

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

There is a need for additional help producing the bulletin. Ideally we would like to have 3 or 4 volunteers who could take turns. This is a good opportunity for anyone who knows a bit about desktop publishing (or who would like to learn) to serve the church in a valuable way. In addition, there will be a need for people to print and fold the bulletin once we return to providing paper copies.

If you are interested or have questions, please email
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* Submissions for the bulletin are due by Wednesday each week.



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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



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP OCTOBER 4, 2020

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Meditation

Call to Worship/Invocation

†**Hymn of Praise**

All People That on Earth Do Dwell
Trinity Hymnal #1

†**Scripture Reading**

Habakkuk 2:6-20 (ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

Covenant Baptism

(at 10:45 a.m. service)

Clara Jane Costlow

Covenant daughter of Matthew and Lindsey Costlow

†**Singing Psalms**

Psalm 9 (*Trinity Psalter*, p.5-6)
Tune: *Immortal, Invisible* (TH #38)

Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

†**Scripture Teaching**

Revelation 17:1-18; 18:1-4, 21-24 (ESV)

Expounding the Word of God

Pastor Matteson Bowles

Can't Help Falling in Love

***The Lord's Supper**

†**Hymn of Response**

According to Thy Gracious Word
Trinity Hymnal #423

†**Benediction**

Postlude

†Standing, if able

*Live Stream ends before The Lord's Sup-

There will not be a passing of the offering plate as part of our worship service during this time of social distancing. However, there is a tithe box on the small table near the main sanctuary doors where you may deposit offerings. In addition, there are remote payment options detailed on the "Donate" tab of the church website.

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 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 a 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

Faith brings us into union with Christ. Therefore:
We *died with* Christ,
and were *buried with* him.
We have been *raised with* Christ into new life.
When Christ appears in glory,
we will *appear* with him.

— Sinclair Ferguson, *Devoted to God*

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	9/27/2020	YTD
General Income	\$8,353.00	\$374,147.10
Budget Requirement	\$9,500.00	\$370,500.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$11,147.00)	\$3,647.10
Attendance	108	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Church Picnic - Saturday, Oct 10th, 3-7 pm

Our annual church picnic will be held on Saturday, Oct 10th from 3-7 pm at the Deanes' property. We will be making a few changes to be cautious, so please read carefully. We hope this will be an opportunity for our entire church family to be "together" during this unusual year. It will be outside and there will be plenty of room to spread out. Please be especially mindful of those with health risks.

- Bring your own chairs/picnic blanket
- Bring your own drinks (no cups or drinks will be provided)
- A mask is recommended for going through the food line and when talking with others.
- Food will be served at 5 pm.
- There will be a set menu provided (no need to bring any food to share) We will be having Fried Chicken, Meatballs, Mac-n-cheese, Baked Beans, Corn, Salad, Applesauce, and Cookies.
- Plates will be filled by servers with masks and gloves.
- Feel free to bring your own picnic meal if you prefer.
- Rain date will be the following Saturday. We will make an announcement by Friday, if needed.
- Please RSVP on the Sign-Up Genius provided on the website

Annual Men and Boys Campout—Thursday to Saturday, Oct. 15-17

The Annual Men and Boys Campout will be held at the Deanes' property from Thursday to Saturday, Oct 15-17. You can join for any part you are able. Please RSVP and get more information, if needed, from Joe Deane (joseph.deane@spriggsroad.org).

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: “Can’t Help Falling in Love”

Text: Revelation 17:1-18; 18:1-4, 21-24 (ESV)

1. The Seductive Rider

2. The Mystery Exhibited

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE SESSION

Your session has recently requested input from the flock regarding our current practices regarding the current COVID-19 pandemic. We gratefully received a variety of responses and recommendations. As we considered the various responses at the session meeting on Monday, we decided to make changes to the policies concerning the first service (9:00 a.m.) out of love to some in our body.

Beginning September 20, the first service (9:00 a.m.) will be a mask mandatory service. It means the following will be observed:

1. Masks must be worn at all times except for when the participants are taking the elements of the Lord’s Supper
2. The elders leading the service will not wear masks when on the platform but will don them when they step down from the platform

As always we are to remember to practice social distancing as much as is practically possible.

We took these actions, not in reaction or response to any organization outside of the church, but out of a love and concern for those within the church who did not feel comfortable with our current practice.

As always, please remember to use prudence regarding your health. Don’t feel obligated to come to church if you still feel uncomfortable, or, if you are sick, please remain home and take advantage of our live stream.

As always your session longs to hear from you and we are always looking for ways that we can better minister to you all.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Holy Father, forgive us.

Though you should guide us, we inform ourselves.

Though you should rule us, we control ourselves.

Though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves.

For we think your truth too high,

your will too hard,

your power too remote,

your love too free.

But they are not!

And without them, we are of all people most miserable.

Heal our confused minds with your word,

heal our divided wills with your law,

heal our troubled consciences with your love,

heal our anxious hearts with your presence,

all for the sake of your Son,

who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

Personal Confession

This time of silence is provided for private, personal confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

And these things we write, so that our joy may be made complete. And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

— 1 John 1:4-7

SERMON NOTES CONT'D

3. The Continual Fall

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.

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.