



Southminster Presbyterian Church

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

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The Day of Pentecost Celebration of Worship May 28, 2023 11 a.m.

Prayer of Preparation

(...for a moment of personal reflection)

Holy One,
For all of the ways you speak to us –
in rushing wind, in dancing flames, in words we understand, and in
all that transcends language, we give thanks.
Give us courage to speak your love,
Everywhere we go, to everyone we meet. Amen.

Prelude

Trumpeter's Lullaby
Rick Purcell, Trumpet

Leroy Anderson

Ringing of the Hour

Welcome

Laura Bentley

* Call to Worship

Leader: Come, sing a new song of worship.

People: Come, sing a new song of praise.

Leader: Today is a day of a promise fulfilled.

People: With joy we celebrate Pentecost.

Leader: Pentecost: A day when the Holy Spirit was revealed,

People: and the glory was given to the people.

Leader: The fire of the Holy Spirit lives on in us.

People: Sing praises! We sing praises, indeed.

* Hymn

Spirit of God

O QUANTA QUALIA

Spirit of God, you moved over the waters Whisp'ring God's love to the whole of creation.
Breathe your life into God's sons and daughters. Giving us talents and your inspiration.

Spirit of God, by the prophets you sought us, Calling us back from our pride-filled behavior.
Through chosen leaders you reached us and taught us, By your own gift we were given our Savior.

Spirit of God, like a dove you once rested, Showing God's joy on the day Christ was baptized.
You sent Christ out to the hills to be tested, Through you he called us to see God with new eyes.

Spirit of God, like a mighty wind blowing: Suddenly Christians stopped hiding and fearing
You gave them courage and love overflowing, So they proclaimed you to all in their hearing.

Help us to see you, still calling and caring, Help us to know you among us, creating.
Spirit of God, give us courage and daring – To share God’s love with a world that is waiting.

* Prayer of Adoration

Laura Bentley

Call to Confession

Don Ewing

Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

Almighty God,
You poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples
creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new
community of faith. We confess that we hold back
the force of your Spirit among us.
We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news
of your love, or live as a people made one with Christ.
Have mercy on us. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,
and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people,
doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Moment for silent confession)

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

Don Ewing

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

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Numbers 11:24-30

p. 114

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Lesson

Acts 2: 1-21

p. 885

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Ladies and Gentlemen, Start Your Engines!”

Don Ewing

*** Hymn #319**

Spirit

SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS

REFRAIN: Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
Blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
Stir me from placidness, Wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, You called to the deep,
Then You coaxed up the mountains From the valleys of sleep,
And over the eons You called to each thing,
“Awake from your slumbers And rise on your wings.” REFRAIN

You swept through the desert, You stung with the sand,
And You gifted Your people With a law and a land,
And when they were blinded With their idols and lies,
Then You spoke through Your prophets To open their eyes. REFRAIN

You sang in a stable, You cried from a hill,
Then You whispered in silence When the whole world was still,
And down in the city You called once again
When You blew through Your people On the rush of the wind. REFRAIN

You call from tomorrow, You break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow The captives dream dreams;
Our women see visions, Our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions Your people arise. REFRAIN

Prayers of God's People

Don Ewing

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (*In Unison*)

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

Don Ewing

Offertory

Come, Spirit, Come
Chancel Choir

Lloyd Larson

*** 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 #507**

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

I come with joy to meet my Lord, Forgiven, loved, and free,
In awe and wonder to recall His life laid down for me,
His life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near To find, as all are fed,
The new community of love In Christ's communion bread,
In Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, Each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, And strangers now are friends,
And strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,
Is in such friendship better known: We see and praise Him here,
We see and praise Him here.

Together met, together bound, We'll go our different ways,
And as His people in the world, We'll live and speak His praise,
We'll live and speak His praise.

*** Charge and Blessing**

*** Taps**

In memory and in honor of those who served in our armed forces.

Rick Purcell

Congregational Meeting

Don Ewing

*** Postlude**

The Bristol March

Oliver Shaw (1779-1848)

*** 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.



CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Donald R. Ewing, Interim Pastor

The Rev. Laura A. Bentley, Designated Associate Pastor

Mr. Frederic D. Barnes, Pastoral Care Associate & Director of AIC

Mr. Richard B. Pinkerton, Minister of Music

Ms. Jennifer Stampfel, Director of Children's Ministry

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 28, 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.

THE FLOWERS in the *Sanctuary*, are given in loving memory of Joe Robinson for his birthday, by his wife, Sue, and children Jen, Betsy, and Lee.

SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE is available from 8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. in Room 409 for infants to 4 yrs. old.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. There are no Sunday School classes for Pre-K – High School at 10 a.m.

THE SOUTHMINSTER CAFÉ in Rec Hall is open today from 8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Stop in for donuts, bagels, fruit, coffee, tea, or juice anytime on Sunday mornings.

PRAISE PACKS for children are available at all Sanctuary entrances and Crossings worship. Please return the bags at the end of worship.

THE CONGREGATION is called into a meeting **Today** immediately following the 11 a.m. worship. This is the Annual Meeting as indicated in the Bylaws. The agenda includes the Election of Officers (slate listed below), report of 2022 financials. The Bylaws will not be presented at the Annual Meeting. We encourage all members to attend.

Elders: Chris Edwards
Jennifer Floyd
Suzanne Gruneberg
Steve Jones
Cheryl Polito
Cecile Usner
Marcie West

Deacons: Alice May Burger
Sara Buffington
Ken Dobbins
Patti Dobbins
John Erskine
Wendy Heleen
Eileen Kinner

Endowment Committee: Winona Powell

Windy Ridge: Tom Teti

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023, in observance of Memorial Day.

SUMMER WORSHIP. On **Sunday, June 11**, we will move to summer worship hours. Crossings Worship will be held at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall and the Celebration of Worship will move to 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary (Livestreaming at both services).



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:

5/28 – Minor Prophets of the Old Testament – Dr. Stephen Tuell

Today will be the final meeting of the Sunday Seminars for the spring. We will reconvene in September. Come and take advantage of this time to learn more about our faith and how to put it into action!

CAR WASH RESCHEDULED - Friday, June 2nd, from 4 – 7 p.m. Stop by the church parking lot to get your car washed and tell your neighbors, too! All donations from the car wash will support the youth and college mission trip to Alaska.

THE JUNE HUNGER OFFERING will support **Community 341** which provides free weekly meals to the community in Brookline. In addition, free clothing & hygiene products are also offered along with conversation and fellowship. The gathering is held each Wednesday at St. Mark's Lutheran Church Hall on Brookline Blvd. The **Hunger Offering** will be received on **Sunday, June 4**, and throughout the month of **June**. You can give online using the Donate Now button or mailing a check to the Church Office.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP BAKE SALE The final fundraiser for the Youth and College Mission trip to Alaska will be June 4th before and after worship times! Baked goods will be available for purchase outside Fellowship Hall (8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.) and in the Parlor (10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.). Please stop by and grab a treat or two!

SENIOR RECOGNITION, JUNE 4: Do you have a graduating senior in your family? We want to celebrate them! Please send in your graduate's name, the school they are graduating from, their plans following graduation, and an optional photo. We will feature our graduates in the June 4 bulletin. This includes high school, college, and graduate school students. Send information and photos by May 26 to Pastor Laura at info@spchurch.org.



SUNDAE SUNDAY. We invite you to stay for ice cream on June 4, 2023, following the 11 a.m. Celebration of Worship on the lawn of Southminster House (weather permitting). We will celebrate our graduates and enjoy make-your-own ice cream sundaes and fellowship. We hope you will join us.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! VBS will be July 24 – 28, 2023! This year's theme is "Food Truck Party." Children age 4 years through 5th grade are welcome to attend! Take advantage of early registration now! Cost: \$15/child, \$30 maximum/family. (Now through June 12, 2023). After June 12th VBS Cost: \$20/child, \$40 maximum/family. To register, please go to www.myvbs.org/southminster/ or contact the church office for assistance. For more information, contact the Director of Children's Ministry, Jennifer Stampfel at info@spchurch.org. Registration closes July 10, 2023.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VBS. We are looking forward to a fun-filled time at VBS, and we're planning for a crowd! So, we need volunteers to help us make this a success. We need YOU! Children who have completed 5th grade may volunteer to be a junior leader. We also need adult volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering for VBS, please contact info@spchurch.org. We invite you to join us.

COMMUNITY 341- On **Wednesday, June 14, 2023**, Southminster will again be 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 along 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**.

MOVIE ON THE LAWN, FRIDAY, JUNE 16 beginning at dusk: "The Princess Bride." All are welcome for our first summer movie on the lawn! We'll show the classic family, tween, and teen movie, "The Princess Bride." Please bring your own chair or blanket. Bug spray and snacks are also encouraged. This is a free event, open to the public. Spread the word!

VACANCY AT THE FOOD PANTRY—WE NEED YOU!

The South Hills Food Pantry is looking for a volunteer to fill a vacancy as one of our 3 monthly delivery coordinators. This position rotates every month so that each volunteer is on duty every third month. The job is performed completely from home. The coordinator takes messages left by clients on the Food Pantry Hot Line and identifies a delivery driver from our existing list of volunteer drivers. If you are interested in taking on this opportunity to help food-insecure individuals and families in the South Hills, please contact Bob Brown (bbrown1381@gmail.com) or the church office (info@spchurch.org; 412-343-8900).

PASTOR LAURA'S SUMMER BOOK CLUB: Join Pastor Laura in reading the book, "The Very Good Gospel" by Lisa Sharon Harper, then meet at KingView (101 Beverly Rd) on Thursday, July 6 at 5 p.m. to talk about it! You are responsible for purchasing or borrowing your book but, ask Pastor Laura if you want help getting a copy. And let us know if you plan to join by emailing info@spchurch.org.