

NOVEMBER 17th, 2024 – 8:15 AM

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE **“Where Charity and Love Prevail”**

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

INTROIT

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bruce Ludwig

Come, let us give thanks to God!

**We gather together to praise the One who strengthens
the weak, and hears the prayers of the forgotten.**

Come, let us give thanks to Christ!

**We gather together to sing of the One who calls us to
serve those who are hungry and alone at this time of
year.**

Come, let us give thanks to the Spirit!

**We gather together to exalt the One who provokes us
to love not only our family and friends, but the guest
among us.**

***1 Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ’s love, by love we thus are bound.***

***2 Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God’s holy Son.
As members of each body joined, in him we are made one.***

***3 Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease.
Be God’s the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.***

***4 Let us forgive each other’s faults as we our own confess,
that we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.***

***5 Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God’s name;
our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.***

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have to admit, Holy Listener, that we are more likely to be irritated by the lives of others than provoked to love them. We are called to encourage those around us, yet too often our actions and words discourage them. We are offered lives of peace and hope, yet we wander around filled with anxiety and despair. Forgive us, Rock of Redemption. Cleanse our hearts, so we might be more loving; keep us on the path of faithfulness, so we might find those whom we are called to serve; give us your words, so we might confess your hope offered to all who are broken, who are lost, who cry out to you. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn #693)**

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;
our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide
every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Robert Newman

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 10:11-25

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,” he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“O Love”

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

***HYMN #840**

“When Peace Like a River”

*1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Refrain:

It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.

*1 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control, that Christ hath regarded
my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.*

(Refrain)

*2 He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought.
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)*

*3 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul. (Refrain)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Leanne Pearce Reed

EUCCHARIST

DEDICATION OF OUR PLEDGES

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY (Hymn #607)**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer

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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

SENDING

***HYMN #39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

***1 *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!***

***2 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)***

*3 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)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE “May the Love of the Lord”**

***POSTLUDE “Praise the Almighty”**

Leading Today’s Worship

Rev. Leanne Pearce Reed, Co-Pastor

Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson, Co-Pastor

Dr. Larry Hardin, Music Director

Kyle Henderson, Director of Worship Arts

David Renaker, Organist

Ty Thornton, Pianist

Bruce Ludwig, Liturgist

Welcome to Southminster

Connect: If you are new to Southminster, we are glad you are here! Fill out a connect card and visit us online at southminsterpcusa.org to learn more about what's coming up.

Children: We welcome children of all ages in worship. Childcare is also available for infants through age three in our Nursery (Room 213), staffed by caring, experienced workers. Worship bags for children are available in the entryway.

Communion: All are welcome at the table as we celebrate the Lord's Supper each week. The bread and juice are alcohol-free and gluten-free. If you prefer to remain seated during communion, an elder will be glad to bring the elements to you.

Prayer concerns: Fill out a card to share prayer concerns with our pastoral staff. You can pick up a copy of prayer concerns at the entrances to the sanctuary each week.

Offering: Offerings may be placed in the offering boxes located at the sanctuary entrances, or you may give securely online by visiting southminsterpcusa.org/give.

Coming Up

Campfire Church

This evening, 5:30pm

Join us on the hill around the campfire for conversation and worship.

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

Friday, November 22nd, 7am

All men are invited to join us for breakfast and a Bible Study led by Manly West.

Community Grief Support Hope for the Holidays

Saturday, November 23rd, 9am – 12pm

If you or someone you know is grieving from the loss of a loved one as we face this holiday season, join us for this helpful, informative and encouraging community event. To register, call the Church Office or go to communitygriefsupport.org/hope-for-the-holidays/registration

Adult Christmas Party

Friday, December 6th, 6pm

We'll enjoy a delicious catered meal of Pork Tenderloin, Loaded Baked Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Rolls and Cheesecake with Toppings, with fabulous entertainment by Three On a String playing some of their traditional Christmas music and other favorites. The cost is \$25 per person. Childcare, if needed, will be provided in the nursery. RSVP by calling the church office by Monday, December 2nd.

Greater Birmingham Ministries Angel Tree

You are invited to remove an angel off the tree in the Grace Hall gathering area, shop for the age group on the back, and place your gift back under the tree. You can also purchase Visa or Walmart gift cards and turn those into the Church Office by Sunday, December 8th.

This Week

SUNDAY / NOVEMBER 17

8:15 & 10:30am / Worship Service

9:15am / Sunday School

9:15am / Presbyterian 101

2:00pm / Chancel Choir Rehearsal for Lessons and Carols

4:00pm / Ty Thornton Hymn Program

5:00pm / BYG – Edgewood

5:30pm / Campfire Church

MONDAY / NOVEMBER 18

5:00pm / Day School Board Meeting

5:30pm / Southminster Foundation for Ministry Committee

TUESDAY / NOVEMBER 19

5:00pm / Covenant Ringers Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY / NOVEMBER 20

9:00am / Personnel Committee

5:30pm / Wednesday Night Supper: Chicken Orzo Soup, Bread, Dessert

6:15pm / Advent Craft Fair

7:00pm / Chancel Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY / NOVEMBER 22

7:00am / Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

SATURDAY / NOVEMBER 23

9:00am / Community Grief Support Hope for the Holidays Workshop

SUNDAY / NOVEMBER 24

8:15 & 10:30am / Worship Service

9:15am / Sunday School

1:30pm / Hope Circle