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LORD'S DAY WORSHIP FEBRUARY 21, 2021

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

[Meditation](#)

Call to Worship/Invocation

†Hymn of Praise

["Rejoice, the Lord Is King"](#)
Trinity Hymnal #309

†Scripture Reading

[Ephesians 1:15-22](#)

Pastoral Prayer

†Singing Psalms

Psalm 113 (*Trinity Psalter*, p.97)
Tune: ["Take My Life and Let It Be"](#) (*TH #585*)

Confession of Faith

[The Apostles' Creed](#)

†Scripture Teaching

[2 Kings 22:1-7](#)

Expounding the Word of God

Rev. Michael Mang

["The Church's Relationship to the State:
Circa Sacra Not In Sacris"](#)

†Hymn of Response

["Jesus, My Great High Priest"](#)
Trinity Hymnal #306

***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

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

— 1 Peter 1:3-5

NEWLY ELECTED POSITIONS

SRPC welcomes two newly elected Elders, Dan Bredbenner and Ryan Heisey, and two newly elected Deacons, Charlie Kim and Erik Woloszczuk, to the Session and Diaconate respectively. All four were duly elected by the congregation on February 14, 2021. An ordination and installation service for the officers-elect is tentatively planned for March 7, 2021. In addition, Assistant Pastor Matt Bowles was elected by the congregation as Associate Pastor at the same congregational meeting. He will be installed after the March 20 meeting of Potomac Presbytery to take his seat as a voting member of the Session.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To serve our young families, the nursery is now open during the second service. A few more adult volunteers are needed, with the goal of serving no more than once every 6-8 weeks. Volunteers are required to wear masks. There are 1-6 children using the nursery, depending on the week, and they are super sweet! Please consider this opportunity and contact robin.deane21@gmail.com if you are able to help out.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

March 6, 2021, 5 pm

The next Teen Night will be held on March 6 at 5pm at the Bredbenner home. More details to follow. Contact Pastor Matt with questions.

July 26—31, 2021

This year the Ridgehaven Youth Service Project will be July 26th-31st. Contact Pastor Matt for details.

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	2/14/2021	YTD
General Income	\$8,787.00	\$74,316.93
Budget Requirement	\$9,630.00	\$67,410.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$843.00)	\$6,906.93
Attendance	81	

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

2/21/2021

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: "The Church's Relationship to the State: *Circa Sacra* Not *In Sacris*"

Text: 2 Kings 22:1-7

Theme: Christ alone has the right to govern the affairs of His Church through His officers as they engage in their sacred duties of leading God's people in divine worship. The Church may not intrude in the duties of the State, nor may the State intrude in the sacred duties of the Church.

I. Church and State Interaction

II. Comments on 2 Kings 22:1-7

CONFESSION OF SIN

O Triune God, You search every heart and weigh every motive. Nothing that we say or do escapes Your penetrating gaze. Our hearts are open and laid bare in Your sight.

Hear us as we confess our sins and iniquities. We have fallen far short of the glory for which You have created us. We have cast aside Your instruction. We have elevated our thoughts above Your thoughts, and our ways above Your ways. We continually go astray and wander from the paths that are good and right.

Forgive us, O our God, for You are rich in mercy and tender toward all who call upon You with a contrite heart. Turn Your face toward us and be gracious to us.

Draw us closer to You so that we would love You more deeply, walk with You more completely, and serve You more fervently.

Through the One who loved us and gave Himself for us, we make our prayer. Amen.

Personal Confession

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

— Revelation 1:5b-6 (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.

III. *Circa Sacra and In Sacris*

IV. Application

- A. As a general rule, the State may _____ certain rules and guidelines that do not _____ the realm of the Church's worship, doctrine, or _____ administration of her affairs.
- B. Once the Church gathers for _____ as Christ's _____ people, the State has no _____ to mandate how she carries out her sacred ministry.

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

1. How old was Josiah when he began to reign as king (v. 1a)?
2. How long was Josiah's reign (v. 1b)?
3. What was the character of his tenure as king (v. 2)?
4. What was the special interest King Josiah had about halfway through his reign as king (vv. 3-6)?
5. Who was the king's messenger who communicated his concerns (v. 3)?
6. Who was to oversee this project (v. 4a)?
7. How was the project financed (v. 4b)?
8. Who did the work (v. 5)?
9. Who were some of the workman and what were some of the materials used in the repairs (v. 6)?
10. Why were those who worked on the Temple repairs not required to report to the king on how the money was used (v. 7)?
11. What are some similarities and what are some differences between the nation of Israel's relationship to the Church and the modern Western State's relationship to the Church?
12. How might King Josiah's interest in the Temple of the LORD be analogous to the interest of the contemporary State?
13. What do Circa Sacra and In Sacris mean?
14. Give some examples of what might be included in Circa Sacra and in In Sacris matters.
15. How have some civil magistrates throughout the country interfered in the sacred duties of the Church during the past year?
16. How should the Church respond to what she believes are interferences and unjustified intrusions into her sacred functions?
17. How should a Church that ignores guidelines and advice from the State in times of urgency and emergency be held accountable?
18. Should Church leaders ignore completely the concerns of the State in matters that might directly impact the Church's duties?
19. What might be an example of the Church improperly interfering in State matters?
20. What deference should the State give to the advice and counsel of the Church in matters that impact the State's business? Should the Church even be concerned with how the State conducts its business?

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