



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP
OCTOBER 24, 2021
10:45 A.M.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Meditation

Call to Worship and Invocation

†Hymn of Worship “Man of Sorrows” *TH*#246

Greeting

†Song of Praise “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” *TH*#334

†Confession of Faith The Nicene Creed

Pastoral Prayer

†Scripture Reading 1 Kings 14:1-18 [Seat Bibles, pp. 295-296]

†Singing Psalms Psalm 49, *TP* p.40

Tune: “Take My Life, and Let It Be” *TH*#585

Tithes & Offerings

†Gloria Patri *TH*#735

Sermon Text Matthew 23:25-28 [Seat Bibles, p. 828-29]

Expounding the Word of God Pastor Michael Mang

“The Spiritual Peril of Bad Leaders” (Part 3)

†Hymn of Response “Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder” *TH*#172

‡The Lord's Supper

†Doxology

†Benediction

Postlude

†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

It is God who gives us the spirit of worship (Psalm 133:3), and it is what we know of God that produces this spirit of worship. We might say that worship is simply theology, doctrine, what we think about God, going into top gear! Instead of merely thinking about Him, we tell Him, in prayer and praise and song, how great and glorious we believe Him to be!

- Sinclair B. Ferguson

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

10/24/2021

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: "The Spiritual Peril of Bad Leaders" (Part 3)

Text: Matthew 23:25-28

Theme: Looking good on the outside is wonderful when the substance of truth and love back it up. But when the heart is spiritually dead, appearing righteous on the outside is a sham. God alone knows the heart, and His judgment rests not only upon leaders who put up a front, but He also stands against any who would dare to make lofty spiritual claims apart from a true and genuine faith in Christ.

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 Details Before Basic Truths of Devotion and Ethics (16-24)

- A. Promoted Artificial Religious Rules (16-22)
- B. Practiced an Unbalanced Piety and Emphasized Wrong Priorities (23-24)

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

- A. Fifth Woe: Lived in External _____ to the Exclusion of _____ Purity (25-26)
- B. Sixth Woe: Looked Good on the _____ But Were Spiritually _____ on the _____ (27-28)

IV. Seventh Woe: Judgment Because They Were Complicit in
the _____ of God's _____ (29-36)

V. Applications for "The Spiritual Peril of Bad Leaders" (Part 3)

A. The culture in which we live places a premium on _____
to the _____ of what is on the _____.

B. Since the fall of man into sin, there is an inside heart that is totally
_____. It doesn't need _____. It needs
_____.

C. True _____ is a matter of the _____
first being _____ by the work of Christ.

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

1. To whom did Jesus speak these words of judgment (vv. 25a, 27a)?
2. What is the “Fifth Woe” (vv. 25-26)?
3. What analogy did Jesus use to illustrate this point (v. 25b)?
4. What did Jesus say the real character of the Pharisees and scribes was (v. 25c)?
5. What did Jesus tell the Pharisees to do first (v. 26)?
6. What is the “Sixth Woe” (vv. 27-28)?
7. What analogy did Jesus use to illustrate this point (v. 27b)?
8. How did Jesus describe these places (v. 27c)?
9. How did the Pharisees appear to other people (v. 28a)?
10. What was the real heart condition of the Pharisees (v. 28b)?
11. What are some examples of the ways and instances the society in which we live places outward appearances above inward substance?
12. What are some examples of the ways and instances the Church places outward appearances above inward substance?
13. How do you make yourself truly clean?
14. What is the new birth? Where is it taught in the Old Testament? How does this happen? What does this do?
15. What is beauty? Is it only in the eye of the beholder?

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

O God of unsearchable greatness, before You [we are] nothing but vanity, iniquity, perishing.

Sin has forfeited Your favor, [marred in us] Your image, banished [us] from Your presence, exposed [us] to the curse of Your law. [We] cannot deliver [ourselves], and [are] in despair.

But a resource is found in You, for You did devise an everlasting plan in Christ. May His shed blood make [us]:

more thankful for Your mercies,

more humble under Your correction,

more zealous in Your service,

more watchful against temptation,

more contented in [our] circumstances,

and more useful to others.

Amen.

Excerpt from The Valley of Vision, ed. by Arthur Bennett; Banner of Truth.

Personal Confession

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Because of the LORD's great love, we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.

They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself,
"The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."

The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks
him;

it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

— Lamentations 3:22-26 (NIV, 1984)

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.

TEEN NIGHT

Youth Group event for grades 6-12 is coming next month! We will meet for bowling and a devotional at the Heisey home. Details of date and time to follow.

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.

BONFIRE & CAMPOUT

The church is tentatively planning a modified men and boys campout for Friday, November 5th and Saturday, November 6th. Setup can begin in the afternoon of the 5th. We will have a short devotion before a giant bonfire Friday evening (weather permitting). For those only coming for the bonfire, we usually start the fire at sunset, but since the campout is later in the year than we're used to, and the sun sets earlier, let's say we will try to start the fire at 7 at the latest to allow time for a devotion. Those who wish to campout are welcome to do so but all men and boys are welcome to come out just for the bonfire as well. There will be fewer organized activities than usual and there is a good chance it will be a good bit colder than our average campout, but maybe not. Please RSVP to Joe Deane if you plan to participate. We mainly want an opportunity to gather as men and boys and have fellowship.

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	10/17/2021	YTD
General Income	\$6,307.50	\$449,757.42
Budget Requirement	\$9,630.00	\$404,460.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$3,322.50)	\$45,297.42
Attendance		

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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)
