



**LORD'S DAY WORSHIP**  
**OCTOBER 17, 2021**  
**10:45 A.M.**

**Prelude** "My Soul, Bless the Lord!" *TH #126*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Meditation**

**Call to Worship and Invocation**

†**Hymn of Worship** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" *TH #252*

**Greeting**

†**Song of Praise** "On Jordan's Stormy Banks"

†**Confession of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed*

**Pastoral Prayer**

†**Scripture Reading** *Jeremiah 8:4-9* [Seat Bibles, p. 636]

†**Singing Psalms** *Psalm 35, TP p.26*

Tune: "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak" *TH #561*

**Tithes & Offerings** "Open the Eyes of My Heart" (see p. 11)

†**Gloria Patri** *TH #735*

**Sermon Text** *Matthew 23:16-24* [Seat Bibles, p. 828-29]

**Expounding the Word of God** Pastor Michael Mang  
"The Spiritual Peril of Bad Leaders" (Part 2)

†**Hymn of Response** "Fill Thou My Life, O Lord My God" *TH #589*

‡**The Lord's Supper**

†**Doxology**

†**Benediction**

**Postlude** "Jesus, With Thy Church Abide" *TH #348*

†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

Yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

- Galatians 2:16-21

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

10/17/2021

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: "The Spiritual Peril of Bad Leaders" (Part2)

Text: Matthew 23:16-24

Theme: Israel's leaders placed such importance and emphasis on the minutiae that they forgot what the details really meant. As a result, love for God and true concern for others suffered. Jesus does not denigrate the concern for the finer points of spiritual living but warns us against losing the bigger picture of God's good news to mankind by devotion to superficial rules considered essential for holy living.

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### I. Judgment Because They Hindered People from Entering the Kingdom of God (13-15)

- A. Barred Access to Salvation (13)
- B. Made Misguided and Fanatic Converts (15)

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

- A. Promoted \_\_\_\_\_ Religious \_\_\_\_\_ (16-22)
- B. Practiced an \_\_\_\_\_ Piety and Emphasized Wrong \_\_\_\_\_ (23-24)

**III. Judgment Because They Focused**

on \_\_\_\_\_ Rather Than  
the \_\_\_\_\_ (25-28)

**IV. Judgment Because They Were Complicit in**

the \_\_\_\_\_ of  
God's \_\_\_\_\_ (29-36)

**V. Applications for “The Spiritual Peril of Bad Leaders” (Part 2)**

A. Pharisaism seeks independently to \_\_\_\_\_  
what is \_\_\_\_\_.

B. God expects you to learn and understand the key,  
\_\_\_\_\_ truths of His Word from the  
\_\_\_\_\_ truths and to keep them in proper  
\_\_\_\_\_.

C. Ironically, Pharisaism with all its emphasis on rules and regulations  
goes \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

D. In imitating our God, we must not \_\_\_\_\_ the  
importance of the \_\_\_\_\_ things in life, but we also cannot  
go in the other direction and \_\_\_\_\_ the really  
\_\_\_\_\_ things in life.

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

1. Identify what Jesus denounced in the third and fourth woes (vv. 16-24).
2. What did the third woe specifically address (vv. 16-22)?
3. What practice promoted by the Pharisees did Jesus use to illustrate this (vv. 16-22)?
4. What did Jesus say made the gold of the temple sacred (v. 17); made the worshiper's gift special (v. 19); made the temple itself a basis for appeal when taking an oath (v. 21)?
5. What was the problem with the Pharisees' system of making oaths?
6. Identify what Jesus denounced against the Pharisees and scribes in the fourth woe (vv. 23-24).
7. What specific practice did Jesus use to illustrate this problem they had (v. 23)?
8. What important matters were the scribes and Pharisees ignoring (v. 23b)?
9. Why were the Pharisees incompetent to lead the people of God (v. 24a)?
10. How did Jesus wittily summarize this tendency (v. 24b)?
11. Give a contemporary example of what Jesus meant in verse 24.
12. Can good rules and regulations become artificial and harmful? How?
13. How does our culture try to determine what is sacred and holy? What things does our society deem to be sacred above that which God identifies as sacred? What things does our culture deem to be unholy that God identifies as holy?
14. In what ways have the assaults and challenges against the foundations of God's Word and the Christian culture based upon it been a kind of blessing?
15. What makes marriage special and important?
16. How do Christians lapse into Pharisaism in the matter of rules and regulations for serving and living for the LORD?
17. In what areas and ways do Christians overemphasize the secondary matters of Christian living?
18. How can "detail-oriented" Christians and "big-idea/big-picture" Christians get along with one another?
19. Christian fundamentalism is keen on many external rules for guiding and ensuring that Christians do not become like the world. What are the strengths and weaknesses of such an approach?

## **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

*Lord of mercy and grace, we confess that our love for You waxes cold and our hearts grow indifferent to Your holy Word. We are quick to blame others and to excuse our own faults and shortcomings.*

*We frequently doubt Your love for us, and our trust in Your promises becomes overshadowed by our fears.*

*We confess and repent of our sins, O LORD. Hear us as we approach Your Table and anticipate the grace that comes to us by faith therein. Cause our faith to grow stronger as we again survey the wondrous cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Produce in us the fruits of righteousness and holiness to the glory of Your Name: Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Whose righteousness is our glorious clothing. Amen.*

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### Personal Confession

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins. Put me in remembrance; let us argue together; set forth your case, that you may be proved right."

— Isaiah 43:25-26 (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](http://www.spriggsroad.org).

## FALL WORK DAY

Join us next Saturday, Oct 23, from 8 am to 12 noon for our annual Fall Workday. Please bring tools to do weeding, shrub and tree trimming, and mulch spreading. Wheelbarrows, rakes, hedge trimmers and branch loppers are needed. Please label your tools and don't forget to wear gloves. Contact Ralph Bentley with any questions.

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Two Christian refugee families, living in Lake Ridge, are in need of transportation on Sunday afternoons 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.

**“ OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART ”**

(Ruby Deane, piano):

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, ... I want to see You. ... to see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory. Pour out Your power and love, as we sing, "Holy, Holy, Holy."

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

Help is needed in the following areas of ministry at SRPC. Please consider offering your time in these important areas:

**AV Team** (contact Darcy Heisey)

**Bulletin Production** (contact Laura McNeill)

**Nursery** (contact Robin Deane)

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Income vs. Budget	10/10/2021	YTD
General Income	\$6,978.61	\$443,449.92
Budget Requirement	\$9,630.00	\$394,830.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$2,651.39)	\$48,619.92
Attendance	114	

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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)

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