**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**5th Sunday after Epiphany**

**February 9, 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.

 Gathering Music/Photo Story: “Love from Africa” (from Floyd Rogers)

 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 as we begin worship.]

 Hymn: *He Knows My Name*  (all) Pg, 18, gold supplement

 Call to Worship  (Matthew 11:28-29)

 Leader: Jesus said,“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
 and I will give you rest.

 **People: Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
 for I am gentle and humble in heart,”**

 **All:** **And we will find rest for our souls.**

 Hymn 408: *There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*  (all verses)

 Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Lord God, we seek to find our rest in you, but often we make it hard on ourselves fearing that we are asking too much. We are more comfortable earning our way. Through the power of the Spirit alive within us, help us to trust that Christ’s grace is real and Christ’s love is without limit. 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 7:11-17  Pew Bible, p. 65 (N.T.)

 Luke 7:1-10 Pew Bible, p. 65 (N.T.)

 Sermon: “You Get One, Too” Pastor Wendy Boden

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)
 from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (PCUSA) [11.65-71]

**In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

 Hymn 834: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*  (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: *You Are Mine*  Haas/arr. Larson

 \**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 16: *O That I Had a Thousand Voices*  (all verses)

 Charge and Benediction

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

 Postlude

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden

Liturgist: Francine Long
Greeter/Fellowship: Lynn Ferino
Elder at the Door: Chris Kozich
Musicians: Tom Anderson; Lynn Ferino, Elise Henkels
Worship Associate: David Kozich
Tech support: Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson

The flowers today are given by Lanny Russell in memory of Jerry Tonne.

**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,

Prayer is an essential thread in the fabric of our community of faith. We all pray for one another, and our twice-weekly joys and concerns prayer list is in our eNotes and worship bulletins. We also include those prayer requests in our monthly *Dialog*.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to make prayer requests, whether members or not. On Sunday morning, you may fill out a blue prayer request slip, or during the week, email or call Barb or me so that your prayers may be included.

Knowing how people are doing would be a joy and very helpful. If you have submitted a person to be prayed for, please send an update to the office occasionally.

On the last Sunday of February, February 23, we will observe Luminaria Sunday, a day dedicated to praying for all the individuals whose lives have been affected by cancer.

We will refresh the list of people fighting cancer the following Sunday, March 2. Please make a point of sending an email, text, phone call, or filling out a blue prayer request and letting the people of Southminster know who you would like us to keep in prayer.

Pastor Wendy

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

**Joys and Concerns** *The flowers today* *are given by Lanny Russell in memory of Jerry Tonne.*  **We give thanks to God for joys:**
 *- That Mark, brother of Donna Marton, has found a place to live
 - The life of Dawn Pezl and the life she shared with John***We pray for the whole world and our nation:**
 *- We lift up the federal government employees who might be finding their work situations confusing and questionable. May you strengthen their hearts and minds about the best course of action.  Shine in their hearts and minds.
 - We hold before you the people of World Relief, clients, employees, and volunteers, some of whom are members of Southminster. Thousands of people with purchased plane tickets are abandoned because they are now not allowed into the country, and others present here among us have lost the 90-day promise of support taken away from them. May mercy and grace be upon these people.*
  - 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 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 an end to gun violence in our nation. *On one day (last Sunday, February 2) there were 103 shooting incidents in 33 states plus the District of Columbia, leaving 40 people dead and 68 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**:
 *- Rick and Darlene Crilly and family on the death of Rick’s mother, Dolores Crilly, on Wednesday* - 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. last week and those affected the crash of the medevac plane in Philadelphia
 - 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. He will begin immunotherapy next week – injections every three weeks for years.*
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., Kurt 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**: *- Greg, 35-year-old nephew of Barb Doppelt’s dear friend, Linda, suffered a massive stroke and cardiac arrest and is on life support
 - Susie and Sean Salins’ neighbors, Wally and Dee, are in declining health; Dee is in hospice care. They are like grandparents to Noah.
  - Pastor Wendy’s bonus dad, Frank, will have his pacemaker battery replaced on Monday.
 - Deb Bohi’s friend, Liz Werth, who had brain surgery this past week* - 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  - 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.
  - 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 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
 **No Adult Ed.** – enjoy the tailgating instead!
 **No Youth activity**
**Pastor Wendy Boden will be away February 10-17**. Blair Nelson will provide
 pastoral care while Wendy is away; call him at 630-917-6035.
**There will be no Heart to Heart the week that Wendy is away.
Tuesday, February 11** **Knitting Circle** 10:00 a.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library
 **Deacons** at 7:30 p.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library
 A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday, February 12
 eNotes go out
 Property**, 7:00 p.m., Parlor/Library **Thursday, February 13**
 **No choir rehearsal**
 **Young Adults Video Club** meets at 8:30 p.m. **Friday, February 14**
 A.A.at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Next** **Sunday,** **February 16**
 **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook
 Fellowship in the Narthex following the service
 last day that **Luminaria bags for Luminaria Sunday** will be available during Fellowship time
 **Adult Ed.** at 11:15 a.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library
 **Youth” Photo Scavenger Hunt**, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Yorktown Mall

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**is not meeting today so you can enjoy your time at the Tailgate Fellowship.

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.! BUT, Pastor Wendy will be away this week and will not do Heart to Heart again until February 17.**

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**: We will not meet today so you can enjoy the Tailgate Party during the fellowship time.

**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 to Blair N and it will go on the list.

**Youth**: Next Sunday, Feb. 16th, we meet at 4:00 p.m. at the food court in Yorktown Mall for a **photo scavenger hunt!** We will hunt for mally things, eat mally food, and master the ways of the American mall.

**The annual Chili/Soup Cook-Off** is coming on Sunday, March 2. This is a fundraiser for the youth mission trip—a free-will offering will be taken. It is also a whole lot of good food and good fun. Not a cook? Then you are a judge! So, join us after fellowship on March 2 for a good meal and a good time. Sign-up sheets for contestants and consumers will appear in the Narthex in mid-February.

**“Paving the Way”**The Paving the Way Capital Campaign kicked-off with a brief congregational meeting on Sunday, January 26th to raise funds for the reconstruction of the church parking lot, including bringing the handicap-accessible spaces up to the new ADA standards. The condition of the lot has deteriorated greatly. There are a number of potholes and areas that no longer have blacktop. Recently the church was denied a permit by the Village of Glen Ellyn to re-stripe the lot, because changes like that are allowed only if we bring the accessible spaces up to current Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.

It is estimated that the cost will be $180,000 to $200,000. This is a large cost, but a necessary one. To ensure we meet the needs of everyone in our community and remain a welcoming home we need your support to complete this project.

Safety and accessibility are urgent priorities. With your support, our home can be as welcoming as our church family is. Please, consider supporting the *Paving the Way* campaign. You can have a direct impact on our Southminster community by giving a gift towards this initiative. Project and financing updates will be posted in the narthex and in the weekly eNotes.

As of Friday, the parking lot committed funding (pledges and cash) was $96,165. Thank you to those who have given generously!

Envelopes with campaign information have been handed out or are in the mail. If you have not received yours, need more information or have questions, please contact Rita Zapel at rboserup@sbcglobal.net or call the church office at 630-469-9149.

**Join us for a Tailgate Fellowship today!**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: Today 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 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.

 **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:**
Thanks to all who ordered Jubilee Bucks this month. The year-to-date total of “free money” earned for Southminster through the purchase of gift cards is $342.71. 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). Watch for the next contact person to be announced after the deacons meet on the 11th. You may always call your deacon if you need help from the church.

**Pastor Wendy Boden will be away February 10-17.** If you need pastoral care while she is away, contact Minister of Youth and Adult Discipleship Blair Nelson at 630-917-6035.

**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 9, 2025**

**Tailgate Fellowship**

Today is the Super Bowl! Millions across the United States will gather with friends and family to watch the big game on TV, computers, and cell phones. According to Forbes, “Super Bowl fans will spend $17.3 billion on party fare despite rising food prices.”

How about a Tailgate Fellowship right here following worship with a higher purpose than sports? Southminster is hosting a Tailgate Fellowship in the narthex to mark and celebrate our “Paving the Way” Capital Campaign for a new, updated parking lot.

At this time, our current balance with pledges is $96,165 of the estimated cost of $180,000 to $2000,00, including money from memorial funds as directed by the families.

Out of gratitude to Southminster for displaying her work, artist d Wright (Yes, that’s the way it is spelled – it’s not a typo!), whose work is on display in our gallery, is donating any sales of her artwork to the “Pave the Way” parking lot fund. The large framed pieces are $350, small pieces and portraits $200, and all others $250. Please see Angela Smith for more information. Wright’s work will be on display until mid-February.

Wright is an artist and educator based in Chicago. Through drawing, collage, and experiments with sound, Wright engages in profound, playful explorations of language and the language of different materials. Wright has led art-making workshops at the Art Institute of Chicago and the Chicago Public Library and has exhibited at Logan Center exhibitions, Charlotte St. Foundation, Belong Gallery, and Dream Farm Commons.

Not to be outdone, the children of Southminster are asking for donations on Super Bowl/“Souper Bowl” Sunday – canned soup and more to support the People’s Resouce Center. To add a bit of Souper Bowl fun to their concern for those facing food shortages, they are encouraging a competitive spirit: if you support the Chiefs, bring chili; if you support the Eagles, bring soup! If you have no preferred team, donate whatever you feel led to give (other canned food and snacks). The Souper Bowl donation can will be in the narthex through the end of February.

Together, we bear the fruit of God’s love, “paving the way” in our parking lot to welcome everyone to Southminster and filling our Souper Bowl donation can to feed our neighbors.