



Southminster Presbyterian Church

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

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World Communion Sunday Celebration of Worship Sacrament of Holy Communion October 1, 2023 11 a.m.

Prayer of Preparation

(...for a moment of personal reflection)

God of hope and peace,

You are with us in all our days and in all our ways.

As you walked with the Israelites in the desert, when they had given up hope,
you came to them with nourishment and your steadfast love.

As Jesus walked through Jerusalem, healing the sick and those afflicted,
your love was made abundantly clear through acts of love and mercy.

Be with us this day as we gather to hear your word.

Inspire and encourage us in all that we do, that we may serve you faithfully,
bringing hope and your message of love to your thirsting world.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Prelude

Canzona on “Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word”

Richard Purvis

Ringing of the Hour

Welcome

Fred Barnes

* Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome to God's house! We are delighted to have you here!

People: We hunger for God's word of hope.

Leader: You have come to the right place. Here you will be fed on the life-giving love of God.

People: We thirst for God's healing in our lives.

Leader: At the table of the Lord, you will be fed and your thirst quenched.

People: Thanks be to God who provides for our needs.

* Hymn #276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not,
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness,
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

* Prayer of Adoration

Fred Barnes

Call to Confession

Fred Barnes

Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

(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

Rev. Louise Rogers

New Testament Lesson

I Corinthians 11: 17-26

p. 933

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*** 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 #513**

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.
 When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees.
 When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees.
 When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Invitation to the Offering

Fred Barnes

Offertory

Of The Father’s Love Begotten
Chancel Choir

John Carter

*** 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
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.

The Words of Institution

The Receiving of the Elements

Please hold elements and commune together.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Fred Barnes

*** Hymn # 527**

Near to the Heart of God

MC AFEE

There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God,
A place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.

Refrain:

O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
Hold us, who wait before Thee, near to the heart of God.

There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God,
A place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God. (Refrain)

There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God,
A place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God. (Refrain)

*** Charge and Blessing**

Rev. Louise Rogers

*** Postlude**

Pageant of Autumn

Leo Sowerby

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 1, 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.

WELCOME BACK to our guest organist, Ryan Croyle. Ryan is a native of Northeast Ohio and has been an active musician and architect in Pittsburgh since 2015. We thank Ryan for being with us today and for the next two Sundays.

JOINING US TODAY IN WORSHIP is Reverend Louise Rogers, Associate Minister of Pittsburgh Presbytery. Reverend Rogers has been a pastor in the Pittsburgh area for the past twenty years serving in several congregations including: John McMillan Presbyterian Church, Beechview Presbyterian Church, Peters Creek Presbyterian, and Westminster Church. She loves parish ministry where you work with a variety of ages and every day is filled with something new. Prior to her work in ministry Louise was a Vice President of Sales with ADP. Louise and her husband Bill are the proud parents of two married daughters and two wonderful grandchildren.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Elisabeth and Walter Wiest from the Porretta family and Jean and Steve Chamberlin.

SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE is available from 8:45 a.m. – 12:30 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.

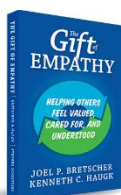


THE CHILI AND SOUP COOK-OFF is coming up on Tuesday October 10 at 6pm! We invite all to bring their favorite Chili or Soup to share with SPC friends! Not a cook? No problem, please join us to vote for your favorites. Try them all! Sides, dessert, and drinks provided. To participate please register by Oct.5 and let us know if you're bringing Chili/Soup. (If so, bring your award-winning entry in a crockpot by 5:30 on Oct 10). The cost is \$5 per person, children under 5 yrs. old free. Email SPChurchlife@gmail.com to register or for more information.



HARVEST FEST IS COMING ON OCTOBER 29! Join us as we celebrate God's bountiful harvest before heading into the colder months! There will be delicious food, pumpkin painting, straw maze prayer labyrinth, music, children's activities, and much more! Please bring a side dish and/or dessert of your choice to share! **October 29, 2023, at 4pm.** For more information: info@spchurch.org or 412-343-8900.

FLEECE SCARF MAKING PROJECT: We need your help! Please join the Outreach Committee for a day or two of fun, fellowship and service. We will be making fleece scarves for the homeless on 3 Tuesdays in October - the 3rd, 17th and 31st. 10 am - 4pm in the sewing room of Sue Robinson at 332 Oak Forest Dr, Mt Lebanon. Come for a few hours - or spend the day! Lunch will be provided. No sewing experience needed - if you can cut with scissors, we need you! Please let me know when you can help. Contact Sue Robinson at 412 849-3936 or at sbr611@comcast.net.



THE ADULT SUNDAY SEMINAR – IN MEMORY OF ED SELL: All adults and high school students are invited to join the discussions on Sunday mornings at 10 am in the Chapel. We will be taking a look at a book entitled “The Gift of Empathy” published by Stephen Ministries. It will be led by Stephen Ministers - Fred Barnes, Beth Hosking and Karen Rossi. This study will help you to help others feel valued, cared for and understood. What wonderful gifts these are to spread to others. Coffee and donuts are available in the Parlor beforehand. Come join the discussion!



ADULT INTEREST CENTER (AIC): This program is our outreach to seniors in the South Hills and will take place on October 6th at 11 am in Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker that day will be Elaine Wertheim who will be presenting a talk on “Vermeer: The Sphinx of Delft”. Lunch follows at noon for \$9.00. We will also meet on October 20th with our speaker being Astronomist Larry McHenry talking about the fall stars and the eclipse next April. Come join the fun, food, and fellowship!

THE OCTOBER HUNGER OFFERING will support the **Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh** in their annual Thanksgiving food distribution to low-income families on November 18, 2023, for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. The event, which is held at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, also traditionally provides a wide range of healthcare and human services such as health screenings, flu shots, vision exams, nutritional information and much more. The offering will be received at the worship services on **Sunday, October 1** and throughout the month of October. You can also give online or by mailing a check to the Church Office.

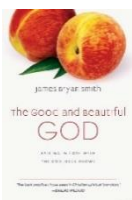
THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE will be spearheading the Second Annual Sock Drive - a mission for the entire Southminster congregation to participate in. The challenge is to collect 150 pairs of white cotton socks - Large & X-tra large sizes. **Socks are the #1 requested and needed clothing item** for those folks who are homeless. The socks will be part of the winter packs that are given to Shepherd’s Heart & East Liberty Family Health Care Center along with a warm hat, scarf, gloves, and a McDonald’s gift card. Please bring your donations to the bin located inside the glass doors entrance by Fellowship Hall beginning **Sunday, September 24 through October 8, 2023**. All cotton white socks, L & XL are needed!



COMMUNITY 341: On **Wednesday, October 11, 2023, Southminster** will once 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 pm or you can arrive later, at 3:30 pm, to help assemble and pack the meal bags for transport. You can also go to St. Mark’s Lutheran Church in Brookline, located on the corner of Brookline Blvd. and Glenarm Ave., and help give out the meals in the Hall at 5:00 pm. For further inquiries or to volunteer, contact **Pastor Fred** at info@spchurch.org or call the Church Office.

CHURCH SAFETY TRAINING: REGISTRATION IS OPEN! An exciting opportunity is coming in October! Presbyterian Disaster Assistance will be coming to Pittsburgh on October 28 at Bethany Presbyterian Church, to lead a course on Church Safety and Security Training. The course is designed for people who are on the front lines of greeting people and interacting with the public, including ushers, greeters, outreach workers, custodians, and pastors. You can register at pghpresbytery.org. Deadline to register is October 13. Questions? Contact Louise Rogers: lrogers@pghpresbytery.org.

SOUTHMINSTER NAME TAGS: Church Life Committee is working with a theme this year – “Get to Know Your Church Family.” The committee will be ordering magnetic name tags for everyone who attends Southminster. Please email the committee at SPChurchlife@gmail.com. Include your name as you want it printed on your name tag and the entrance to church that you primarily use: Narthex, Castle Shannon doors or Crossings. Let’s make SPC an even friendlier place to worship!



FRESH START BIBLE STUDY: All members and friends of the church are welcome to join our Fresh Start Bible Study which will meet on Mondays at 11 am in the Chapel. It is a wonderful way to start your week off right. We will be studying a wonderful book entitled “The Good and Beautiful God” by James Bryan Smith. This deep, loving, and transformative book will help you discover the narratives that Jesus lived by – to know the Lord he knew and the kingdom he proclaimed. My hope is that we all will be encouraged as we journey with our faith together.

JESUS AND JOE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: All men and young men of the church are welcome to join our fellowship which we call Jesus & Joe (coffee). We meet at 8 am every Friday in Southminster House. The book we are reading is entitled "A Long Obedience in the Same Direction – Discipleship in an Instant Society" by Eugene Peterson. It is a study of how to be disciples that leads us through Psalm 120- Psalm 134. Often, we want what we want, and we want it now! Discipleship can be frustrating sometimes. Come learn together how to better follow God each day. Come join us. The coffee and the conversation are stimulating!

