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## LORD'S DAY WORSHIP FEBRUARY 7, 2021

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Meditation**

**Call to Worship/Invocation**

†**Hymn of Praise**

["O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"](#)  
*Trinity Hymnal #164*

†**Scripture Reading**

[Acts 5:17-32](#)

**Pastoral Prayer**

†**Singing Psalms**

Psalm 119:129-140 (*Trinity Psalter*, p.107)  
Tune: ["He Leadeth Me"](#) (*TH #600*)

**Confession of Faith**

[Apostles' Creed](#)

†**Scripture Teaching**

[Exodus 1:8-21](#)

**Expounding the Word of God**

Rev. Michael Mang

["The Christian's Relationship to the Civil Authorities:  
Negative Parameters"](#)

†**Hymn of Response**

["Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"](#)  
*Trinity Hymnal #257*

**\*The Lord's Supper**

†**Doxology**

†**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

For if [a Christian] cannot thank and praise God as well in calamities and sufferings as in prosperity and happiness, he is as far from the piety of a Christian as he that only loves them that love him is from the charity of a Christian. For to thank God only for such things as you like is no more a proper act of piety than to believe only what you see is an act of faith. Resignation and thanksgiving to God are only acts of piety when they are acts of faith, trust and confidence in the divine goodness.

— William Law

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CALLED FOR FEBRUARY 14, 2021

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, February 14, 2021, following the second worship service at approximately 12:30 p.m. There will be an option for members to connect to the meeting via Zoom.

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.

If you have questions, please see one of the elders or Pastor Mang.

## WOMEN’S MINISTRY CONFERENCE

The PCA's Committee on Discipleship Ministries (CDM) will be conducting its annual Women’s Ministries conference virtually this year on February 18-20, 2021. Any women interested in attending are welcome to register. The conference theme is: The Promise of His Presence: Living and Leading Covenantally ~ A Virtual Interactive Conference Experience designed to equip women and build His Church. The link to register can be found at <https://womensleadership.pcacdm.org/>.

## RIDGE HAVEN SERVICE PROJECT

The annual SRPC youth service project at Ridge Haven for rising 6th - 12th graders is scheduled for July 26-31, 2021. Please see Pastor Matt for details.

This is a great opportunity for middle and high school students to enjoy a summer camp experience with all the fun activities and inspiring worship times of our regular camps while also working as a team on a service project for 3-4 hours each day. This is the perfect way for youth to not only experience the adventure of a camp, but also put their faith into action.

## 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](http://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	1/31/2021	YTD
General Income	\$4,932.50	\$56,904.57
Budget Requirement	\$9,630.00	\$48,150.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$4,697.50)	\$8,754.57
Attendance	N/A (Livestream)	

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

### 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

2/7/2021

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: "Relationship to the Civil Authorities: Negative Parameters"

Text: Exodus 1:8-21

Theme: There are definite limits to a Christian's obedience to the civil magistrate. We always must obey God rather than man. Our obedience to the magistrate must not mean disobedience to God.

I. Exposition of Exodus 1:8-21

II. Some Clear Negative Parameters That Inform When Disobedience Is Proper

A. A Magistrate May Never \_\_\_\_\_ You to Do What God Expressly \_\_\_\_\_ in His \_\_\_\_\_ for You to Do

B. A Magistrate May Not \_\_\_\_\_ You to Do What God Expressly \_\_\_\_\_ in His \_\_\_\_\_ That You Are to Do

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*O living and true God, our hearts grow cold and indifferent to Your Kingdom and to the grace that You lavish upon us daily.*

*We confess that we get angry when our desires are frustrated, rather than because Your majesty is maligned, Your Word is impugned, or Your glory is ignored.*

*Forgive us for loving the world and the things in it rather than loving You, the Giver of every good gift.*

*Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.*

*Purify us from our sinful desires and our erring ways.*

*We resolve to serve You in the newness of the Spirit, Whom You have given to us as children of the Living God.*

*And we shall endeavor to be more mindful of Your wonderful providence, more vigilant to remain steadfast in doing Your will, and more humble to esteem others better than ourselves.*

*Hear our confession today as we make our prayer in and through the merit and the mediation of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

### Personal Confession

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments."

Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

— Joel 2:12-13 (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.

C. A Magistrate May Not \_\_\_\_\_ It Over or \_\_\_\_\_  
Your \_\_\_\_\_ Toward God

### III. Critical Principles

A. No Human Authority Is \_\_\_\_\_

B. Personal \_\_\_\_\_ Must Not Be \_\_\_\_\_  
Wrongly to the \_\_\_\_\_ or to the \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_ Is Legitimate, \_\_\_\_\_  
Is Not

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

1. What prompted the king of Egypt to turn against the Hebrew people (vv. 8-10)?
2. What was Pharaoh's initial plan to control the Israelites (v. 11)?
3. What was the result of this first plan (v. 12)?
4. After this failed, what did Pharaoh try to do to keep the Israelites from increasing and growing strong (vv. 13-14)?
5. What was the especially dastardly plan that Pharaoh concocted to control the Israelites (vv. 15-16)?
6. Whom did Pharaoh command to carry out his orders (v. 15)?
7. How did the two Hebrew midwives respond to Pharaoh's command (v. 17)?
8. What reason did the midwives give to Pharaoh as to why the baby males were not being put to death at birth (vv. 18-19)?
9. How did God look upon the two Hebrew midwives who disobeyed the command of the king (vv. 20-21a)?
10. What did Pharaoh do after his plan with the midwives failed (v. 22)?
11. How normative is this account of the Hebrew midwives' disobedience to an authoritative order today?
12. Does disobedience to a sinful order mean that the one who disobeys is rebellious or unsubmitive to authority?
13. Calvin's doctrine of the "lesser magistrate" says that resistance to a corrupt higher civil authority must be carried out by those established in government to interpose between the higher authority and the people and not by mob rule. What should a Christian do if a lesser magistrate is also corrupt?
14. What are some things God directly commands you to do that no civil authority may command otherwise?
15. What should a teenage son or daughter who truly loves Christ and wants to live for the Lord do if their unbelieving parents ordered them not to read the Bible or to go to church?
16. Evaluate the statement: "A bad government is better than no government at all." Agree or disagree? Explain.
17. May a civil authority compel belief? Why or why not?
18. What does it mean that "God alone is Lord of the conscience."
19. Give an example of a personal ethic being wrongly applied to the Church or to the State.
20. What is the difference between reformation and revolution?

**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