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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 (ESV)



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 26, 2021
10:45 A.M.

Prelude	"To God My Earnest Voice I Raise" TH 608
Welcome	
Announcements	
Meditation	
Call to Worship/Invocation	
† Hymn of Worship	"Revive Thy Work, O Lord" TH #370
† Scripture Reading	Ezekiel 34:1-10 [Seat Bibles, p.722]
† Song of Praise	"God, the Uncreated One"
Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Jegar
† Singing Psalms	Psalm 65, <i>TP</i> p.52 Tune: "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus" TH #571
† Confession of Faith	The Nicene Creed
Tithes & Offerings	"He Leadeth Me" TH #600 Arr. By J. Ray; Ruby Deane, piano
† Scripture Teaching	Matthew 23:1-12 [Seat Bibles, p. 828]
Expounding the Word of God	Pastor Michael Mang "When Leaders Go Bad" (Part 1)
† Hymn of Response	"God, Be Merciful to Me" TH #486
‡ The Lord's Supper	
† Doxology	
† Benediction	
Postlude	"May the Mind of Christ My Savior" TH #644
† Standing, if able	
‡ Live stream ends before the Lord's Supper.	
<i>TH — Trinity Hymnal</i>	
<i>TP — Trinity Psalter</i>	
<i>TPH — Trinity Psalter Hymnal</i>	

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.

We have resumed our schedule of 9:30 Sunday School for all ages, and 10:45 worship, with nursery available for ages 3 and under. Masks are optional, but seating in the front left corner is reserved for any who prefer a masked and socially distanced option.

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

“It is the most sweet and comfortable knowledge; to be studying Jesus Christ, what is it but to be digging among all the veins and springs of comfort? And the deeper you dig, the more do these springs flow upon you. How are hearts ravished with the discoveries of Christ in the gospel? What ecstasies, meltings, transports, do gracious souls meet there? Doubtless, Philip’s ecstasy, John 1: 25 'eurekamen Iesoun,' 'We have found Jesus,' was far beyond that of Archimedes. A believer could sit from morning to night, to hear discourses of Christ; 'His mouth is most sweet', Cant. [i.e., Song of Solomon] 5:16.”

— John Flavel, *The Fountain of Life Opened Up*

CARINGBRIDGE SITE FOR POWELLS

A CaringBridge site has been set up for Powell family to help people stay connected with Steve and his family during this current health event. You can find various updates and posts to gain the latest information on his condition and to express prayers and well wishes.

caringbridge.org/visit/ourfamilyupdate

The site name is: ourfamilyupdate

HARVEST FESTIVAL SIGNUP

Gina Powell is still willing to coordinate the Harvest Festival on Nov 6, but many volunteers are needed for planning & preparation and for assistance the day of the festival. Please sign up on the lists in the hallway today, to ensure that there is adequate help to proceed with the festival.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC / 14TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION /

The picnic will be held on Saturday, October 9th, from 3 - 7 pm, at the Deanes home. We will be saying farewell to the Hubler family and the Core family. Please RSVP on the Sign-up Genius that was sent out. More details are available there and on a handout in the foyer.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Income vs. Budget	09/19/2021	YTD
General Income	\$9,082.80	\$413,747.81
Budget Requirement	\$9,630.00	\$365,940.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$547.20)	\$47,807.81
Attendance	119	

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ** Church Luncheon Oct 3 // Please bring ACTS donations
- ** Senior lunches begin on Oct 13
- ** Men & Boys' Campout Oct 14-16
- ** Church Workday Oct 23 (rain date Oct 30)

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies' Bible Study now has both a morning and an evening option. The morning group meets twice a month on Tuesdays from 10:30 to 12:30. The evening group meets twice a month on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30. All are welcome to join in for a time of fellowship and learning. Please contact Robin Deane or Lisa Bentley for more information.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Two Christian refugee families, living in LakeRidge, are in need of transportation on Sunday afternoons (starting 10/3) to One Voice Fellowship (4:00-7:15 PM), a PCA church plant that meets in Vienna. The church has a teaching time for the first hour, then dinner of international food, followed by a worship service with preaching in English and translation. Those going to the service are welcome to participate in the activities and dinner. There are a total of five people in need of transportation: A woman from Ghana and her son (age 10), and a woman from Pakistan with her two sons (8 and 10), who fled after being threatened for teaching children Christian songs. Her husband is currently still in hiding in Pakistan. Please prayerfully consider how you can help these families to worship with their church body. If you are interested in helping and perhaps joining a rotation, please contact one of our deacons.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The 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

9/26/2021

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: "When Leaders Go Bad" (Part 1)

Text: Matthew 23:1-12

Theme: Leadership goes bad because those in authority put their own interests before those of God and of the ones they serve. Though we must respect their position of authority, God's people are not to follow their erroneous example.

I. _____ of Israel's _____
Caste in the Presence of the Crowd (1-3a)

II. _____ Jesus Indicts the Leadership
(3b-7)

A. _____ (3b)

B. _____ (4)

C. _____ - _____ (5-7)

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.

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)

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. _____ Against Becoming Like Leaders in Seeking _____ (8-12)

- A. Three _____ to Avoid (8-10)
- B. Greatness Measured by _____ (11)
- C. The Path of _____ (12)

IV. Applications

- A. Jesus _____ the _____ of the leaders of Israel, and, as Messiah, comes to _____ what is rightfully His.
- B. There is always the danger of covering over the truth of God in two directions: either by _____ or by _____.
- C. Christ shows the way to _____ to and _____ bad leaders — do not be _____ them.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who were gathered around Jesus at this time (v. 1)?
2. About whom did Jesus direct His remarks (v. 2)?
3. What position did those about whom Jesus spoke have (v. 2)?
4. What did Jesus tell the people to do regarding the authority of this particular group of leaders (v. 3a)?
5. What are three views about what Jesus meant by this statement?
6. What did Jesus tell the people not to do in response to the authority of this particular group (v. 3b)?
7. Why are the people not to imitate these leaders (v. 3b)?
8. What are the problems with the view that Jesus tells His disciples and the crowds to do and observe everything (whatever) these leaders tell them to do?
9. Is it possible to separate what the Word of God says from what it means? Explain.
10. What does the saying, “Theology is application,” mean?
11. How is preaching and teaching the Word of God the Word of God?
12. How is preaching the Word of God different from reading the Word of God? How is it similar?
13. How does Jesus undermine the authority of the scribes and the Pharisees? Does this mean that Jesus advocates revolution or rebellion?
14. What are some ways the scribes and Pharisees’ practice contradicted their teaching?
15. How might leaders commit sin against those whom they are charged to care for and lead?
16. What is legalism? How does legalism cover over the truth of God?
17. What is antinomianism? How does antinomianism cover over the truth of God?
18. How is law and grace harmonized?
19. What are examples of leaders in the Church whose teaching is not to be followed?
20. What are some examples of leaders in the Church who do not practice what they preach?

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