



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP
OCTOBER 3, 2021
10:45 A.M.

Prelude	<u>"To God Be the Glory" TH #55</u>
Welcome and Announcements	
Meditation	
Call to Worship and Invocation	
† Hymn of Worship	"O Worship the King" TH #2
Greeting	
† Song of Praise	"I Worship You, Almighty God"
† Confession of Faith	The Apostles' Creed
Pastoral Prayer	
† Scripture Reading	Jeremiah 8:8-13 [Seat Bibles, p. 636]
† Singing Psalms	Psalm 9 (TP, pp.5-6)
	Tune: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" TH #38
Tithes & Offerings	"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!" TH #535
† Gloria Patri	TH #735
Sermon Text	Matthew 23:1-12 [Seat Bibles, p. 828]
Expounding the Word of God	Pastor Michael Mang
	"When Leaders Go Bad" (Part 2)
† Hymn of Response	"Have Thine Own Way, Lord!" TH #688
† The Lord's Supper	
† Doxology	
† Benediction	
Postlude	"Jesus, I Live to Thee" TH #516
† Standing, if able	
† Live stream ends before the Lord's Supper.	
<i>TH — Trinity Hymnal</i>	
<i>TP — Trinity Psalter</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

The foundation of true holiness and true Christian worship is the doctrine of the gospel, what we are to believe. So when Christian doctrine is neglected, forsaken, or corrupted, true holiness and worship will also be neglected, forsaken, and corrupted.

- John Owen

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

10/3/2021

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: "When Leaders Go Bad" (Part2)

Text: Matthew 23:1-12

Theme: The authority of leaders who go bad will be taken away from them at some point in the providence of God. We are not to follow their example. Instead, we are to humble ourselves by serving.

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

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

A. _____ (3b)

B. _____ (4)

C. _____ (5-7)

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

A. Three _____ to Avoid (8-10)

B. Greatness Measured by _____ (11)

C. The Path of _____ (12)

IV. Applications

A. The _____ is to be the model of the power of
_____, _____ leadership.

B. _____ is your responsibility.

C. Christ Jesus calls His followers to _____ to be
_____ and to desire for others to be _____.

D. Your _____ must be to make yourself less for the
_____ and _____ of Christ.

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

1. What was the first reason Jesus gave for the failure of Israel's leaders (vv. 3b)?
2. What was the second reason Jesus gave for the failure of Israel's leaders (v. 4)?
3. What was the third reason Jesus gave for the failure of Israel's leaders (vv. 5-7)?
4. What several pieces of evidence did Jesus give for this observation (vv. 5b-7)?
5. What was a phylactery?
6. What three labels or titles did Jesus tell His disciples they should not call (or be called by) each other (vv. 8-12)?
7. To what do these titles seem to be referring?
8. Who alone is the master teacher (v. 10)?
9. Who is great in the Church (v. 11)?
10. What determines whether one will be honored and exalted (v. 12)?
11. What has been a huge stain upon the Evangelical Church in the last ten or so years?
12. How can a particular congregation prevent a "pecking order" from developing in the church?
13. What behaviors or actions do you frequently do to be noticed by other people?
14. What specific behavior can you begin to do right away to make yourself less and others more?
15. Does becoming less mean self-deprecation or self-loathing?
16. Is Jesus prohibiting all titles of honor? Is it wrong to call your dad "father" or a minister of the Gospel, "Pastor"?
17. What might be some things that were originally natural before the Fall of man into sin that are now unnatural, yet would be regarded today as natural? What are some things that were natural prior to the Fall that are still natural?
18. Is it wrong to want to be the best at something?
19. How might status-seeking manifest itself in the Church?
20. Is it wrong to enjoy being honored and appreciated? What might determine when honor and status is a good thing versus when it is a bad thing?

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, You Who are rich in mercy to all who call upon You, hear us as we come to You confessing our sins. We implore You for Your mercy and forgiveness.

We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds, by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness. We acknowledge before You all our failures and shortcomings toward You and toward our neighbors.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. And from Your abundant goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Personal Confession

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.”

— Isaiah 1:18 (ESV)

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

Fellowship Meal — Today, immediately following the service

Church Picnic / Anniversary Celebration — October 9

Senior Lunches — Begin on October 13

Men & Boys' Campout — October 14-16

Church Work Day — October 23 (rain date October 30)

Fall Festival — November 6

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 a 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.

CARINGBRIDGE SITE FOR POWELLS

A CaringBridge site has been set up for the Powell family to help people stay connected with Steve and his family during this current health event.
caringbridge.org/visit/ourfamilyupdate

HARVEST FESTIVAL SIGN-UP

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 / FAREWELL

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	09/26/2021	YTD
General Income	\$4,198.50	\$417,946.31
Budget Requirement	\$9,630.00	\$375,570.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$5,431.50)	\$42,376.31
Attendance	112	

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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)
