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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

NOVEMBER 7, 2021

10:45 A.M.

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| Prelude | “Christ Shall Have Dominion” <i>TH</i> #439 |
| Welcome and Announcements | |
| Meditation | |
| Call to Worship and Invocation | |
| †Hymn of Worship | “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” <i>TH</i> #521 |
| Greeting | |
| †Song of Praise | “God, the Uncreated One” |
| †Confession of Faith | The Apostles' Creed |
| Pastoral Prayer | |
| †Scripture Reading | Jeremiah 7:1-15 [Seat Bibles, p. 634-35] |
| †Singing Psalms | Psalm 79, <i>TP</i> p.69 |
| | Tune: “May the Mind of Christ My Savior” <i>TH</i> #644 |
| Tithes & Offerings | |
| †Gloria Patri | <i>TH</i> #735 |
| Sermon Text | Matthew 24:1-14 [Seat Bibles, p. 829] |
| Expounding the Word of God | Pastor Michael Mang |
| | “The Beginning of the End for a Once Great Nation” |
| †Hymn of Response | “Jesus Shall Reign” <i>TH</i> #441 |
| ‡The Lord's Supper | |
| †Doxology | |
| †Benediction | |
| Postlude | “Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns” <i>TH</i> #369 |

†Standing, if able

‡Live stream ends before the Lord's Supper.

TH — Trinity Hymnal; *TP* — Trinity Psalter; *TPH* — Trinity Psalter Hymnal

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

"For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, I have sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified when You speak and blameless when You judge... Do not cast me away from Your presence and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me." Psalm 51: 3, 4 & 11

Ah, here is the great difference between the unregenerate and the regenerate: the one harden themselves in their sin, the other are broken before God on account of it.

~Writings of A.W. Pink

FLOCK

Annual Christmas FLOCK, Saturday, Dec 4, at 6 p.m.

This is an event for the adults in our church (18 and up are all invited). It is a festive evening where we share an upscale pot-luck (bring a main course and either a side dish or dessert) and then have a "white elephant" gift exchange game. This is always a special, fun time of fellowship. Please RSVP on the Signup Genius by Nov 13th, so plans can be finalized.

WORK DAY FOR THE POWELLS

On December 4th, the Deacons will be helping Josh Powell with some needed work at his parents' house. It would be a blessing to the Powell family if we could assist. The work will include things such as tree pruning, leaf raking, deck board replacing, and other smaller tasks. If you are able to assist, please see Ralph Bentley or any of the Deacons

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 Kate Bredbenner); **Nursery and Outdoor Safety Monitors** (contact Robin Deane)

FINANCIAL UPDATE

| Income vs. Budget | 10/31/2021 | YTD |
|--------------------|------------|--------------|
| General Income | \$9,293.75 | \$469,194.17 |
| Budget Requirement | \$9,630.00 | \$423,720.00 |
| Surplus (Deficit) | (\$336.25) | \$45,474.17 |
| Attendance | 122 | |

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 for grades 6-12 is planned for Friday, November 12th, 5:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m. We will meet at the Heisey home. Please RSVP to Pastor Matt if you can come, and stay tuned for food signups.

SENIORS' LUNCH

If you are 50+, please consider joining the seniors for a good time of fellowship at the church from noon to 1:30 on Wednesday, November 10. Just bring your lunch and beverage; dessert will be provided. If you have questions, contact John or Paula Strain.

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.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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

11/07/2021

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: "The Beginning of the End for a Once Great Nation"

Text: Matthew 24:1-14

Theme: A once great nation will lose its strategic place in God's house. The beginning of the end for a once great nation meant the beginning of the establishment of the greatest Kingdom the world will ever see – the Kingdom of Christ.

I. The _____ to Jesus' Solemn Discussion About _____ to _____ (24:1-3)

- A. Jesus Makes a Startling _____ About the Temple's _____ (1-2)
- B. The Disciples' _____ Question (3)

II. Jesus Answers the _____ About the _____ of the Temple (24:4-35)

- A. _____ Signs That the _____ of Jerusalem Is _____ (4-14)
- B. The _____ Sign That the End of Jerusalem Is in _____ (15-28)
- C. The Sign of the _____ of _____ (29-31)
- D. The Sign of the _____ (32-35)

CONFESSION OF SIN

O living and true God, our hearts grow cold and indifferent to Your Kingdom and to the grace that You lavish upon us daily.

We confess that we get angry when our desires are frustrated, rather than because Your majesty is maligned, Your Word is impugned, or Your glory is ignored.

Forgive us for loving the world and the things in it rather than loving You, the Giver of every good gift.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Purify us from our sinful desires and our erring ways.

We resolve to serve You in the newness of the Spirit, Whom You have given to us as children of the Living God.

And we shall endeavor to be more mindful of Your wonderful providence, more vigilant to remain steadfast in doing Your will, and more humble to esteem others better than ourselves.

Hear our confession today as we make our prayer in and through the merit and the mediation of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Personal Confession

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"Yet even now," declares the LORD,
"return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
and rend your hearts and not your garments."
Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

— Joel 2:12-13 (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. Applications

A. Christians should not base their _____ no should they _____ from their brothers and sisters in Christ simply because of popular differences about when and how _____ will _____.

B. These words of Jesus to Israel should be a _____ not to _____ only in the past but to press on to _____ the LORD God.

C. Ultimately, we must _____ the events that take place in the _____ from _____ perspective, not from _____ assessment.

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AT
HOME OR IN SMALL GROUP

1. What did Jesus' disciples point out for Him to notice (v. 1)?
2. What did Jesus say to them when they focused on this (v. 2)?
3. Where did the disciples question Jesus about this statement (v. 3a)?
4. What was the first question they asked Jesus (v. 3b)?
5. What was the second question Jesus' disciples asked Him (v. 3c)?
6. What did the disciples assume would also happen (v. 3d)?
7. What do verses 4-35 address? What do verses 36 through the end of Chapter 25 address?
8. How did Jesus first prepare the disciples for this startling coming event (vv. 4-14)?
9. What are some things that Jesus said would happen in the world before this startling event (vv. 4-8)?
10. What are some things that Jesus said would happen that would impact the Church (vv. 9-14)?
11. How important in the scheme of the Christian faith is a precise understanding of how things will happen before Christ reigns visibly on earth?
12. Are you aware of any churches that base membership on a particular understanding of the end times?
13. What are some of the various ways Christians have interpreted Chapter 24?
14. How might pride and satisfaction in institutions and past accomplishments impede our growth as followers of Christ?
15. How should we treat tradition?
16. How have attempts to fit Matthew 24:4-14 into various current events been misguided?
17. How can Christians guard against being frightened and worried about world events that seem very volatile and precarious?
18. How has the destruction of Israel's Temple impacted your life today?
19. Does persecution of Christians mean the end of the world is near?
20. How should God's people guard against spiritual deception?

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