**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**4th Sunday after Epiphany**

**February 2, 2025**

**9:30 a.m.**

Find the link for the service on one of these sites:

1) on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/>
2) our YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPgWICngOvkmR1OXgCG_wiA/live>

3) our web site: <https://www.southminsterpc.org/>

If the video feed is interrupted during the service, we will continue to record and then post the full video on Facebook and our web site as soon as possible.

For those who are in the sanctuary, please put your phone in airplane mode.

Today we are having communion. Those at home may want to gather the elements (“bread” and “wine” or whatever you have) before the service begins.

 Gathering Music/Photo Story: “Winter” (from Carol McHaley)

 Welcome and Announcements

 Lighting the Candles (1 Corinthians 12:4-6)‬‬‬‬‬‬‬‬‬‬‬‬

**There are varieties of gifts, services, and activities, but there is one spirit,
one Lord, and one God.**

  Prelude

[Please remain seated while singing the opening song.]

 Hymn 157: *I Danced in the Morning*  (all verses)

 Call to Worship

 Leader: Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega,
 the one who is, who was, and is to come.

 **People**: **Bread of Heaven, God with us!**

 **All:** **We come to worship Jesus Christ,
 King of kings and Lord of lords!**

 Hymn 510: *We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name*

 Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Lord God, we come seeking your correction and blessing as we follow your leading. By the power of your Spirit alive within us, we look to see you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly each day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

 (Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

 Declaration of God’s Grace/The Good News of Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:16-19, edited)

 Leader: From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view.

 **People: So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:**

 Leader: Everything old has passed away;

 **People: See, everything has become new!**

 **All: We declare the good news!
 In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia!**

 Response 582: *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,**

**And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,**

**And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

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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:

 *God Welcomes All*  Hymnal 399

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;**

**God’s love is strong and it never ends.**

Text: John L. Bell, 2008

Music: South African song, transc, John L. Bell, 2008

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 Prayer for Illumination

 Scripture Lessons:  Luke 6:1-11 Pew Bible, p. 63 (N.T.)

 Luke 6:12-16 Pew Bible, p. 64 (N.T.)

 Sermon: “Lord of the Sabbath”

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)
 *The Apostles’ Creed* [Ecumenical]

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

 Hymn 530: *One Bread, One Body* (all verses)

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: *Where Two or Three Are Gathered* Lawton/arr. Tate

 \**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 Dedication

 Service of the Lord’s Supper

 Invitation

 [You do not need to wait to consume the elements – please do so as the Spirit
 leads (right away, as you pause after receiving, or back in your seats).

 We extend an invitation to the Lord’s Supper to all who have been baptized. You do
 not need to be a member of this congregation or a Presbyterian to share in this meal.
 We remember that access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a
 privilege given to believers who come in faith, repentance, and love.]

 Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

 Leader: The Lord be with you.

 **People**: **And also with you.**

 Leader: Lift up your hearts.

 **People: We lift them to the Lord.**

 Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

 **People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

 *The minister gives thanks…*

 The congregation responds by singing together:

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 *The minister continues the Thanksgiving…*
 “*Together we proclaim the great mystery of faith:”*

 **According to Christ’s commandment**

 **We remember his death,**

 **We proclaim his resurrection,**

 **We await his coming in glory.**

*The minister continues with Intercessions for the Church and the World
and Prayers of the People…*

 Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

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

 Our 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.**

 Words of Institution

 Communion

 Communion Music: *Day By Day*

*We all will receive communion by coming to the Lord’s Table. Our usher will invite you to come forward by pew, beginning from the back. If you are unable to come forward, a server will come to you after everyone else has received. Choir members will remain seated and receive after the congregation.
Please consume the elements when you are comfortable doing so. You do not need to wait – please do so as the Spirit leads (right away, as you pause after receiving, or back in your seats).
With Christian love we serve gluten-free communion bread and alcohol-free grape juice.
Also with Christian love the elements were prepared with strict attention to health concerns.
You are invited to partake of the prepackaged communion juice and wafer if you choose; the wafer is not gluten free.*

 Prayer after Communion

 Hymn 182: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* (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: Andrea Schmidt
Greeter/Fellowship: Sue Knisely
Elder at the Door: Deb Bohi
Musicians: Tom Anderson, the Southminster Choir, David Kozich
Worship Associate: David Kozich
Tech support: Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson

The flowers today are given by John Pezl in memory of his wife, Dawn’s, birthday.

**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 given by John Pezl in memory of his wife, Dawn’s, birthday.*  **We give thanks to God for joys:** *- Heidi Shierry is well and feeling good!* - The baptism last Sunday of Colette Poppy Russell
 - Mary Tennyson, who we’ve been praying for, is now cancer free.
 - For the Cing family, who got a new furnace installed in their home thanks to DuPage County!
**We pray for the whole world and our nation:**
  - Lord, direct President Trump into paths of peace and justice. Help him fulfill his oath of office and seek the common good.
  - Prayers of thanksgiving for the life and service of former President Jimmy Carter - May all our public servants lead with godly intentions. We pray for the healing of our country and ask that all people model love and justice.
 - We pray that the ceasefire agreement in Gaza will lead to a peaceful and just solution in that region
  - Peace for Syria – the removal of former ruler Assad and prayers for the new leadership of the country, even amid the hostilities of neighbors; for hostilities to cease
  - We hold up all those affected by the fires in southern California and all the people who are fighting those fires and rescuing others. We also pray for other areas in our nation and world struck by extreme weather and natural disasters.
  - We pray for the students, staff, and the community of Antioch High School in Nashville, where a shooting last week in the lunchroom left two students dead (one was the shooter) and one hospitalized in stable condition.
  - We pray for an end to gun violence in our nation. *On one day (last Sunday, January 26) there were 91 shooting incidents in 28 states plus the District of Columbia, leaving 37 people dead and 72 people injured.* To see current statistics for shootings in this country, go to <https://www.gunviolencearchive.org>. We lift up the families of all gun violence victims.
 - We continue to pray for peace in the world
**Blessed are those who mourn**:
 *- The families, friends, and colleagues of those killed in the crash of the American Airlines plane and U.S. Army helicopter near Washington, D.C. on Wednesday night* - The family and friends of Bill Osborne, who was killed in an auto accident January 11. He was an old and dear friend of Lanny Russell.
  - Prayers of comfort and hope for Paul Jeziorski, extended family, and friends in the death of Linda Wolf Jeziorski on December 24. Her service was held January 11 at Southminster.
  - Jack Thorne and family after the death of his Aunt Marsh on December 31
  - 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 for Ralph, her husband.
  - 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**:
 *- Floyd Rogers, recently diagnosed with cancer*
 - We lift up Kurt Parent, a member of Hope Church and a friend of this congregation, who has had a relapse of pancreatic cancer. He will see an oncologist this week to determine his course of treatment.
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., Margaret F., Tom G., Frank L., Al M., Nikki M., Rebecca M., Tim O., Ginny O., Betsey P., Laura P., Cis R., Gerry S., Marta S., Meagan S., 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**: *- Jonathan Buckley undergoing tests at Rush
 - Prayers for all recently arrived refugees, who are no longer receiving resettlement support from the U.S. government
 - Ann Anderson’s niece, Skylar, and other children who are bullied*  - Pastor Wendy’s bonus dad, Frank, who is in nursing care with a brace for his pelvis and neck, which are broken.
  - Louanne Jourdan asks prayers for her brother, Tim Mueller, who had a heart attack
  - Joan Koska is at Tabor Hills Healthcare Facility. Cards are welcome but no visitors.
Here is the address:
Joan Koska
c/o Tabor Hills Healthcare Facility
1347 Crystal Ave.
Room 234
Naperville, IL 60563
  - Jim Smith, at Brookdale, and all who are in care centers
  - Rita Zapel asks prayers for Willy Christensen, a close family friend, who is now in hospice care.
  - 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.
  - 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.

**This week at Southminster:**  **Sunday, February 2
Order Jubilee Bucks gift cards** by emailing bobbifrey@aol.com by 9:00 p.m.
**Bring canned/packaged soup/chili/stew for the “Souper Bowl” collection**
 **Worship with Communion** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook
 **In-person Fellowship** in the Narthex following the service
 **Luminaria bags for Luminaria Sunday** will be available during Fellowship time
 **Special Session meeting** at 11:00 a.m. in the Parlor/Library to approve
 the annual statistical report
 **Adult Ed.** at 11:15 a.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library
 **Youth: Pizza & Games** from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Monday, February 3 – Pastor’s Sabbath
Tuesday, February 4** **Staff lunch** at 12:30 p.m.
 **Mission Ministry** at 7:30 p.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library
 A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday, February 5
 Women’s Breakfast**, 8:30 a.m., Danby’s Station **February *Dialog* goes out
Thursday, February 6
 Worship Ministry** at 6:00 p.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library
 **Choir rehearsal** at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
 **Young Adults Video Club** meets at 8:30 p.m. **Friday, February 7**
 A.A.at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Next** **Sunday,** **February 9**
**Bring canned/packaged soup/chili/stew for the “Souper Bowl” collection**
 **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook
 **“Tailgate Fellowship”** in the Narthex following the service
 **Luminaria bags for Luminaria Sunday** will be available during Fellowship time
 **Adult Ed.** at 11:15 a.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library
 **No Youth activity**

If you are online, we’re glad to have you! Using the comments section on Facebook, you can say hello, ask for words of peace, or request prayers.
If you are present for worship, please wear a name tag; they are on the Mission shelf in the Narthex and on the shelf across from the church offices. Following the service, you are invited by the deacons to gather for a time offellowship in the narthex.

**Our “Comfort Zone”** – It is cold, flu, and Covid season, so we continue to have a “comfort zone” toward the back of the sanctuary. You may wear a mask, of course, if you so choose.

**Sunday Morning Adult Ed. Bible Study,** **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 5:04 p.m. most weeks Tuesday through Friday. **Note the new time – 5:04 p.m.!**

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. Watch here for coming opportunities to share your photos.

**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) and we’ll forward your message.

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**
**Adult Education**: Our Matthew study had gotten to the point of Jesus’s betrayal and the events that follow that. It is a big story. It is an important story. It is the center of our faith. Join us as we study, discuss, and take in that story. We meet this Sunday at 11:15 a.m. in the Parlor/Library, and there is a seat for you.

**Men of Southminster**: We gather on Saturday, Feb. 15, at 9:00 a.m. for coffee and donuts and conversation. What shall we talk about? You have to come to find out! Let Blair N know if you can make it.

We have a “Men of Southminster” mail list. If you have not been getting emails about the group and would like to, give your address of Blair N and it will go on the list.

**Youth**: **Pizza & Games** this Sunday! So come for fun, yummies, nourishment, games, smiles, and a deep thought. Bring $5 for the meal, a story about your week, and a friend, if you can.

**The Chili Cook Off** is coming! Southminster’s annual Chili/Soup Cook-Off is on the calendar for Sunday, March 2. That gives you time to tweak your favorite chili (or soup) recipe to be ready for the competition!

**“Paving the Way”**The Paving the Way Capital Campaign kicked-off with a brief congregational meeting on Sunday, January 26. Envelopes with campaign information have been handed out or are in the mail. If you need more information or have questions, please contact Rita Zapel at rboserup@sbcglobal.net.

**Join Us for a Tailgate Fellowship Sunday, February 9!**We’re thrilled to announce a special fellowship to raise awareness for the much-needed paving of our parking lot. Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 9th, immediately following worship services, and come enjoy a delicious homemade tailgate-style fellowship with your church family and community.

This is a wonderful opportunity to come together, share a meal, and support a cause that will benefit everyone. A smooth and paved parking lot will provide greater accessibility, enhance safety, and improve the overall experience for everyone visiting our church.

Details:
WHEN: Sunday, February 9, after Worship
WHERE: Narthex
WHAT: Tailgate Fellowship

Let’s come together as a community and “pave the way” for a brighter and smoother future!
We can’t wait to see you there!

**From the Christian Ed. Ministry: We’re collecting soup!**
It’s cold outside! What’s better when it’s cold than warm soup? On the first two Sundays in February – the 2nd and 9th – the kids of Southminster will be collecting soup to donate to People’s Resource Center (PRC). We call it the **Souper Bowl** to coincide with the Super Bowl. Canned or packaged soup, beef stew, or chili would be great. Please donate as you can to help our neighbors. There will be a collection container in the Narthex.

**From the Mission Ministry: Luminaria bags are now available!**On February 23 we will hold our 13th annual Luminaria Sunday service. The service is a ceremony of remembrance and hope, when we honor and remember those touched by cancer. Luminaria bags will light the sanctuary during the worship service and the names of those remembered and honored will be read and prayed for during the Prayers of the People. Together, we will share a moment of silence to remember our loved ones.

Luminaria bags will be available for purchase before and after worship on February 2, 9, and 16, $10 for each person honored or remembered. If ordering by mail, please send your check, made out to the American Cancer Society, by February 16. Please print the name(s) of those you wish to honor (those living who have cancer or have had cancer) and those remembered (those who are deceased who had cancer). For each name, please indicate if the person is to be honored or remembered. Example: “John Jones, remembered, $10. Jane Smith, honored, $10. Total: $20.” Then mail your check and the names to Southminster Presbyterian Church, 680 S. Park Blvd., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137, or drop it off at church at your convenience by February 16.

**From the Worship Ministry**

**Sign up for flowers:** The 2025 flower chart is posted – you are invited 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) with your requests.The price remains the same as last year ($35 per arrangement). 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.

Worship Ministry is looking for more people to serve as **liturgists** or on the **Worship Arts Team**. If you’d like to volunteer or want to know more about what’s involved, contact Sarah Allen, Moderator of Worship. Her email address is above, or call her at 630-988-8231.

 **Women’s Monthly Breakfast**

If you enjoy going out for breakfast with friends and making new connections, you might be interested in joining the women of the church for breakfast at Danby’s Station. This event occurs at 8:30 a.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. The next women's breakfast is scheduled for this Wednesday, February 5. All women are invited for breakfast and fellowship in a casual environment.

 **Presbyterian Readers** will meet Wednesday, February 19, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The February book is *The Lion Women of Tehran* by Marjan Kamali. It is described as “an evocative read and a powerful portrait of friendship, feminism, and political activism” (People) set against three transformative decades in Tehran, Iran...”

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

For more information about the Readers, contact Rita Zapel at rboserup@sbcglobal.net.

 **Presbyterian Women (PW):**The next Presbyterian Women’s meeting will be on Friday, February 21. Jessica Bohi-Parks will speak about women’s mental health issues. The meeting will take place in the Parlor, starting with refreshments and devotions at 9:30 a.m., followed by the presentation at 10:00 a.m. and a business meeting afterward. All women are invited to join us!

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)** has been in communication with faith leaders in the affected communities in the fire regions in southern California. In addition to providing emotional and spiritual care, PDA has already released emergency grants to meet the urgent needs of the communities and to provide immediate assistance.

If you would like to contribute to PDA’s efforts, gifts can be made online by going to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance website and scrolling to “Currently Responding – Southern California Wildfires,” by phone at 800-728-7228, ext. 5885, or by check made payable to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with “PDA-CF25-E” written on the memo line and mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. Or pick up one of the flyers on the prayer table at the entrance to the sanctuary and follow the donation information there.

**A note from Barb:** **Another thing to do while you’re hibernating during the winter…The puzzles are back**!
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: Order today!**
Today is your only chance to order Jubilee Bucks this month. You can order some as Valentine’s Day gifts, but remember that gift cards can also be used for your own personal use (groceries, gas, restaurants, etc.). Get your order to Bobbi Frey at church or by email to bobbifrey@aol.com no later than 9:00 p.m. today.
Your next chance to order will be March 2.

**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.

**Caring for you!**Our **Congregational Care Committee** is ready to assist in time of need. If you need assistance from the Congregational Care Ministry or Helping Hands until February 11, call Deacon Elise Henkels (630-740-0473). You may call Pastor Wendy Boden on her cell or home phone (if she has shared the numbers with you) or leave a message for her at the church office: 630-469-9149. You may email Wendy at wendy@southminsterpc.org. (Please note that she can only read email when she is in the office.) You may also call your deacon if you need help from the church.

**Regular Office Schedule: The church office is closed on Mondays and Wednesdays.**Barb’s regular schedule is to be in the office Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from approximately 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. while her son attends his day program on those days. Mondays and Wednesdays she works from home.

Grace and peace to you! Remember that we love God, neighbor, and one another. Our address is 680 South Park Blvd., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 if you would like to set up an online account with your bank or mail in your pledge. Online giving through Vanco is also now an option –for details contact Ron Birchall.

**Bearing Fruit – February 2, 2025
“Souper Bowl” Sunday, February 9**

Next Sunday, Super Bowl Sunday, you are invited to a Tailgate Fellowship after worship celebrating our progress on the “Paving the Way” Capital Campaign. Feel free to wear your team colors! We are doing more than just celebrating a new parking lot; we are also collecting donations for Souper Bowl Sunday.

In 1990, Brad Smith, a seminary intern serving at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC, delivered a simple prayer: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat." It inspired a youth-led movement to help hungry and hurting people around the world.

The prayer stirred the senior high youth of the congregation and invited other area churches to join them in collecting for the hungry. Twenty-two Columbia churches participated that first year, reporting their results so a total could be determined, and then sending all $5,700 they had raised to area non-profits. Since 1990 ordinary young people have generated an extraordinary amount – more than $90 million – for soup kitchens, food banks, and other charities in communities across the country.

Our youth and children invite you to join them in bearing God’s love by bringing soup and other canned food next week to worship for our Souper Bowl collection here at Southminster Presbyterian Church. The donations will go to the People’s Resource Center. Come over to God’s house before the game.

Please support our children in bearing the fruit of God’s love through Souper Bowl and bring in a can next week!