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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
OCTOBER 10, 2021
10:45 A.M.

Prelude ["For All the Saints" TH 358](#)

Welcome

Meditation

Call to Worship/Invocation

†**Hymn of Worship** ["Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" TH 457](#)

Greeting

†**Song of Praise** ["Lift High the Cross" TH 263](#)

†**Confession of Faith** *The Nicene Creed*

Pastoral Prayer

†**Scripture Reading** [2 Kings 17:6-23](#) [Seat Bibles, p.323-324]

†**Singing Psalms** Psalm 12, TP p.52
Tune: ["Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" TH 254](#)

Tithes & Offerings

†**Gloria Patri** [TH 735](#)

Sermon Text [Matthew 23:13-15](#) [Seat Bibles, p. 828]

Expounding the Word of God Pastor Michael Mang

["The Spiritual Peril of Bad Leaders" \(Part 1\)](#)

†**Hymn of Response** ["A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" TH 92](#)

‡**The Lord's Supper**

†**Doxology**

†**Benediction**

Postlude ["Blest Be the Tie That Binds" TH 359](#)

†Standing, if able

‡Live stream ends before the Lord's Supper.

TH — Trinity Hymnal
TP — Trinity Psalter

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

*God must speak to us before we have any liberty to speak to him. He must disclose to us who he is before we can offer him what we are in acceptable worship. The worship of God is always a response to the Word of God.
Scripture wonderfully directs and enriches our worship.*

(Anonymous)

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Our dear brother and ruling elder, Steve Powell, was called to heaven this past Sunday, October 3. His memorial service will be held at McLean Presbyterian Church on Friday, October 15, at 2:00 p.m.

Please check your email for a signup to help provide food for the reception.

SMALL GROUPS

Multiple small groups are available, typically meeting once or twice a month on Sundays. Please speak to any member of the session if you are interested in joining one.

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Please consider if you could help in the following areas:

- AV team (see Darcy Heisey)
- Nursery (see Robin Deane)
- Bulletin (see Laura McNeill)

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Income vs. Budget	10/03/2021	YTD
General Income	\$18,525.00	\$436,471.31
Budget Requirement	\$9,630.00	\$385,200.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$8,895.00	\$51,271.31
Attendance	135	

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

- ** Senior lunches begin on Oct 13
- ** Men & Boys' Campout — Postponed
- ** 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

10/10/2021

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: "The Spiritual Peril of Bad Leaders" (Part 1)

Text: Matthew 23:13-15

Theme: Woe to anyone who would shut the Kingdom of God for another and influence someone to be twice the son of hell as they are. Spiritual peril rests upon corrupt and bad leaders, mentors, celebrities, and authority figures. Only the Gospel is the antidote to judgment.

I. Judgment Because They _____ People From the Kingdom of God (13-15)

A. _____ Access to Salvation (13)

B. Making _____ and _____ Converts (15)

II. Judgment Because They Were Concerned About Superficial _____ Before Basic Truths of _____ and _____ (16-24)

III. Judgment Because They Focused on _____ Rather Than the _____ (25-28)

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, we have sinned against You and against our fellow men in our thoughts, in our words, and in our deeds.

We have sinned in the evil we have done and in the good we have not done.

We have sinned through ignorance, through weakness, and through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve You in newness of life to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

Personal Confession

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

— 1 John 1:8-10 (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.

IV. Judgment Because They were Complicit in the _____ of God's _____ (29-36)

V. Applications

- A. When the LORD God delivers His message to us,
_____ it, _____ it,
_____ it, or trying to get rid of the
_____ brings serious and dangerous spiritual
_____.
- B. The great _____ of leaders in the Church is
to _____ people to _____ and
show them the way of _____.
- C. The Lord Jesus stands against those who _____
_____ people from _____ the
Kingdom of God.
- D. Leaders and persons in positions of authority who
_____ to acknowledge Christ and who
_____ work to lead people _____
from him are under the _____ and
_____ of God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is a “woe” in this context?
2. How many woes does Jesus pronounce against the leaders of Israel (vv. 13-36)?
3. Why is verse 14 missing from many modern versions of Scripture?
4. Does the absence of a verse 14 detract from the message of Matthew 23?
5. What is the main point of verses 13-36?
6. What is the first woe about (vv. 13-15)?
7. What was the first way Jesus identified as to how these leaders were doing this (v. 13)?
8. How did these leaders likely do this?
9. Where is an example of this found in the Gospels?
10. What was the second way Jesus identified as to how these leaders were guilty of the first woe (v. 15)?
11. What is a proselyte?
12. What does a “child of hell” mean (v. 15)?
13. How do some church leaders hinder people from access to God’s Kingdom?
14. How do you determine if someone is shutting access to the Kingdom of God in a person’s face?
15. Why might a scribe have added a verse 14?
16. How might a government system be judged according to this first woe?
17. Give an example of a religious leader in ancient or modern Church history who made converts who turned out terribly wrong and dangerous.
18. Can a government be “neutral” toward religion?
19. How should corrupt ecclesiastical authority be challenged?
20. Is Jesus’ indictment of scribal and Pharisaic evangelism a condemnation of evangelism in general? How might it be a warning?

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