



Southminster Presbyterian Church

"A Christ-centered ... intentionally missional congregation ..."

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Celebration of Worship February 4, 2024 11:00 a.m.

Thought For Meditation

Nobody deserves anything, good or bad. It's all grace. If you accepted that, you might be able to relax a little.

Robert Boughton to his prodigal son, Jack, in "Home" by Marilynne Robinson

Prelude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Wood

Liz Peters

Ringing of the Hour

Welcome

Doug Marshall

Moment for Mission

Scout Sunday

Jamie Wolf

* Call to Worship

2 Corinthians 1:2-3

Fred Barnes

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Leader: God is the Father of mercies and the God of all our comfort.

People: Through God's grace we have been abundantly blessed.

Leader: Let us worship God, the Fount of Every Blessing!

* Hymn of Praise #356

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;

Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above;

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I'm come,

And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be!

Let that grace now, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;

Here's my heart; O take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts above.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

O God, though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve us and deliver us. Though our lips are not clean and our hearts are not pure, you call us. Forgive us, we pray, when we wander away from you, lost and at risk. Forgive us when our lives do not reflect your glory and the purposes you intend. Help us to comprehend your ways in the world. We long to feel your grace and glory, for in you, Emmanuel, we can be healed and set free; in Jesus' name we pray ...

(Moment of Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

* **Glory to God #579**

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

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! This I know, as He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee, saying, "Let them come to Me."
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Time With the Young Church

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 15

p. 430

I Corinthians 11:17-29

p. 933

Response

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon

"Lemonade and the Lord's Supper"

* **The 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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Come, Spirit, Come
Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir

* **Praise to God #591**

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 of Preparation #516**

Lord We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

Lord, we have come at Your own invitation, Chosen by you, to be counted your friends:
Yours is the strength that sustains dedication, Ours a commitment we know never ends.

Here, at Your table, confirm our intention, Ever to cherish the gifts you provide;
Teach us to serve without pride or pretension, Lord in Your kingdom whatever our place.

When, at Your table, each time of returning, Vows are renewed and our courage restored:
May we increasingly glory in learning All that it means to accept You as Lord.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

Prayer and 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

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

* Hymn of Dedication #280

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come:
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

Sortie
Alain

** If you are able, please stand.*

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Welcome

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.



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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 to the glory of God in loving memory of Mary and Boyd Hasting and Sally and Jim Karras, given by Nancy, Jim and Betty Karras.

SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE FOR infants to 4 yrs. is available from 8:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Childcare Room of the Kingdom Keepers Wing which is located off Rec Hall.

PRAISE PACKS for the children, that contain coloring pages and other activities that encourage kids to learn about today's message, available at all Sanctuary entrances and Crossings worship. Please return bags at the end of worship.

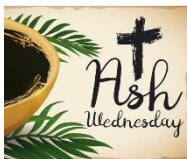
THE SOUTHMINSTER CAFÉ in Rec Hall is open today from 8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Stop in for donuts, bagels, fruit, coffee, tea, or juice anytime on Sunday mornings.



FEBRUARY HUNGER OFFERING: Our **Hunger Offering** in February will support **SHIM's three food pantries**, located in the South Hills communities of Bethel Park, Whitehall and Baldwin, serving a total of 3500 individuals monthly. The overall increase in food prices has led to an increase in the total number of individuals benefitting from the food pantries in 2023 with SHIM welcoming 930 new households last year. Your generosity is a great way for our congregation to show our love for our neighbors. The Hunger Offering will be received at the worship service on **Sunday, February 4, 2024** and throughout the month of February. You can also give online or by mailing a check to the church office.

THE ADULT SUNDAY SEMINAR: This class is held in the Chapel at 10:00 a.m. and is open to all adults and high school students. Starting February 4, Dr. Stephen Tuell will conduct a four-week study entitled: "Chosen People – Holy Land" which will give us a background about the Holy Lands and God's calling the people of Israel. We are fortunate to have Dr. Tuell with us as a retired professor from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: We are working on putting a confirmation class together this Spring. If you are in 8th grade or above and would like to be confirmed, please reach out to Jennifer at Jennifer@spchurch.org.



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP, FEBRUARY 14 - Lent, a 40-day time of reflection and preparation, begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel and via Livestream. Jennifer Stampfel will be preaching. Ashes will be imposed on those who desire to have them. We look forward to seeing you there.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – JULY 22-26, 2024 – “THE GREAT JUNGLE JOURNEY”:

Save the date! Exciting details to come! If you are interested in volunteering, please email Jennifer at Jennifer@spchurch.org.



JESUS AND JOE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: This time of men's fellowship takes place at 8 am at Southminster House. It is open to all men. Recently, Pastor Doug challenged us to Remain or Abide in Christ which prompted us to do a deeper

dive into this subject. In February and March, we will look at the bible study from IV Press entitled “Abiding in Christ”. Please let Fred Barnes know if you would like to come and join our group and we will reserve a book for you. This would be a great time to join this fellowship.

ADULT INTEREST CENTER: The **Adult Interest Center** will be taking a break in the month of January. We will resume in February and continue through June. During inclement weather, if Mt. Lebanon Schools delay or cancel, we will NOT meet! Please join us and invite a friend to enjoy the fun, fellowship, and food! Here are the entertainers/speakers in February and March:

- * **February 16:** *Courtney Lynn – Singer*
- * **March 1:** *Curtis Franciscus - Singer*
- * **March 15:** *Kateryna Boiko - Singer*
- * **March 29:** *Closed – Good Friday*

FAT TUESDAY: Fat Tuesday Dinner February 13, 2024, from 6 to 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. All ages are invited to enjoy a pancake dinner. A gluten-free option will be available. And, of course, doughnuts! No cost to attend but a free will offering will be taken. For entertainment, Crossings band will be playing rock oldies for a sing-a-long! Please RSVP to info@spchurch.org or by calling the church office at 412-343-8900.



COMMUNITY 341: On Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 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 pm or you can arrive later at 3:30 pm to help assemble and pack the meal bags for transport. The distribution itself begins at 5:00 in the Hall at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Brookline, located on the corner of Brookline Blvd. and Glenarm Ave., and you can help pass out the meals there at that time. To volunteer, contact Fred Barnes at info@spchurch.org or call the church office.



FUN ACTIVITIES for church members and friends are available on SPC's scheduling app, Team Snap. Please sign up to receive info about fun events for SPC adults. Upcoming events include pickleball on weeknights, movie nights with Elaine Wertheim, a book conversation in February, and board game club. To sign up for Team Snap, please send your email address and phone number (optional) to spchurchlife@gmail.com. Team Snap allows us to post and monitor registration easily, send reminders or cancellations even on short notice, and we can also promote any events you would like to host. If you have any questions, please contact Amy People or call the church office.



SARAH CIRCLE: Please join us on Tuesday, February 27 at 1:00 p.m. at Southminster House for our monthly Sarah Circle meeting for women. Tom Etzel will be speaking about the organization he created and runs called Global Peace Building Foundation, an organization that teaches young people how to make positive connections with others. There will be refreshments and time for fellowship so please feel free to bring a friend or two. If you have any questions or plan to bring a guest, contact Jane at jane341@aol.com.

ROCK CLIMBING AT ASCEND! The Youth Group will be heading to Ascend Rock Climbing gym on February 10, 2024! Grades 6th-12th are welcome! We will meet in the Southminster Church parking lot at 9:30am. Please RSVP by February 7, 2024. For more information and to RSVP, email Jennifer at Jennifer@spchurch.org.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER SUBS! Calling all Sunday School Teacher Substitutes! No experience needed, just a willingness to teach the youngest church members how much God loves them. Sunday School is taught each Sunday from 10-10:45am in the newly renovated “Kingdom Keepers” children’s wing. If you are interested, please email Jennifer at Jennifer@spchurch.org.

SAFE CHURCH: Be our church guest for training Sunday April 7th 12-2pm in Fellowship Hall, light lunch will be served. This is for all members of Session and Deacons, Sunday School teachers, youth volunteers and all other volunteers.