



**LORD'S DAY WORSHIP  
DECEMBER 27, 2020**

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**Pastoral Prayer**

†**Singing Psalms**

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†**Hymn of Response**

["God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"](#)  
*Trinity Hymnal #211*

†**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

“Immanuel, God with us.” It is hell’s terror. Satan trembles at the sound of it... Let him come to you suddenly, and do you but whisper that word, “God with us,” back he falls, confounded and confused... “God with us” is the laborer’s strength. How could he preach the gospel, how could he bend his knees in prayer, how could the missionary go into foreign lands, how could the martyr stand at the stake, how could the confessor own his Master, how could men labor if that one word were taken away?... “God with us” is eternity’s sonnet, heaven’s hallelujah, the shout of the glorified, the song of the redeemed, the chorus of the angels, the everlasting oratorio of the great orchestra of the sky.

— C. H. Spurgeon, *The Treasury of the Old Testament*

## The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,*

*And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

## SERMON NOTES

12/27/2020

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: "Creation, Fall, and Redemption" (Part 1)

Text: Romans 8:18-25

Theme: Creation-Fall-Redemption is the only real program of eternal consequence. Present systems, governments, and institutions have their place for the time being, but all will be swallowed up as the kingdoms of this earth become the Kingdom of our God and of His Christ. The question is: "Where are you in this program?"

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I. Creation

II. Fall

III. Redemption

IV. Human Destiny

V. Applications

A. Only the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ can bring the created universe to its \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

B. The created order \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ that comes through the people of God \_\_\_\_\_ their goal.

C. The created world and environment cannot be truly \_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_ has been \_\_\_\_\_.

D. As you have the Biblical worldview of creation in your heart, soul, and mind, even the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are not \_\_\_\_\_.

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

1. How do many of your family and close friends explain the meaning and purpose of life?
2. What is the hope of the entire created order (Romans 8:19)?
3. What does Paul mean when he says that “creation waits with eager longing” (Romans 8:19)?
4. What happened that caused the created world to be subjected to futility? How does the created order manifest this futility?
5. How do some theological and philosophical systems understand the relationship of sin to the human condition?
6. How did some in the church in the Middle Ages conceive that God originally created man? What did they think would keep man from sinning?
7. How does Scripture view man’s original being as created by God?
8. How could Adam be created perfect and yet there be the possibility that he could sin?
9. How does failing to keep the Fall of man in one’s thinking lead to improper and wrong views of what happens in life?
10. How will creation reach its goal (Romans 8:29-21)?
11. How can you be truly free in this life and yet possibly suffer persecution or personal bondage?
12. How does becoming indifferent to sin and unfaithfulness to God lead to a degeneration in the created order?

## **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.



## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Unto You, O LORD, we lift up our voices and confess that we have sinned and done what is evil and wicked in Your sight. We who are redeemed and called to everlasting glory abhor that we do that which displeases You, and that we fail to bring honor and glory to Your Name.*

*Hear and forgive us as we plead the precious atoning sacrifice of Him Who was crucified for our iniquities and was raised for our justification.*

*Purify us from the hollowness of doing works that are not born of faith in our Lord Jesus.*

*Cleanse us from turning the grace of God into a covering for doing wrong.*

*We pray that You would use us as living stones in the building of Your Kingdom now come.*

*Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.*

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### Personal Confession

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

— Matthew 1:21-23 (ESV)

## 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](http://www.spriggsroad.org).

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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.

## 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	12/20/2020	YTD
General Income	\$20,288.17	\$499,455.58
Budget Requirement	\$9,500.00	\$484,500.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$10,788.17	\$14,955.58
Attendance	138	

## 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.



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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

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