

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regularly scheduled events can be found on the church's online Calendar. It can be also be viewed on the home page of www.spriggsroad.org.

The weekly Tuesday evening Word, Prayer, and Praise meeting continues to meet at 7 p.m. remotely via Zoom. All are welcome to attend. An email with a link for the meeting is sent out early each week. If you would like to attend and did not get the link, contact Pastor Matt.

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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 DECEMBER 6, 2020

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Meditation

Call to Worship/Invocation

†**Hymn of Praise**

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
Trinity Hymnal #196

†**Scripture Reading**

1 Corinthians 3:5-23

Pastoral Prayer

†**Singing Psalms**

Psalm 123 (*Trinity Psalter*, p.110)
Tune: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" (TH #223)

Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

†**Scripture Teaching**

Genesis 4:8-12, 20-22

Expounding the Word of God

Michael Mang

"The Creation Mandate" (Part 3)

***The Lord's Supper**

†**Hymn of Response**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Trinity Hymnal #194

†**Benediction**

Postlude

†Standing, if able

*Live Stream ends before The Lord's Supper

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.

Please note that if you are attending the 9 a.m. service, masks must be worn at all times except when the participants are taking the elements of the Lord's Supper.

At this time Sunday School is not in session.

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

Therefore, when you hear that the gospel presents you Jesus Christ in whom all the promises and gifts of God have been accomplished; and when it declares that he was sent by the Father, has descended to the earth and spoken among men perfectly all that concerns our salvation, as it was foretold in the Law and to the Prophets — it ought to be most certain and obvious to you that the treasures of Paradise have been opened to you in the gospel; that the riches of God have been exhibited and eternal life itself revealed. For, this is eternal life; to know one, only true God, and Jesus Christ whom he has sent, whom he has established as the beginning, the middle, and the end of our salvation.

— John Calvin, Preface to Pierre Robert Olivétan's New Testament, 1534

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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

There are several families with young children who would like to have a nursery available again. The session just approved reopening the nursery for the second service (10:45 a.m.) only and in a limited way with some guidance. Please contact Robin Deane if you would be willing to help get it going.

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 bulletin@spriggsroad.org.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 13, after the second worship service at 12:30 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget for 2021 and to act on a recommendation regarding a change in the Pastor's compensation package. The budget was sent out in an email to the congregation this past week. If you did not get it and would like to have a copy of it please contact Steve Powell.

For those members who attend the first service and return home, or who watch via livestream, access by Zoom will be available for live interaction and voting. The access code will be provided later in the week by email.

YEAR-END GIVING

As a reminder to all in the congregation, any gifts that you desire to be counted toward 2020 charitable giving for tax purposes must be received by the church by December 31. We may receive gifts of money, stocks, bonds, real property, or any other assets that have real value. One benefit of giving appreciated securities such as stocks and bonds is that the giver may write off the full value of these items without having to pay capital gains on any appreciated value. If you have any questions, please contact our treasurer, Lloyd Moore.

Also, please remember that any gifts designated for our pastors in the offering will be considered taxable income for them rather than personal gifts.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Income vs. Budget	11/29/2020	YTD
General Income	\$4,447.00	\$458,509.55
Budget Requirement	\$9,500.00	\$456,000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$5,053.00)	\$2,509.55
Attendance	109	

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: "The Creation Mandate" Part 3

Text: Genesis 4:8-12, 20-22

Theme Because of sin and now the accomplishment of redemption, the creation mandate cannot be successfully carried out apart from the Great Commission. The hearts of people must be changed by the work of the Spirit through the Gospel.

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- I. What the Creation Mandate Is
 - God's charge for mankind to be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, subdue the earth, and take dominion over the works of His hand
 - II. Scriptural Basis for the Creation Mandate
 - A. Genesis 1:26-30
 - B. Genesis 2:5-9
 - C. Genesis 3:17-19
 - D. Genesis 4:8-12, 20-22
 - E. Genesis 9:7
 - III. Three Features of the Creation Mandate
 - A. Covenant
 - B. Command
 - C. Dominion
 - IV. Three Central Areas of the Creation Mandate
 - A. Labor
 - B. Marriage
 - C. Worship
 - V. The Relationship Between the Creation Mandate and the Great Commission
 - The Great Commission is the ultimate recasting of the Creation Mandate without which man will not fulfill his purpose.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Our Father, we confess that we fail to forgive as we should. Pardon us for harboring anger and bitterness in our hearts instead of being kind and tender-hearted to forgive as God in Christ has forgiven us.

We grieve that we have been negligent and careless in carrying out Your commandments and duties. All of Your laws and precepts reflect Your glory and are for our good.

We mourn that we would rather receive than give.

We abhor the times we waver and do not hold fast our confession that Jesus is Lord.

Because of Your great love and mercy, hear and forgive us.

May we always model the Gospel and show forth that our Lord Jesus has overcome all that has held us in bondage.

Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Personal Confession

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"And I will have mercy on No Mercy,
and I will say to Not My People, 'You are my people';
and he shall say, 'You are my God.'" —
And in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people,"
it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

— Hosea 2:23; 1:10 (ESV)

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.

VI. General Applications

- A. The Creation Mandate is rooted in man as the image-bearer of God.
- B. You carry out the Creation Mandate as you seek the Kingdom of God first.
- C. Because of the entrance of sin, this mandate cannot be successfully implemented apart from the preaching of the Gospel.
- D. You must have the Creation Mandate and the Great Commission in mind as you work and live your life.

VII. How Are God's People to Carry Out the Creation Mandate?

- A. You carry out the Mandate by building _____ on the truth of _____.

- B. You carry out the Mandate as you seek and pursue a _____ of _____ by the proclamation of the _____.

- C. You do not carry out this Mandate _____ but in _____ without others, especially those in the _____.

- D. Live a _____ life in _____ and in _____.

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS AT HOME OR IN SMALL GROUPS

1. What are the five (5) commands in Genesis 1:28 that give the contours of the Creation Mandate?
2. Where did God place Adam and Eve to begin fulfilling the Creation Mandate? Why did God place Adam there (Genesis 2:5-9, 15)?
3. What interrupted the goal and smooth progress of the Creation Mandate (Genesis 3:17-19)?
4. Did God rescind or alter the Creation Mandate (Genesis 3:17-19)?
5. Who received a severe punishment that greatly impeded the work of carrying out the task of fulfilling the Creation Mandate? Why did he receive this punishment? (Genesis 4:8-12)?
6. What progress in advancing civilization was made after the fall of mankind (Genesis 4:20-22)?
7. When was the Creation Mandate repeated (Genesis 9:7)?
8. Why did God create the earth (Isaiah 45:18)?
9. What are three features of the Creation Mandate?
10. How does the image of God in man relate to the Creation Mandate?
11. How does God's Kingdom relate to the Creation Mandate?
12. Who today is responsible for carrying out the Creation Mandate?
13. Identify some areas in which the present culture is based on the truth and foundation of God's Word. Identify some areas where it is not.
14. Why is a change of heart necessary in order to carry out the Creation Mandate successfully?
15. What are some ways that a single person can get involved in carrying out the Creation Mandate? How can you encourage a young person to get involved in this task?

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.

Please seek out and contact one of our Pastors or Elders to talk