

# SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

## THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

*The Scots Confession sets forth three marks of the true and faithful church: “the true preaching of the Word of God,” “the right administration of the sacraments of Christ Jesus,” and “ecclesiastical discipline ... whereby vice is repressed and virtue nourished.”*

*“Cleave, serve, worship, trust” are key words in this document. As a call to action in a turbulent time, the Scots Confession reflects a spirit of trust and a commitment to the God whose miraculous deliverance the Scots had experienced firsthand.*

~ From the Book of Confessions introduction to the Scots Confession ~

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME:** In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to this Celebration of Worship. May we, by the power of the Holy Spirit, experience a close communion with God and a warm fellowship with one another.

**THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Betsy’s parents, Charles M. and Anne E. Lynn, and Tom’s parents, Ronald R. and Margot B. Teti, by Tom and Betsy Teti.

**CHILDCARE SUNDAY MORNINGS** is available for infants to 4 years from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Childcare Room of the Kingdom Keepers Wing which is located off the Rec Hall. There will not be Sunday School on May 26.

**CHILDREN’S PRAISE PACKS**, containing coloring pages and other activities for kids to learn about today’s message, are available at the Sanctuary entrances and at the Crossings worship service. Please return the bags at the end of the worship service.

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE:** The children will be given their own message during the time of the sermon, in one of the Kingdom Keepers Wing classrooms, then return to the service. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Stampfel at [jennifer@spchurch.org](mailto:jennifer@spchurch.org).

**THE SOUTHMINSTER CAFÉ** is open with refreshments from 8:45 a.m. to 10:15 p.m. this morning in Rec Hall. Please come in for donuts, bagels, fruit, coffee, tea, or juice.

**ADULT SUNDAY SEMINAR:** This class meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel and is open to all adults and high school students. On May 5<sup>th</sup> Fred Barnes will be leading a discussion on “Shaping Communities” from the book “Practicing Our Faith”. On May 12<sup>th</sup> Judy Sutton will lead a discussion entitled, “Why Book Banning?” On May 19<sup>th</sup> Sarah Cannon will lead a discussion of the new worship banners in our sanctuary and their meaning. There will be no class on May 26 (Memorial Day weekend).

**SCOTTISH SUNDAY.** Join us on Sunday, May 5, for Southminster’s 53<sup>rd</sup> annual celebration of Scottish Sunday. The 11 a.m. Celebration of Worship will start with a procession into the Sanctuary to lead special music and worship, as once again we commemorate our Scottish Presbyterian heritage. Immediately following worship, the celebration continues on the Southminster lawn (or in Fellowship Hall if it’s rainy). Come join us for worship, music, fellowship, and homemade shortbread.



**LISTENING SESSIONS:** Session members have come to understand that changes in leadership have been very troubling for many at Southminster. In order to address some of the distress our members feel, Session would like to invite members to small group meetings where we can listen as you share your concerns. Meetings will be led by session members and be a place where you can share your concerns so that we as a Congregation can heal and move forward together. To sign up for a group, please contact Paula Iannotta: [paula@spchurch.org](mailto:paula@spchurch.org) or 412-343-8900.

**\* OUR MAY MISSION OPPORTUNITY:** Southminster plans to join with the Pittsburgh Presbytery and the Foundation of Hope to provide bibles to the Allegheny County Jail. Our Outreach Committee has committed to provide 50 of these bibles and is inviting the congregation to provide additional funding to match this contribution. You can make a donation using a pew envelope noting that it is for bibles, write a check with bibles in the memo line, or online indicating bibles in the Notes section. We are excited about this opportunity to provide an instructive and encouraging resource to incarcerated individuals, and the particular version selected is the Life Recovery Bible. There are copies outside the Worship spaces if you would like to take a look.

**A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held on Sunday May 19 immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. This annual meeting will include the 2023 Financial Report and the Election of Elders and Deacons.

**ADULT INTEREST CENTER:** The Adult Interest Center hosts a gathering for South Hills seniors on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of the month at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please join us and invite a friend to enjoy the fun, fellowship, and food! (The meal is at Noon for the cost of \$9.00). On May 17<sup>th</sup> speaker Andy Quinn will present a “History of Kennywood”. For more information email Fred Barnes at fred@spchurch.org.

**SARAH’S CIRCLE:** Please join us on Tuesday, May 21 at 1:00 p.m. at Southminster House for our monthly Sarah’s Circle meeting for women, featuring a lesson, discussion, refreshments and time for fellowship. Please feel free to bring a friend. If you have any questions or plan to bring a guest, please email eileen@spchurch.org.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!** Save the dates for “The Great Jungle Journey” themed program: July 22 – 26 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Exciting details to come! If you are interested in volunteering, please email Jennifer at jennifer@spchurch.org or register using the following link: <https://southminster2024vbs.myanswers.com/jungle-journey/>. Registration for the kids will open May 23.

**\* FOOD PANTRY HELPERS:** The Southminster Food Pantry has an urgent need for drivers to make deliveries to recipients in local communities. There are also other tasks for which help is needed including organizing and scheduling the deliveries, and shopping for and assembling the donation bags. Please consider volunteering some time to this valuable ministry. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Nancy Clifton: nancyclifton@aol.com or 412-561-1913

**HELP WANTED:** We’re looking for additional volunteers to provide help at the Reception Desk in the mornings or afternoons during the week. Receptionists answer the phones, give access to the building, and may help assemble Sunday bulletins. Training is provided and the position offers great benefits ... staff appreciation, prompt attention to visitors, and a pleasant interaction with callers. It’s also a great way to provide meaningful service and to interact with members and friends as you offer a warm welcome and assistance to others. For more information, please contact Paula Iannotta at paula@spchurch.org or 412-343-8900.

**\* NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS**