



**LORD'S DAY WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 6, 2020**

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Meditation

Call to Worship/Invocation

†**Hymn of Praise**

Not What My Hands Have Done
Trinity Hymnal #461

†**Scripture Reading**

Genesis 50: 15-21(ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

†**Singing Psalms**

Psalm 11 (*Trinity Psalter*, p.7)
Tune: *This is My Father's World* (TH #111)

Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

†**Scripture Teaching**

Matthew 18:21-35 (ESV)

Expounding the Word of God

Pastor Michael Mang

God's Family Members Completely and Perpetually Forgive One Another

The Lord's Supper

†**Hymn of Response**

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds
Trinity Hymnal #359

†**Benediction**

Postlude

†Standing, if able

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And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Acts 2:42

WELCOME

We really mean it when we say we are thrilled that you have come to worship with us today!

If you should have any questions or comments about the ministry of Spriggs Road Presbyterian Church, please feel free to reach out. Contact information is on the back page of this bulletin.

At this time Sunday School is not currently in session, and the nursery will not be available. Children are always welcome in our worship services. We also have a “cry room” available with a large window for viewing the service and speaker that will be playing all the audio from the main sanctuary. Please feel free to use that if you are concerned that your children’s noises are disrupting the service. Since it is a small room, we ask you to be judicious and careful to maintain recommended distancing should others also seek to use it.

We hope that this Lord’s Day you will be encouraged by the Word, refreshed by the worship, and touched by Christ’s love through our fellowship with one another.

MEDITATION

¹ Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her

that her warfare is ended,

that her iniquity is pardoned,

that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;

make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,

and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level,

and the rough places a plain.

⁵ And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,

and all flesh shall see it together,

for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

— Isaiah 40:1-5 (ESV)

CONSTRUCTION OF PORTICO

PLEASE NOTE... Construction of the church entry portico began on Monday, August 31. For the next few weeks, we will have to use the entry at the rear of the church while construction is taking place. Please use caution when walking near the construction site and, for their safety, please keep children away from the construction area.

As a reminder, we are still collecting funds to help pay for the project. If you would like to contribute, please designate any gifts as “Church Portico Project” or something like that.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the Session members.

A concept drawing of the planned portico is on the bulletin board in the foyer.

VISITATION

Realizing that some may be hesitant to participate in corporate worship at this time due to health concerns, the session would like to remind everyone that anyone may request a visitation. If anyone would like a pastor and elders to visit you, please contact one of the pastors or elders. In addition to general visits, we can deliver a brief message from the Bible and administer the Lord’s Supper for you and your family. We will follow any health and protective measures or procedures that you may require of us during our visit.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Income vs. Budget	8/30/2020	YTD
General Income	\$9,507.00	\$343,159.24
Budget Requirement	\$9,500.00	\$332,500.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$7.00	\$10,659.24
Attendance	125	

**THIS WEEK'S
SCHEDULED EVENTS**

Day	Time	Event	Contact
Sunday, September 6	9:00 a.m.	First Worship Service	
Sunday, September 6	10:45 a.m.	Live Stream Worship (Second Service)*	
Sunday, September 6	6:00 p.m.	FAIPCA: Live Stream Sermon*	Jegar Chinnavan
Sunday, September 6	6:00 p.m.	Manassas Area Small Group*	Bill McFarland
Tuesday, September 8	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday Devotional/Prayer Meeting*	Matt Bowles

* Designates events that are meeting by video conference or being live streamed.

If you have announcements to publish in the bulletin or events to add to the calendar please send submissions to bulletin@spriggsroad.org.

LOGO CONTEST

We are still looking for submissions for a proposed logo for the church. We are inviting anyone from our church family to submit designs for a new church logo. This might be a great rainy day activity or a way to pass the time during this time of social distancing. Whether you consider yourself to be a skilled artist or if you just like to dabble in graphic design we'd love to see what you can come up with.

Please read full details about the logo contest on the church website.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

SERMON NOTES

Title: “God’s Family Members Completely and Perpetually Forgive One Another”

Text: Matthew 18:21-35

Theme: Forgiving others in the body of Christ is not optional. If you will not forgive your brother no matter what he has done to you personally, Jesus says you are destined for eternal punishment. Those who understand how much they have been forgiven by God understand that nothing done to them compares to their offenses against God.

I. Peter Asks About Forgiving _____
_____ (21)

II. Jesus’ Answer Goes _____ the
Suggested _____ Limits Proposed by Peter
(22-35)

III. Applications

A. Forgiving others is _____ of a
_____ in Christ.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious Father, in Your mercy You forgave us a debt of sin that we could never begin to repay.

We confess we have not shown like mercy to our family in Christ.

We have harbored anger and bitterness toward our brethren.

We have closed our hearts to their needs.

We have turned our faces away from their presence.

We have shut our eyes to their needs.

We have inwardly demanded repayment for wrongs done to us.

We confess our sin of not forgiving our brethren from our hearts.

We acknowledge we have placed limits on our forgiveness.

We admit we have forgotten how much You have forgiven us.

Cleanse our hardness of heart.

Forgive our unforgiveness.

Pardon our lack of mercy.

Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

We ask in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus.

Amen.

Personal Confession (silent)

Assurance of Pardon

Jeremiah 31:33-34 (ESV)

³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

Please seek out and contact one of our Pastors or Elders to talk more about your eternal future. You can find their contact information in this bulletin. They will be glad to show you from Scripture, God's Word, how you can have a relationship with God through Christ Jesus and have true peace and security with Him.

If you have professed faith in Christ Jesus, have been baptized, and are a member of the Church, yet there is a distance between you and the LORD because of cherished and unrepentant sin and transgressions of God's laws, we warn you to refrain from partaking the elements of the Lord's Table today. Scripture tells us that partaking of the Lord's Table is a participation, a communion, in the body and blood of Christ (1 Cor. 10:16). God's people cannot partake of His holy Table while at the same time engaging in deliberate and conscious violations of His commands for us as His holy people. If this is true with you, the LORD graciously promises that, if you confess and turn from whatever thinking or behavior that is contrary to His nature and His Word, He is faithful to forgive and to cleanse you from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). Until you have confessed and turned from whatever this breach of faith might be, please refrain from partaking of the Lord's Table.

This does not mean that as a professing follower of Christ you are required to be perfect and flawless before communing with Christ at His Table. The Table is for you to be nourished and strengthened even more in your faith and love for Christ. You may have worries and doubts that God loves or hears you because your faith is weak. You may have sinned, confessed, and turned from it to the Lord before partaking, but still your heart condemns you. When you come to the Lord's Table, the Lord by faith assures you that you belong to Him, and He belongs to you. If, despite your sins and imperfections, you can truly say that the LORD is your Shepherd, that the name of Christ and His smile is the desire of your soul, then take the LORD at His word that you are ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven!

Come, and dine with your Lord and Savior.

B. Forgiveness must be a true _____
forgiveness, not just formal, surface, obligatory, or
_____.

C. Those who _____ to truly forgive invite
_____.

**QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS AT
HOME OR IN SMALL GROUPS**

1. What question did Peter ask Jesus (v. 21a)?
2. What was Peter's suggested answer about how many times he should forgive (v. 21b)?
3. How many times did Jesus say one must forgive a brother who sins against him (v. 22)? What was the deeper meaning of Jesus' answer?
4. What did Jesus do to explain what He meant (vv. 23-35)?
5. How much did the first servant owe the king (v. 24)? How much money was this?
6. What did the king do for the servant who owed him an enormous amount of money (v. 27)?
7. What did the servant do after he left the king (v. 28)?
8. How much money did the second servant owe to the first servant (v. 28b)? How much was this amount worth?
9. What did the second servant ask of the first servant (v. 29)? How did the first servant answer (v. 30)?
10. What happened after this (v. 31)?
11. When the king heard what happened, what did he do (vv. 32-34)?
12. What was a key lesson of the story (v. 35)?
13. What does it mean to forgive someone? Does forgiving another mean ignoring or forgetting issues of truth or justice?
14. How can/do you forgive someone who has deeply hurt or wounded you?
15. Is forgiveness conditional or unconditional?
16. Does a failure to forgive mean that a Christian can lose his salvation? Is unforgiveness the unforgivable sin?
17. Can a true believer in Christ have a difficult time forgiving another?
18. What does it mean to forgive from the heart?
19. When should you forgive a fellow Christian who sins against you? When should you extend or pronounce your forgiveness to the one who sinned against you?
20. The passage deals with sinning against other Christians. May a Christian remain unforgiving if the person who sinned against him is not a Christian?

Next Week Read: Genesis 1:1-2; John 1:1-3; Romans 1:18-23; Colossians 1:15-17

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Announcement:

All are invited to the Lord's Table who have been baptized, have publicly professed faith in (either before a congregation of the Lord's Church or to a body of Elders in a church where the Gospel of Christ is embraced) and allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ as the Savior from your sins, and are members of the visible Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

If you have not publicly professed faith in Christ Jesus – the eternal Son of God who took on human flesh, lived a perfect, sinless life, died on the cross for sins, rose bodily from the dead, and who is returning to this earth in power and glory – please refrain from partaking of the Lord's Table.

We invite you to respond to the Gospel by first understanding that you have sinned personally against the God who made you and have violated His good and right laws for you to follow. God is holy and has every right to separate you from Himself and from all that is good and beautiful because of your freely chosen disobedience to Him. But the really good news is that you can be restored to the God who made you because of what Christ Jesus has done on the cross as a perfect substitute and payment for the penalty that you owe and deserve. Simply believing and trusting in what Jesus did for you means you will belong to the LORD God forever.

Abraham, the Biblical example of one who was restored to God by faith alone, trusted God's promise and the LORD God credited it, that trust, to him as righteousness. God has shown His love to the world, and to you, by giving His only Son that whoever believes in Him should not die and be separated from Him forever but rather have the life man was created to have in the presence of God, a life that never ends.

This means that you cannot DO anything to earn your place with God. However, a true faith in Christ Jesus comes from a God-given desire that will produce behavior that does those things that are pleasing to Him.