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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 14, 2021

10:45

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Meditation

### Call to Worship and Invocation

†Hymn of Worship “Jesus, Lover of My Soul” TH #508

### Greeting

†Song of Praise “Jesus, Name Above All Names”

†Confession of Faith The Nicene Creed

### Pastoral Prayer

†Scripture Reading Amos 3:1-7 [Seat Bibles, p. 765]

†Singing Psalms Psalm 46, TP p.38

Tune: “I Sing the Almighty Power of God” TH #119

### Tithes & Offerings

†Gloria Patri TH #735

Sermon Text Matthew 24:4-14 [Seat Bibles, p. 829]

Expounding the Word of God Pastor Michael Mang

“The Beginning Signs of the Times”

†Hymn of Response “For All the Saints” TH #358

### †The Lord's Supper

### †Doxology

### †Benediction

### Postlude

†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

Living night and day in the fear of man is one of the worst judgments ([Deut. 28:65–67](#)), but living “all the day long” in the fear of God is one of the sweetest mercies ([Prov. 23:17](#)). The fear of man shortens our days, but the fear of God prolongs them ([Prov. 10:27](#)). The fear of man is a fountain of mischief and misery, but the fear of God is a fountain of life ([Prov. 14:27](#)). The fear of man causes people to run to evil ([Prov. 29:25](#)), but the fear of God causes them to depart from evil ([Prov. 16:6](#)).

— John Flavel

## WORK DAY FOR THE POWELLS

On December 4<sup>th</sup>, 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	11/7/2021	YTD
General Income	\$13,237.82	\$482,431.99
Budget Requirement	\$9,630.00	\$433,350.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$3,607.82	\$49,081.99
Attendance	125	

## 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).

## 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.

## 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 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

11/14/2021

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: "The Beginning Signs of the Times"

Text: Matthew 24:4-14

Theme: The world we live in today contains many of the same dangers God's people faced just before the destruction of the Temple. Whether or not we succumb to these various pitfalls in large part depends upon how closely we listen to the message of preparation Christ gives us in His Word.

I. \_\_\_\_\_ in the Course of  
the \_\_\_\_\_ at Large (4-8)

A. False \_\_\_\_\_ (4-5)

B. \_\_\_\_\_ Instability (6-7a)

C. Natural \_\_\_\_\_ (7b-8)

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.*

*We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.*

*We have left undone those things that we ought to have done; and we have done those things that we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.*

*O Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*And grant, most merciful Father for Jesus' sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and joyful life to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.*

### Personal Confession

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. . . . For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

— Romans 8:1-2, 38-39 (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.

## II. Events and Actions That Will \_\_\_\_\_ Affect the \_\_\_\_\_ (9-14)

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ (9)
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ (10)
- C. False \_\_\_\_\_ (11)
- D. Weak \_\_\_\_\_ (12-13)
- E. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ (14)

## III. Applications

- A. The Lord Christ \_\_\_\_\_ His people about upcoming \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ His people for upcoming difficult times.
- C. You do not need any further precise and detailed \_\_\_\_\_ from the Lord to \_\_\_\_\_ difficult times ahead. You need to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ what the LORD has already \_\_\_\_\_ in His \_\_\_\_\_.

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

1. What was the purpose for which Jesus spoke about these preliminary signs (v. 4)?
2. Who would some people claim to be (v. 5)?
3. What rumors and reports would Jesus' disciples hear that might be upsetting and cause them to think that the end of Israel would happen right away (vv. 6-7a)?
4. What occurrences in nature might frighten Jesus' disciples that the end of Israel was near (v. 7b)?
5. How were the disciples of Jesus to understand these preliminary signs (v. 8)?
6. What would many non-Christians do to Jesus' disciples during this time (v. 9)?
7. What would take place frequently and negatively impact the Church (v. 10)?
8. What group of spiritually dangerous people would appear in the Church? What would be the result (v. 11)?
9. What would be the condition of many within the Church during these times (v. 12)?
10. What was required of a genuine follower of Jesus (v. 13)?
11. What would the nations of the known world hear before the Temple was to be destroyed (v. 14)?
12. How can the instruction that Jesus gave His followers in that generation apply to us today?
13. Can you cite examples of current events that are analogous to what Jesus said in these verses? How should we understand these events today?
14. How does Christ warn us about difficult times we might face today?
15. How does Christ prepare us to handle those difficult times we might face today?
16. Do you suppose there is anything further the LORD needs to inform you about so that you will be able to endure to the end? Why or why not?
17. What are some ways that Jesus' instruction in these verses is abused today?
18. Why might these preliminary signs that Jesus gave His disciples in that generation be signals and indicators in a way that they would not be such today?
19. What might you say to encourage and comfort Christians who are fearful and frightened by world events that appear ominous?
20. Are there betrayals, falling away, and coldness of affection among the brethren in the Church today? If so, why? What should the Church do?

**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