



**Southminster**

**Presbyterian Church**

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## **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Celebration of Worship**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**July 2, 2023**

**10 a.m.**

### **Prayer of Preparation**

*(...for a moment of personal reflection)*

O God,

Light of the minds that know You, life of the souls that love You,  
strength of the thoughts that seek You;

Help us to know You, that we may truly love You,

So to love You that we may fully serve You,

whose service is perfect freedom;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **Prelude**

*Processional on “Melita”*

Charles Callahan

### **Ringing of the Hour**

### **Welcome**

Fred Barnes

### **\* Call to Worship**

Leader: Welcome one another in Jesus' name,

**People: for Christ is truly present among us.**

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

**People: the mercies of God never come to an end.**

Leader: For freedom Christ has set us free.

**People: Now we live by the Spirit of God.**

### **\* Hymn #488**

*The God of Abraham Praise*

LEONI

The God of Abraham praise, Who reigns enthroned above;

The ancient of eternal days, The God of love!

The Lord, the great I Am, By earth and heaven confessed,

We bow before Your holy name, Forever blest.

Your spirit still flows free, High surging where it will;

In prophet's word You spoke of old And You speak still.

Established is Your law, And changeless it shall stand,

Deep writ upon the human heart, On sea, or land.

You have eternal life Implanted in the soul;

Your love shall be our strength and stay, While ages roll.  
We praise You, living God! We praise Your holy name;  
The first, the last, beyond all thought, And still the same!

## \* Prayer of Adoration

Fred Barnes

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

Lord, You know our inmost being. You know all that we are, all that we know,  
all that we think, and all that we believe.

When those thoughts, beliefs, ideas, and be-ings turn from you,  
we long to be placed back on Your path.

We pray that our lives might be a never-ending offering to You, and that our  
sin might lead to more ways to learn and grow closer to Your hopes for us.

Cleanse us of our sin; turn our thoughts and feet ever towards Your way.

We pray this together in the name of Your Son Jesus.

*(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

Jennifer Stampfel

## 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

Jennifer Stampfel

## Prayer for Illumination

Fred Barnes

## New Testament Lesson

Mark 5: 14-20

p. 816

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## New Testament Lesson

John 4: 25-30, 39-42

p. 865

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

*"Learning to Tell the Story"*

Dr. Donald Dawson

## \* Apostles' Creed

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 again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

### \* Hymn #466

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

O for a thousand tongues to sing My dear Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of God's grace!

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.

Christ breaks the power of reigning sin, And sets the prisoner free;  
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean, Christ's blood availed for me.

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad The honors of Thy name.

### Invitation to the Offering

Fred Barnes

### Offertory

*I Will Sing With The Spirit*  
Summer Choir

John Rutter

### \* 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

### The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

The 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 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.

The Words of Institution

The Receiving of the Elements

*Please hold elements and commune together.*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

**\* Hymn**

*I Love to Tell the Story*

HANKEY

I love to tell the story of unseen things above:  
of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true.  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story. 'Tis pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. [Refrain]

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. [Refrain]

**\* Charge and Blessing**

Dr. Donald Dawson

**\* Postlude**

*Intrada and Trumpet Tune on "National Hymn"*

Dennis Janzer

**\* 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  
Mrs. Lea Anderson-Smith, Clerk of Session  
Mr. H.K. Hilner, Crossings Music Director  
Ms. Valerie Wilson, Director of Administrative Operations & Assistant to Senior Pastor  
Ms. Trish O'Connell, Bookkeeper  
Mrs. Sue Remely, Church Hostess  
Mrs. Cheryl Polito, Wedding Coordinator  
Mr. Raymond Clayton, Facilities Superintendent  
Ms. Eileen Kinner, Coordinator of Communication Technologies and Facilities Associate  
Mr. Anthony Maiorano, Facilities Associate  
Mrs. Lori Guenther, Director Southminster Early Learning Academy  
Ms. Bonnie Kline, Director Southminster Child Care Center

# ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JULY 2, 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.

**THIS MORNING WE WELCOME** The Rev. Dr. Donald Dawson. Dr. Donald Dawson is a retired pastor. He served 16 years as the Director of World Mission Initiative (WMI) at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and the New Wilmington Mission Conference (NWMC). Don previously served as pastor for six years at Buffalo UP Church in Sarver and 18 years at Hampton Presbyterian Church in Gibsonia, where he is Pastor Emeritus. We thank Dr. Dawson for sharing in worship with us today.

**THE FLOWERS** in the *Sanctuary* this morning, are given in honor of Southminster Presbyterian Church congregation, staff, and clergy, with appreciation, gratitude, and glory to God.

**SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE:** is available from 8:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in Room 409 for infants to 4 yrs. Old.

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

**SUMMER WORSHIP** 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. Both services can be viewed via Livestream.

**LEMONADE IN THE BREEZEWAY** will immediately follow the 10 a.m. Celebration of Worship. Stop by for a cool drink, a cookie, and fellowship. Children are encouraged to play on the playground, but please keep food in the Breezeway.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2023,** in observance of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday.

**THE JULY HUNGER OFFERING.** Christ calls us to love with the same overflowing abundance he showed when he shared life with us on earth and poured out the same grace & forgiveness on everyone. We can

do this with the **July Hunger Offering** which will support **City Mission** in Washington, PA. Their cafeteria provides hot, nourishing meals to the homeless and the hungry, who are some of the most vulnerable people in Southwestern PA. Those meals can be where hunger ends and hope begins for many. The Hunger Offering will be received at worship today, and throughout the month of July. You can also give online or by mailing a check to the church office.

**CITY MISSION**  
HOPE FOR THE HOMELESS



## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) – JULY 24<sup>TH</sup> – 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 -**

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!** Ready to cook up some fun? This year's VBS, Food Truck Party, invites children ages 4 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade to get on a roll with God as Food Trucks roll into their neighborhood for the summer's biggest party! Kids will learn from the food truck's Chefs, Sous Chefs, and DJ Cupcake (an adorable cupcake puppet), about the Daily Specials (Daily Lessons), which are lines from the well-loved prayer that teaches us to

turn to God to meet our needs. There will also be music, crafts, fun activities, and food! VBS Cost: \$20/child, \$40 maximum/family. To register, please go to [www.myvbs.org/southminster/](http://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](mailto: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

5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@spchurch.org). We invite you to join us.



**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 own 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](mailto:info@spchurch.org).

**SERVING THE TABLE.** Southminster will host the meal at **The Table** at **Hot Metal Bridge Faith Community** on the South Side on **Thursday, July 6, 2023**. The meals are served inside their dining room and volunteers have a choice in how they assist on-site. They can dish the food out onto the plates or act as the servers to deliver the filled plates to the diners at their tables. There's opportunity for interaction with the diners and everyone helps with clean up after dinner. If you don't want to travel to the South Side, you can volunteer to help prepare the food here in the kitchen at Southminster at 1:00 p.m. before it's then transported to Hot Metal at 4:30 p.m. If interested in helping with any part of this ministry, contact **Pastor Laura** at [info@spchurch.org](mailto:info@spchurch.org) or call the Church Office



**COMPASSIONATE CARE FUND UPDATE.** The names and faces change from season to season but the need to help never changes. Rent payments, utilities, food, and prescription costs are all on the rise leaving many folks unable to afford them. Our Compassionate Care Fund continues to try and help people through these tough times. Thanks to a generous grant from our Outreach Committee and individual gifts to this fund we are able to help in a time of need. Thanks to everyone who has supported this fund in the past. Your gifts are very much appreciated by those who have received help from Southminster.

### THIS WEEK AT SOUTHMINSTER

Monday, July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Pickleball – Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, July 4 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	CHURCH OFFICE AND BUILDING CLOSED FOR JULY 4 <sup>TH</sup> HOLIDAY!
Wednesday, July 5 <sup>th</sup>		
Thursday, July 6 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Seminars honoring Ed Sell Advisory Board Meeting - Parlor
	1 p.m.	Cooking for The Table in 1st Floor Kitchen
	4:30 p.m.	Deliver and Serve the Table – Offsite
Friday, July 7 <sup>th</sup>	8 a.m.	Jesus & Joe – Southminster House
Saturday, July 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	SALT Bible Study – Southminster House