!”***

Throughout Scripture, music is shown to be one of the great expressions of faith. During our lives we are called in many different ways to sing along and harmonize with Jesus. Composing a legacy can be one of those ways.

Planning for the future can be a means of keeping the song of God's praise flowing. That's true even though estate planning, to some, is a jarring subject. As Christians, however, we are called to look to the next world, and to prepare to leave this one. Proper planning – orchestrating your wishes – brings peace of mind. You can provide for those you love and support charitable mission causes in a way that becomes your own personal song to God.

Christian estate planning involves your faith and ensures that your good intentions will be carried out even after you are gone. You may be surprised how even a small asset can be transformed into a gift that will support the programs of Southminster Church in perpetuity. Proper planning can also minimize taxes allowing you to leave more to the people closest to you.

For more information about Southminster’s Endowment Program, contact Pastor Wendy Boden or Ron Birchall, Moderator of the Endowment Funds Ministry.

**Presbyterian Women (PW)**  
**This Friday (December 13) is our Christmas Salad Luncheon at 11:30 a.m.** (note this is the second Friday of December and not the third Friday, when we usually meet). Bring a salad to share and a serving utensil. We will gather in the Narthex for a time of food, fellowship, and fun. Following the luncheon, we will move to the Sanctuary where Derek Buckley will entertain us with beautiful songs of the season. A sign-up sheet for attending the Salad Luncheon is on the PW bulletin board (near the coat room); all women are invited, but please let us know you are coming.  
  
Remember that December 13 is the first day we will begin collecting books for the **Annual Book Sale** in January. So, bring your books with you and after the luncheon drop them off for the book sale. A little red wagon will be available in the entryway for book drop off. The books will be stored and sorted in Fellowship Hall. The book sale will be held in the Narthex starting Friday, January 19.   
  
  
**Coming deadlines!**

**The January Dialog**: Christmas is coming, and right after that Pastor Wendy Boden is leaving for a mission trip to our sister church in Cuba. Therefore, the deadline for the January *Dialog* will be very early: Thursday, December 19!

**The 2024 Church Financial Records** must be closed promptly at the end of this month. Any deposits, donations or pledges that need to be recorded in calendar year 2024 or bills to be paid from the 2024 budget must be in the church office no later than Friday, January 3, at noon. If you have any questions, please contact Treasurer Tom Frey.

**Notes 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**   
Thanks to all who ordered Jubilee Bucks gift cards in December – this month’s sale was our biggest order yet, with a total order of $9,675.00 (273 cards) — 101 cards worth $2,525.00 were ordered for Share the Spirit! Southminster’s 2024 total in “free money” generated from the sale of Jubilee Bucks is $2,224.94.

Your next chance to order will be January 5, 2025.

**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 from the Parks family celebrating Elspeth’s birthday.***We give thanks to God for joys.** *- We gave thanks for all who were able to be with loved ones for Thanksgiving and pray safe travels for all who will go to be with family for Christmas.*  - Susie Salins is doing well following back surgery. She thanks everyone for their prayers and well wishes.  
**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.   
  - 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, December 1) there were 86 shooting incidents in 33 states plus the District of Columbia, leaving 33 people dead and 73 people injured.* To see current statistics for shootings in this country, go to <https://www.gunviolencearchive.org>.  
  
 *- We lift up the kindergarten children who were shot in their school in California and are hospitalized in critical condition.* *We lift up the families of all gun violence victims.*  
 - 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  
  - 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**:  
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., Al M., Jan M., Nikki M., Rebecca M., Tim O., Ginny 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**:  
 *- Rita Zapel asks prayers for Willy Christensen, who is in the ICU*  
 - We pray for Heidi Shierry with additional health concerns.  
 - We lift up Linda Wolf Jeziorski and her husband, Paul. Linda fell and was hospitalized but is now recovering at Wynscape.   - Pete Petersen asks prayer for his cousin, James Marohn, who has entered hospice care.  
  - Pastor Wendy’s bonus dad, Frank, who is in severe back pain with no cause yet diagnosed  
  - Kim Gosney’s sister, Amy, is not out of a coma  
  - 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.  - 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.  
  - 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, upcoming medical procedures, or chronic pain  
  - For those who are depressed  
  - Difficult marriages   
  - We continue to pray for: Barb (Deb’s cousin), Brandon, Joe M., Felice T., Isabella, Kathy, Linda T., Mya, Oaklen, Phyllis L. Phyllis is grateful for prayers and is doing better.   
**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 December, 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](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:** **December 8 – *Second Sunday of Advent***  
 **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. - in person and also live on Facebook **Fellowship** in the Narthex following worship  
 **Rehearsal for the Christmas Program** 11:00 in the Sanctuary  
 **No Staff meeting or Adult Ed.**   
 **Youth: Pizza & Games** at 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
**Monday, December 9 – Pastor’s Sabbath  
Tuesday-Friday –** **Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** on Facebook live at 4:20 p.m. **Tuesday, December 10  
 Knitting Circle** at 10:00 a.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library **Staff** calendar meeting at 12;30 p.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, December 11** **eNotesgo out  
 Property** meets at 7:00 p.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library  
**Thursday, December 12  
 Session docket deadline at noon** **Choir rehearsal** at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
 **Young Adults Video Club** 8:30 p.m. **Friday, December 13  
 PW Christmas Salad Luncheon** at 11:30 a.m. in the Narthex, followed by music   
 in the Sanctuary  
 A.A.at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
**Next** **Sunday,** **December 15 – *Third Sunday of Advent***  
 **Participants in the Christmas program** report to the Sanctuary by 8:45 a.m.  
 **Worship/Christmas Program** at 9:30 a.m. - in person and also live on Facebook **Fellowship** in the Narthex following worship  
 **Rehearsal for the Christmas Program** 11:00 in the Sanctuary  
 **Staff meeting** at 11:00 a.m. in the pastor’s office **Adult Ed.** at 11:15 a.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library

**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 – December 8, 2024**

**Do you hear what I hear?**

Do you know the song *Do You Hear What I Hear*? This powerful Christmas song was written in October 1962 as a plea for peace during the Cuban missile crisis. The story is based on the Nativity of Jesus from the gospel of Matthew but also includes the gospel of Luke.  
  
This Advent Sunday, we ask the same question: Can you hear us? In 2024, it became clear that Southminster needed a new sound system. On Monday, December 2, work began installing the new system one week sooner than expected! We are grateful to Ron Birchall, Steve Kozich, and David Kozich for their involvement with this installation.   
  
You may wonder how Southminster paid for it. This year’s annual allocation of the Living Legacy/Endowment Fund was used, and funds were also made available to our mission ministry.   
  
Because of the Endowment Fund/Living Legacy Fund, we can worship more faithfully, hear the word of God read and proclaimed, share one another's joys and concerns, and offer prayers that everyone can listen to. We will also be able to hear our musicians and vocalists better.  
  
Participating in the Endowment Fund is an act of love and faith in Christ and His ministry here. By committing and contributing to the Endowment Fund, we can spread God’s love in the present and share in God’s future plans.   
  
May courage, faith, and hope inspire us to a great harvest, bearing the fruit of love as we worship and work together as a community of faith, hope, and love.