



**LORD'S DAY WORSHIP
JANUARY 24, 2021**

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

[Meditation](#)

Call to Worship/Invocation

†Hymn of Praise

["Christ for the World We Sing"](#)

Trinity Hymnal #447

†Scripture Reading

[Jeremiah 27:1-11](#)

Pastoral Prayer

†Singing Psalms

Psalm 96 (*Trinity Psalter*, p.82)

Tune: ["All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"](#) (*TH #296*)

Confession of Faith

[Nicene Creed](#)

†Scripture Teaching

[Romans 13:1-7](#)

Expounding the Word of God

Rev. Michael Mang

["The Christian's Relationship to the Civil Authorities:
The Baseline"](#) (Part 1)

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

†Hymn of Response

["Bread of the World in Mercy Broken"](#)

Trinity Hymnal #425

†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 tithing 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

Appearances can be deceptive. The fact that we cannot see what God is doing does not mean that He is doing nothing. The Lord has His own timetable. It is we who must learn to adjust to it, not vice versa. When God’s time comes nothing will stand in His way. We can therefore wait for Him with this happy confidence: “As for God, His way is perfect” (2 Samuel 22:31).

— Sinclair Ferguson, *Discovering God's Will*

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

1/24/2021

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: “The Christian’s Relationship to the Civil Authorities: The Baseline” (Part I)

Text: Romans 13:1-7

Theme: If we have the tendency to chafe against and to resist those in positions of authority over us, we ultimately put ourselves under the wrath and judgment of God. We submit to authority not merely out of fear, but from our love and

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- I. Exposition of Romans 13:1-7
 - A. The _____ Principle (1a)
 - B. The _____ for the Basic Principle (1b)
 - C. Reasons Why One Must Not _____ Authority (2-4)
 - D. Reasons Why One Must _____ to Authority (5-7)

II. We May View the _____ as an Extension of the _____.

III. The State Is Under
the _____ of _____ As Is
the _____.

IV. The Family Is the _____ for Teaching,
Developing, Shaping, and Modeling
Godly _____ and _____ Toward
Authority.

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

1. Who is included in Paul's instructions in Romans 13:1-7?
2. What is the basic duty that is required (v. 1a)?
3. Why is this duty mandatory (v. 1b)?
4. What happens when a person resists lawful authority (v. 2)?
5. What is a government's purpose (vv. 3-4a)?
6. How does one keep from fearing those in authority (v. 3b)?
7. What kind of power does the government have to enforce what is right (v. 4b)?
8. What are two reasons for obeying the governing authorities (v. 5)?
9. Why must we pay taxes (v. 6)?
10. What other things besides taxes do citizens owe to their governing authorities (v. 7)?
11. What are the typical three "institutions" that we think of that God established?
12. Where in Scripture does it record that God established the State?
13. What is another way to think of the State and the Church?
14. What is the value of viewing the State as an extension of the family?
15. How does the family structure teach children how to relate to authority?

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

O God of unsearchable greatness, before You [we are] nothing but vanity, iniquity, perishing.

Sin has forfeited Your favor, [marred in us] Your image, banished [us] from Your presence, exposed [us] to the curse of Your law. [We] cannot deliver [ourselves], and [are] in despair.

But a resource is found in You, for You did devise an everlasting plan in Christ. May His shed blood make [us]: more thankful for Your mercies, more humble under Your correction, more zealous in Your service, more watchful against temptation, more contented in [our] circumstances, and more useful to others.

Amen.

Excerpt from *The Valley of Vision*, ed. by Arthur Bennett; Banner of Truth.

Personal Confession

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

Put me in remembrance; let us argue together; set forth your case, that you may be proved right."

— Lamentations 3:22-26 (NIV, 1984)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

The Deacons are continuing to collect non-perishable food items and general items for those in need in our community. Items can be placed in the blue bin in the hallway. Please contact Dan Bredbenner with any questions. The items most needed according to the ACTS website (Jan 2021) are:

Canned and Dried Food

Breakfast items cereal, oatmeal, grits, etc.
Peanut butter and jelly
Canned or dry beans
Honey
Canned vegetables
Canned fruit
Canned meats (tuna, chicken)
Whole-grain pasta
Canned tomato sauce
Brown Rice
Milk
Cooking oil
Canned soup
Coffee

General Items

Pull-ups and diapers size 5/6
Soap
Toothpaste
Deodorant
Wipes
Shampoo
Toilet Paper
Laundry Soap
Dish Soap
Feminine Hygiene Products

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Income vs. Budget	1/17/2021	YTD
General Income	\$14,596.00	\$44,895.07
Budget Requirement	\$9,630.00	\$28,890.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$4,966.00	\$16,005.07
Attendance	121	

**C O N G R E G A T I O N A L M E E T I N G C A L L E D
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Dear Church Family,

According to our constitutional rules (BCO 24-1), the Session, giving at least thirty (30) days' notice, calls for a congregational meeting on Sunday, February 14, 2021, following the second worship service at approximately 12:30 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is twofold: 1) to proceed to the election of additional Ruling Elders and Deacons; and 2) to act on the recommendation of the Session for the congregation to call Matteson Bowles, currently Assistant Pastor, as Associate Pastor of Spriggs Road Presbyterian Church.

Regarding the election of additional Ruling Elders and Deacons, the following candidates approved by the Session (per BCO 24-1) are:

Ruling Elder candidates – Dan Bredbenner, Ryan Heisey

Deacon candidates – Charlie Kim, Erik Woloszczuk

Following are a few notes and reminders for the upcoming meeting.

You will have the option of voting “yes” or “no” either for all four of the candidates, for none of the candidates, or any number in-between.

A majority of those present at the congregational meeting is required for election to office (BCO 24-3). This means that a majority is reckoned based upon the number of communing member voters present and not on the number of votes cast.

You may wish to utilize the intervening time before the actual congregational meeting in order to better familiarize yourselves with the men who have been nominated and examined for office with respect to the Biblical qualifications as listed in 1 Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:5-7.

As was done in the December congregational meeting, members who so wish may join the congregational meeting via online streaming. An access link will be provided the week of the congregational meeting. You will be able to vote by secret ballot at the meeting or anonymously online.

Regarding the Session's recommendation to call Pastor Matt as Associate Pastor, the difference in the call refers to the body that calls and the relationship sustained to the Session. An Assistant Pastor is called by the Elders and is not a voting member of the Session. An Associate Pastor is called by the congregation and is a voting member of the Session (See BCO 22-2, 3). The Session's recommendation to call Pastor Matt as Associate Pastor will also include a proviso that his compensation package be increased by \$9,000.00.

Please be in prayer that the Lord will continue His blessing upon the work of the Gospel in this body as the people of God at SRPC take up this sacred responsibility.

The Session of SRPC

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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
