

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP
JANUARY 10, 2021

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

[Meditation](#)

Call to Worship/Invocation

†**Hymn of Praise**

["From All That Dwell below the Skies"](#)
Trinity Hymnal #7

†**Scripture Reading**

[Isaiah 65:17-25](#)

Pastoral Prayer

†**Singing Psalms**

Psalm 30 (*Trinity Psalter*, p.22)
Tune: ["The Church's One Foundation"](#) (*TH #347*)

Confession of Faith

[Nicene Creed](#)

†**Scripture Teaching**

[Revelation 21:1-8](#)

Expounding the Word of God

[Rev. Matteson Bowles](#)

["Vision of the Future"](#)

***[The Lord's Supper](#)**

†**Hymn of Response**

["The King of Love My Shepherd Is"](#)
Trinity Hymnal #184

†**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

Then the church shall be brought to the full enjoyment of her bridegroom, having all tears wiped away from her eyes, and there shall be no more distance or absence. She shall then be brought to the entertainments of an eternal wedding feast, and to dwell forever with her bridegroom, yea, to dwell eternally in His embraces. Then Christ will give her His loves, and she shall drink her fill, yea, she shall swim in the ocean of His love.

— Jonathan Edwards, "The Church's Marriage to Her Sons and to Her God"

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.*

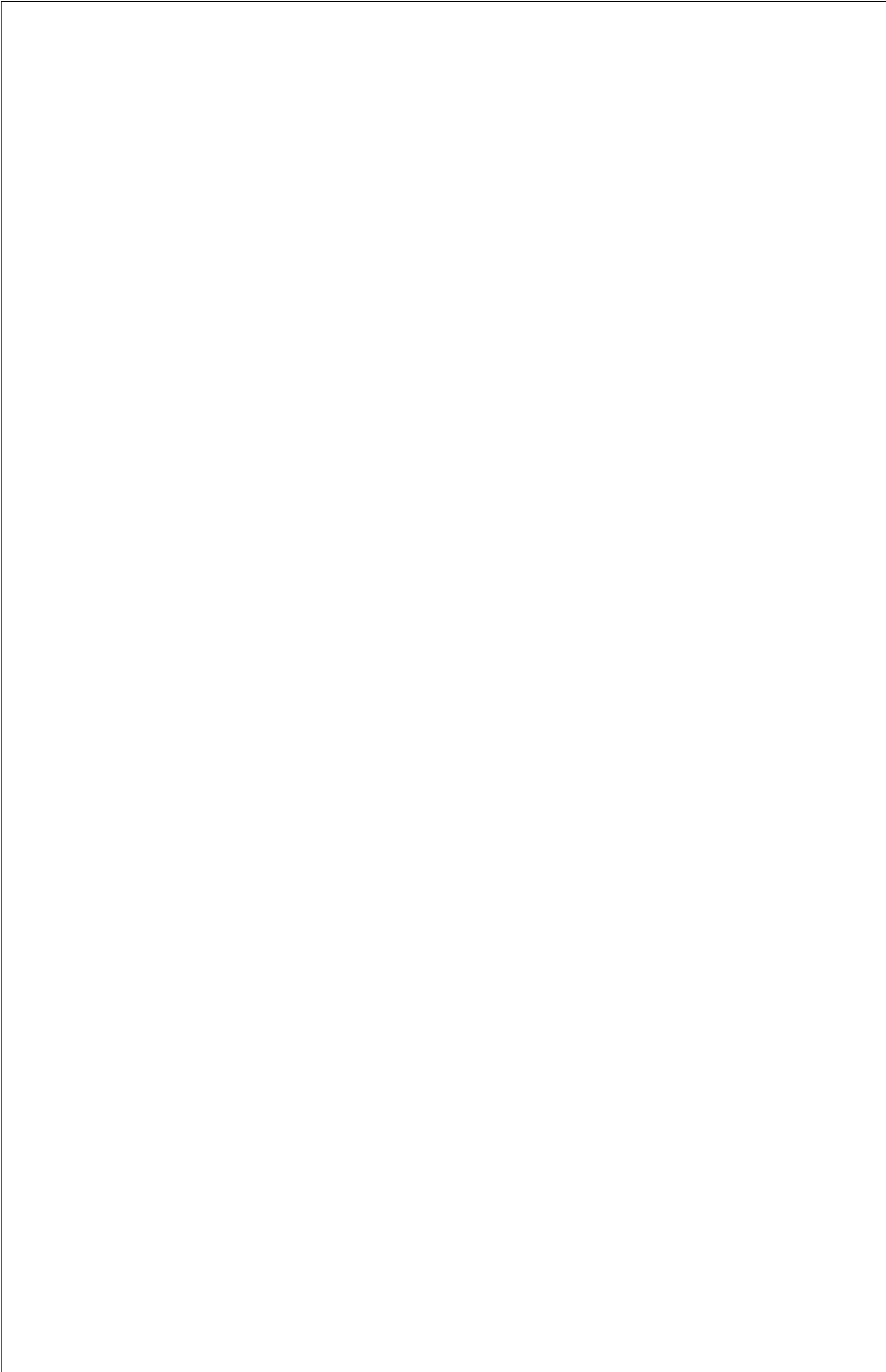
SERMON NOTES

1/10/2021

Pastor Matteson Bowles

Title: "Vision of the Future"

Text: Revelation 21:1-18



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

Almighty God, we have sinned against You and against our fellow men in our thoughts, in our words, and in our deeds.

We have sinned in the evil we have done and in the good we have not done.

We have sinned through ignorance, through weakness, and through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve You in newness of life to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

Personal Confession

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

— 1 John 1:8-10 (ESV)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regularly scheduled events can be found on the church's online [Calendar](#). It can 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.

OFFICER CANDIDATES APPROVED BY SESSION

The following officer candidates were approved by the Session according to [BCO 24-1](#) to stand for election:

Elder candidates – Dan Bredbenner, Ryan Heisey

Deacon candidates – Charlie Kim, Erik Woloszczuk

An election will be announced soon and we will give at least 30 days notice for the upcoming election. Before then, avail yourselves of the opportunity to ask these men any of your own questions regarding their desire, views, and qualifications to serve in these respective offices of the Lord's Church.

CONSTRUCTION OF PORTICO

PLEASE NOTE... Construction of the church entry portico is resuming shortly. When construction resumes, 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.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

January 23, 2021, 5 p.m.

The Heisey's have graciously volunteered to host the next Teen Night at 5pm on the January 23rd! Details regarding meal items and other needs will be forthcoming. Please contact Pastor Matt for details.

July 26—31, 2021

It is the time of year to start signing up for the Ridgheaven Service Project. This year it will be July 26th-31st. Details were sent out in an email last week by Pastor Matt. If you did not receive the email and/or you would like more details, contact Pastor Matt.

NOTE FROM THE MANGS

Thank You So Very Much for the Christmas Gift

My family and I are deeply touched and profoundly grateful for the most generous gift you all have bestowed upon us in this Christmas season. If there is a more generous congregation in the country, we do not know it. You all are a continual source of blessing and encouragement. We love you all very much and pray that our LORD will continue to pour out His blessings and fill you with His peace and joy in the upcoming year.

Pastor Michael and Laurie

NOTE FROM THE BOWLES

We wanted to express our deep thanks for your gift on Christmas Eve! Grateful for your love and support, and privileged to serve here we are humbled by your kindness, and ultimately the Lord's kindness through you to us.

May God continue to grow us together in Christ this year.

Matt and Amy, and Marie, Maelie, Amelia and Asa

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Income vs. Budget	1/3/2021	YTD
General Income	\$16,604.20	\$16,604.20
Budget Requirement	\$9,630.00	\$9,630.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$6,974.20	\$6,974.20
Attendance	121	

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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
