



Southminster Presbyterian Church

“A Christ-centered ... intentionally missional congregation ...”

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Easter Sunday Celebration of Worship April 9, 2023

11 a.m.

Prayer of Preparation

(...for a moment of personal reflection)

O God of Easter joy,
we come this morning
with glad shouts of acclamation.
Christ is risen.
Christ is risen, indeed.
May this time of worship enable us to
Truly and fully experience the Risen Christ.
May we be transformed; transformed into
Your Easter people,
With messages of reconciliation,
Hope and life. Amen.

Prelude

Campanae Celebrare
The Southminster Ringers

Cathy Moglebust

Ringing of the Hour

Welcome

Don Ewing

Introit

Christ Has Risen
Chancel Choir & Trumpet

Daniel Mattix

* Call to Worship

Don Ewing

Leader: Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message
of hope. Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen, indeed.

Leader: We run to the tomb to see for ourselves. And it is true.
Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen, indeed.

Leader: We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen
Lord is with us now and always.

**People: Christ is risen.
Christ is risen, indeed.
Thanks be to God.**

*** Processional Hymn #113** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!*

LLANFAIR

“Christ the Lord is risen today!” Alleluia!
All creation, join to say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to You by both be given; Alleluia!
Every knee to You shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

*** Prayer of Adoration**

Call to Confession

Fred Barnes

Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

Gracious God,
we worship a risen Savior, but we find ourselves weighed down
by so much. We would prefer an easy faith, one that does
not require us to identify the many ways that our thoughts,
words, and actions have scorned Your love.
But faith is never easy. It requires our souls. Forgive us when
we choose to remain captive to fear and doubt.
Remind us that Jesus gave His very life so that we might draw
near to You.
Deepen our faith, and enable us by Christ’s resurrection power
to live no longer for ourselves, but for Him who died and
rose again on our behalf, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

(...for a time of silent reflection)

Assurance of Forgiveness

*** Glory to God**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.

Announcements

Laura Bentley

Hymn *All Things Bright and Beautiful* ROYAL OAK
All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful: The Lord God made them all.

Time With the Young Church Laura Bentley and Jennifer Stampfel

Anthem *Now the Green Blade Rises* Donald Mcullough
Chancel Choir

Prayer for Illumination Laura Bentley

Old Testament Lesson Zephaniah 3:14-20 p. 767

Anthem *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* Benjamin Tucker
The Southminster Ringers

New Testament Lesson Matthew 27: 62 – 28:10 p. 811

Sermon Don Ewing

* **Hymn** (see insert) *God's Right Hand and Holy Arm* K. Lee Scott
Chancel Choir, Brass Ensemble, Bells and Congregation

Prayers of God's People Don Ewing

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.

Invitation to the Offering Fred Barnes

Offertory *When I Survey* Gilbert Martin
Chancel Choir & Brass Ensemble

* **Praise to God**

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.

Prayer of Dedication

*** Hymn #123**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

*** Charge and Blessing**

*** Postlude**

Now the Green Blade Riseth
The Southminster Ringers

Kevin McChesney

**** If you are able, please stand.***

If you are visiting with us this morning, WELCOME! Please complete a CONNECT Card
so we can be in touch with you.
Thank you for sharing Worship with us this morning.



PASTORAL TEAM

The Rev. Dr. Donald R. Ewing, Interim Pastor
The Rev. Laura A. Bentley, Associate Pastor
Mr. Frederic D. Barnes, Pastoral Care Associate & Director of AIC
Mr. Richard Pinkerton, Minister of Music
Ms. Jennifer Stampfel, Director of Children's Ministry

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 9, 2023

WELCOME. In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to this Celebration of Worship. May we, each one, by the power of the Holy Spirit experience a *close communion* with God and a *warm fellowship* with one another.

SPECIAL THANK YOU to the Music Ministry, Southminster Ringers and The Brass Ensemble for sharing their gifts and talents with us today. Your hard work and dedication bless us! Brass Ensemble: Trumpets: Bill Harms and Chuck Sperry; Trombones: Mark Snyder and Bob Schmalz; Tuba: Bob Patterson

PRAISE PACKS for children are available at the Christian Education entrance to the Sanctuary (across from the Church Library and in the Narthex) and on the Crossings table. Please return the bags and books at the end of worship.

TODAY there will be no Café, Sunday Seminars for Adults, Sunday School, Child Care, Ringers or Youth Group.

THE CHURCH OFFICE is closed Monday, April 10, 2023 in observance of Easter.

SUNDAY SEMINARS FOR ADULTS – IN MEMORY OF ED SELL. This group is open to all adults and meets during the 10 a.m. church school hour in our Chapel. Donuts and coffee are available in the Parlor as well. Here's what's coming up:

4/16 – “The Life of Adolph Harnack” – Dr. John Wilson

4/23 – “The Life of Paul Tillich” – Dr. John Wilson



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING. One Great Hour of Sharing provides a way to change lives in Christ's name through the ministries of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. From initial disaster responses to ongoing community development, your gifts provide safety, sustenance, and hope to individuals and communities in need. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received **Today** and throughout the month of April. You can give [online](#) or by mailing a check to the church office. Your gift will make a difference.

COMMUNITY 3-4-1. On Wednesday, **April 12, 2023**, Southminster will once again act as the hosting meal partner for Community 341, a ministry that offers free weekly take-out meals to individuals & families in neighboring Brookline. There are a variety of ways you can get involved. You can volunteer to help prepare the food in the Kitchen at Southminster beginning at 1:00 p.m. or you can arrive later, at 3:30 p.m., to help assemble and pack the meal bags for transport. One other way to participate would be to ride to the distribution site located at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, on the corner of Brookline Blvd. and Glenarm Ave. in Brookline to help give out the meals in the Hall at 5:00 p.m. For further inquiries or to volunteer, **contact Pastor Laura at info@spchurch.org or call the Church Office.** If you cannot volunteer this time, Southminster will be hosting again on **June 14th, August 9th or October 11th.**



ADULT INTEREST CENTER This ministry to folks aged 55+ meets twice a month in Fellowship Hall. The dates for April are **April 14th (Singer Danny McElroy) and April 21st (A History of Pittsburgh Musicians given by speaker Gail Griffith).** We will *not* meet on April 7th because of Good Friday observances. The entertainment begins at 11 a.m. and lunch is available for \$9.00 at Noon. Invite a friend or neighbor to join the group!



SIGN UP AND BE A PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER THAN YOURSELF!

Sign up for the Annual Spring Southminster Blood Drive on Sunday, April 16, 2023 between 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in Rec Hall and Save a Life. The Greater Pittsburgh Community needs our help. Walk-ins welcome! To schedule your life saving appointment, go to <https://donateblood.centralbloodbank.org>. At the Schedule your Appointment Today screen, scroll down using the far right scroll bar and **enter the group code: G0010147** to schedule

your donation. If you are unable to schedule online, please call 412-209-7000. Let's help as many people as we can and be a part of something bigger than ourselves!

HONORING TENOR EMERITUS BOB PATTON, SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023! All are invited to help the music ministry honor Tenor Emeritus Bob Patton next Sunday during the 11 am worship. The Choir, guest soloist and small chamber orchestra will be performing pieces from Handel's Messiah. What is a Tenor Emeritus? This is a person who has been a faithful participant with the choir for many, many years, rarely missed rehearsals and continues to sing with us whenever able. Our Emeritus members are required to attend any rehearsal or service that they feel like attending! They have earned their freedom from decades of Dedication. Everyone is invited to the parlor following worship to celebrate with the Patton family and enjoy cake, punch and extend a hearty congratulations to Bob!



SCOTTISH SUNDAY. Join us **on Sunday, May 7,** for Southminster's 52nd annual celebration of Scottish Sunday. The 11 a.m. Celebration of Worship will start with a procession into the Sanctuary by the Carnegie Mellon University Pipes and Drums, Southminster Ringers, Chancel Choir, elders, deacons, and clergy. Enjoy special music and worship as once again we commemorate our Scottish Presbyterian heritage.

Immediately following worship, the celebration continues on the Southminster lawn (or in Fellowship Hall if it's rainy). The Celtic Spirit Dancers will perform traditional dances. If you have one, be sure to wear your tartan. Come join us for worship, music, dancing, fellowship, and homemade shortbread.

BOARD GAMES CLUB will meet on **Tuesday, April 18, at 7 p.m. in Southminster House.** A variety of games will be available for different interests and group sizes: strategy, social, puzzle type, deck games. Feel free to bring your favorites from home, also. Snacks and beverage for yourself (or to share) are welcome!



SUPPORT THE YOUTH TRIP TO ALASKA THROUGH THE WALL OF GIVING, Now through April 23. Visit the **Wall of Giving in the Café on the Rec Hall level** to pick up a giving envelope. Envelopes are labelled 1-100, and each one represents a pledge to give that dollar amount (i.e. the #20 envelope is a pledge to donate \$20 to the mission trip). Take the envelope with you and **bring it back by**

April 30th to place in the offering plate with your cash or check donation. You may also take an envelope and donate online through the church website. Unable to visit the Wall of Giving? "Pick up" a virtual envelope by contacting Pastor Laura at info@spchurch.org.

PICKLEBALL AT SPC. You are invited to play in SPC's fellowship hall with members and guests who are 18 yrs + or High School students with a parent. Four players minimum are required per session and up to eight can be accommodated. Please sign up in advance on SPC Team Snap or info@spchurch.org. All equipment is provided. Beginners to Experienced adults are invited to come join the fun and fellowship Here are upcoming Dates:

Wednesdays @ 1 p.m.

April 12, 19, 26 May 3, 10, 17, 24

Mondays @ 6:30 p.m.

April 24 May 8, 24

Thursdays @ 6:30 p.m.

April 20 May 4, 18



LADIES SAVE THE DATES for our **Women's Retreat:** from **dinner on Friday, May 12 until lunch on Saturday, May 13 at Sandscree, near Oglebay Park.** Our presenter (?) will be this anagram: their wine lame. Stay Tuned for more details.

SOUTHMINSTER CHILD CARE CENTER is looking for additional staff to encourage the healthy intellectual and psychological growth of the children in the infant and preschool classrooms. If you or someone you know may be interested, please call Bonnie Kline at 412-571-9229.

EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

In memory of Al Akers from Darlene Akers

In memory of loved ones from Nellie Ambrose

In memory of Mary Jane and Elmer Hoff from their daughter, Nancy Hoff Barsotti

In memory of Kay and Roger Bengston from Carol Bengston

In loving memory of Larry Bickar from Donna Bickar

In memory of our parents: Dr. Floyd and Dorothy Bragdon and Umbert and Jean Clements, and loved ones from the Robert Bragdon Family

In loving memory of David "Spud" Bragdon from Uncle Bob, Aunt Bunny, and all of his cousins – We love you!

In memory of the caring adults who were so supportive from Sarah and Chuck Buffington

Happy Easter! In memory of Elmer B. Burger II Love, Alice May, Alissa and Meredith

In memory of Ruth and Howard Douds from Roberta Douds Campbell

In honor of our church Youth and Youth leaders from Sarah and Jim Cannon

In loving memory of our Dad, Gene Shaffer. Always in our hearts! Given by Jill, Sue and Sally

In memory of Wayne Clifton from Nancy Clifton

In memory of Carl A Colteryahn, Jr. from Esther Colteryahn

In memory of R. Graham Dunlop from Sandra L. Dunlop

In memory of Robert Edwards from Barbara Edwards

In memory of Mary Welsh and Louise Lewis from Barbara Edwards

In memory of Loved Ones from Don and Lin Ewing

In loving memory of Loved Ones from Walt & Lynn Heintzleman

In memory of Barbara Mustafa, Gerda Heyse, Carol Herold and Blance Nielsen from the Heyse Family

In memory of Alexander and Roberta Bashforth from HK Hilner

In memory of Gary, Howard and Kathryn Hilner from HK Hilner

In memory of loved and missed grandparents: Raymond and Joan Damico and Rose Hudak from the Hudak family

In memory of my Dad, Kenneth John Lacy, from Michael F. Lacy

In memory of my Mom, Betty Louise Miner Lacy, from Michael F. Lacy

In memory of my sister Laurie, from Chris and Nicole Lust and children

In memory of Laurie Elisabeth Lust from Mom and Dad

In honor of our grandchildren Charlie, Grace, Addison and Patrick from Rhonda and Steve Magdsick

In memory of my parents, William and Ruby Burkey, from Susanne Maurer

In memory of my son, Nathaniel Maurer from Susanne Maurer

In memory of Dr. Robert and Patty Forsythe from Rick and Vera Purcell

In memory of Jack, Jeanne and Randy Purcell from Rick and Vera Purcell

In memory of Loved Ones from Dan and Sue Remely

In memory of our parents from Dick and Dottie Robinson

In memory of Stella Brown and Mike and Brigitte O'Toole from Robert and Jean Schnatterly

In honor of my grandchildren Megan, Matthew, Marcie, Mark and Madison from Ether Shaffer

In honor of my loving family and friends from Rebecca Skolnicki

In memory of Anne B. Sloan from RT, Prudence and Kait Sloan

In honor of our grandsons Samuel, Jacob, Elijah, and Cameron and their parents from Ann and Jim Strader

In memory of our parents, Anne and Charles M. Lynn and Ronald R. Teti, from Betsy and Tom Teti

In memory of our dearly loved Aunt Marjorie Lynn from Betsy and Tom Teti

In honor of our grandchildren, Eleanor and Charles Teti, from Betsy and Tom Teti

In memory of Loved Ones from Luetta Waddell

In honor of my children, grandchildren and my 14 month old grandson from Luetta Waddell

In memory of Charles F. Wallander, Jr. from the Wallander Family

In loving honor of my mom, Luetta Waddell, from Jill and Bob Wertz

In memory of John C. and A. Romaine Williams from John C. Williams, Jr.

In memory of Loved Ones from the Zmijanac and Ferlich Families

