



Southminster Presbyterian Church

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

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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Celebration of Worship August 27, 2023 10 a.m.

Prayer of Preparation

(...for a moment of personal reflection)

Loving Lord,
Sometimes we are good at declaring Your glory
in the midst of Your people.
We proclaim Your greatness in worship.
We sing songs and hymns of praise.
We celebrate Your wonderful work.
Help us never forget to declare Your glory to everyone;
May we be unhesitating in proclaiming Your wonders.
May You be glorified in our words and our deeds
and our praise...even today!
Amen.

Prelude

Uncommon Adoration
Southminster Ringers

Hart Morris

Ringing of the Hour

Welcome

Don Ewing

* Call to Worship

Leader: Sing a new song to the Lord!
People: Let the whole earth sing to the Lord!
Leader: Sing to the Lord; bless God's name.
People: We will proclaim the good news that God saves.
Leader: For great is the Lord!
People: The Lord is worthy of our praise!

* Hymn # 446

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
God, whose word cannot be broken, Formed thee for a blest abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded, What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters, And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river Ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver, Never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering, See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering, Showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna Which God gives them when they pray.

* Prayer of Adoration

Don Ewing

Call to Confession

Fred Barnes

Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

Gracious and loving God,
Open our hearts so that we are able to admit to You
the fullness of our lives - that which is beautiful and good,
and that which is hurtful and hateful.
We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.
We love with condition.
We judge and condemn.
We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes.
We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.
Forgive us, we pray.
Forgive our sin,
and empower us to be imitators of Christ
in love and service.
Amen.

(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

Fred Barnes

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

Blessings of the Backpacks

Jennifer Stampfel/Laura Bentley

Prayer for Illumination

Laura Bentley

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 96:1-3

p. 479

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

This Is My Father's World

arr. Elaine Hagenberg

Chancel Choir

Erika Sloos, Violin

New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 5:15-20

p. 952

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Sing to the Lord a New Song

Ken White

Honoring the Ministry of Richard B. Pinkerton

Lea Smith

* Hymn # 482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen How thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Prayers of God's People

Laura Bentley

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

Fred Barnes

Offertory

Fly Away Medley
Chancel Choir

arr. Mark Hayes

* 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**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Southminster Ringers, Erika Sloos, Piano
Chancel Choir, Congregation

HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light
The light of day. Amen.

*** Charge and Blessing**

Ken White

*** Postlude**

Toccata

Charles-Marie Widor

**** 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
Ms. Jennifer Stampfel, Director of Children's Ministry
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 & 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 AUGUST 27, 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.

SOUTHMINSTER WELCOMES The Rev. Ken White this morning! Ken is a native of Western Pennsylvania and is now a retired Presbyterian Pastor. His last call was to serve Southminster as an Associate for Mission Development. He has a great appreciation and fond memories of his time at Southminster. We thank him for being with us on this special Sunday morning.

THIS MORNING IN WORSHIP we will recognize and celebrate the 21-year ministry of Richard Brink Pinkerton upon his retirement as Minister of Music at Southminster. This will be Rich's final Sunday leading us in worship through music. Rich, we thank you for sharing your ministry and gifts with us. Grace and peace.

RECEPTION! There will be a special reception for Rich in the Parlor immediately following the 10 a.m. Celebration of Worship. All are welcome.

THE FLOWERS in the *Sanctuary* this morning are given by Esther Shaffer and the Johnson, Caspari, and Williams families in loving memory of Gene Shaffer.

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

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! The Children's Ministry needs your help to finish the "Kingdom Keepers" Wing! If you can help decorate, clean, assemble, stain, and move furniture, **WE NEED YOU!** There will be a decorating party on **August 29th from 4 – 9 p.m.** Even if you can only come for a short time, your help will be invaluable. Please reach out to info@spchurch.org for more information.



THE SEPTEMBER HUNGER OFFERING will support Southminster's own South Hills Food Pantry. The Pantry serves communities in the South Hills and provides home delivery of groceries to those with limited mobility or without transportation. In addition to driving and delivering the groceries, the other volunteer opportunities that exist for the congregation include shopping for the food items, stocking the pantry shelves, or filling the grocery bags that will be delivered. Many of these activities can also be done with your children! The Hunger Offering will be received on **Sunday, September 3**, and throughout the month of September. You can give online through the Donate Now button or by mailing a check to the Church Office.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP ON SOUTHMINSTER HOUSE LAWN! Sunday, **September 3rd** we will join together at 10 a.m. on South House Lawn for combined worship. The Crossings Band will lead us in both contemporary and traditional worship. Bring a chair and join us on the lawn for a blended worship experience! If there is inclement weather, combined worship will move inside to fellowship hall.

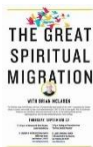


THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC, RICH! A book of cards, notes, photos, and letters is also being compiled to serve as a keepsake of the Pinkertons' years at Southminster. You are encouraged to send your personal thoughts and best wishes to **Sarah Buffington (490 Broadmoor Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15228 or buffingtonsc@gmail.com) by September 8, 2023.**

CAFÉ HOSTS NEEDED! The Sunday Morning Café in Rec Hall requires a few additional volunteers starting September 10th. Think about how many high school senior testimonies refer to the inspiration of doughnuts on Sunday morning! Job descriptions include: 7:30 – 9 a.m. – shop/set up in rec hall; 9 – 10 a.m. – host and replenish; 10 – 11 a.m.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REUNION! August 27th at 4 p.m. Bring a chair or a blanket and come fellowship on Southminster Lawn! Children and families are welcome to come and play games, listen to music, and enjoy a light snack while reminiscing about the fun had at this year's FOOD TRUCK PARTY VBS!



PASTOR LAURA'S BOOK CLUB will meet **Thursday, August 31, from 4-6 p.m.** to discuss "The Great Spiritual Migration" by Brian McLaren. Location: Spoonwood Brewing Company. If you are interested in joining, please purchase or borrow the book and let Pastor Laura know you plan to join by emailing info@spchurch.org.

SERVING AT THE TABLE! Southminster will host the meal at The Table at Hot Metal Bridge Faith Community on the South Side on **Thursday, September 7, 2023**. The meals are served inside their dining room and volunteers have a choice in how they assist on site. They can prepare the plates in the kitchen or act as 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 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 or call the Church Office.



ADULT INTEREST CENTER (AIC) is gearing up for the fall and we are excited about the upcoming Season! **SAVE-THE-DATES:** September 8 & 22, October 6 & 20, November 3 & 17, and December 1 & 15. The 49th year of AIC will begin on September 8th. We have old favorites coming back and some surprises in store. You won't want to miss this. Make sure you are on the mailing list or visit our website at spchurch.org. Invite a friend or neighbor to join the group!

SOUTHMINSTER CHILDREN'S MINISTRY cordially invites you to the **Grand Opening of our new Children's Wing...KINGDOM KEEPERS!**



This year's Sunday School theme: "Dig In: The Bible in One Year." Students will read through the entire Bible over the course of the year. Surrounded by All Things Bright and Beautiful, they will be encouraged to think about Creation as they learn about God. Join us for Sunday School on **Kick-Off Sunday, September 10th, at 10 a.m.** Worship is at 9 & 11 a.m. and then there will be a picnic on the lawn. We can't wait to see you there!



YOUTH GROUP RETURNS for the 2023-2024 school year on **Tuesday, September 12**. Join us weekly on **Tuesdays from 6-7:30 p.m.** for a relevant Scripture message, conversation, games, and dinner. Youth Group meets in the Youth Lounge on the Rec Hall level. All 6th-12th graders are welcome, including friends!



CONFIRMATION CLASS will begin meeting on **Sunday, October 1** during the Sunday School hour in the Youth Lounge. Confirmation will meet on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month throughout the school year. All students 8th grade and up who have not been confirmed are welcome to join the class. Upon completion of the class, students will be **Confirmed on May 19th**. Please let Pastor Laura know if you will participate in Confirmation Class by contacting the church office at info@spchurch.org. More information, including the schedule for the class, will be sent to all 8th and 9th grade families. If you would like to make sure you're on that list, please contact the church office.