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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 21, 2021

10:45 A.M.

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Meditation**

**Call to Worship and Invocation**

†Hymn of Worship      “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” *TH*#264

**Greeting**

†Song of Praise      “Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

†Confession of Faith      *The Apostles' Creed*

**Pastoral Prayer**

†Scripture Reading      Daniel 9:20-27 [Seat Bibles, p. 747]

†Singing Psalms      Psalm 146

Text and Tune: “Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul” *TH*#57

**Tithes & Offerings**

†Gloria Patri      *TH*#735

**Sermon Text**      Matthew 24:15-28 [Seat Bibles, p. 829-30]

**Expounding the Word of God**      Pastor Michael Mang

“The Abominable Sign”

†Hymn of Response      “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” *TH*#345

‡**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

Christ is the very essence of all delights and pleasures, the very soul and substance of them. As all the rivers are gathered into the ocean, which is congregation or meeting-place of all waters in the world: so Christ is that ocean in which all true delights and pleasures meet. . . His excellencies are pure and unmixed; he is a sea of sweetness without one drop of gall.

— John Flavel

## 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 or speak directly to Robin Deane.

## 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. Show no earlier than 7:30 a.m. Tools needed include a power washer, pruning saws and loppers, post-hole digger and pry bars for removing deck boards. For any questions, see Ralph Bentley.

## 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	11/14/2021	YTD
General Income	\$5,082.50	\$487,514.49
Budget Requirement	\$9,630.00	\$442,980.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$4,547.50)	\$44,534.49
Attendance	134	

## 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).

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a Congregational Meeting following the worship service on **December 19, 2021**. The purpose of the meeting is to present the budget and to vote on proposed changes to the compensation packages of Pastor Michael and Pastor Matt.

## 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, **December 8**. 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

11/21/2021

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: "The Abominable Sign"

Text: Matthew 24:15-28

Theme: The abomination of desolation is the definitive sign of the destruction of the Temple and the end of Jerusalem. Among other things, it shows us that God rules and overrules the plans of man for the sake of His people to make them stronger and to fulfill His plans for the Church.

I. \_\_\_\_\_ the Abomination (15)

II. What to \_\_\_\_\_ (16-20)

III. What Will \_\_\_\_\_ (21-22)

IV. Warning Not to Be \_\_\_\_\_ (23-28)

## CONFESSION OF SIN

O Triune God, You search every heart and weigh every motive. Nothing that we say or do escapes Your penetrating gaze. Our hearts are open and laid bare in Your sight.

Hear us as we confess our sins and iniquities. We have fallen far short of the glory for which You have created us. We have cast aside Your instruction. We have elevated our thoughts above Your thoughts, and our ways above Your ways. We continually go astray and wander from the paths that are good and right.

Forgive us, O our God, for You are rich in mercy and tender toward all who call upon You with a contrite heart. Turn Your face toward us and be gracious to us.

Draw us closer to You so that we would love You more deeply, walk with You more completely, and serve You more fervently.

Through the One who loved us and gave Himself for us, we make our prayer. Amen.

### Personal Confession

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

— Revelation 1:5b-6 (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.

## V. Applications

- A. You need not \_\_\_\_\_ that the abomination of desolation together with the \_\_\_\_\_ will show up in your \_\_\_\_\_ or ever again.
- B. God \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ even the terribly \_\_\_\_\_ things in this life for His purposes.
- C. God works \_\_\_\_\_ in this world for the sake of His \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_.

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

1. What was the specific sign Jesus' disciples were to look for that signaled the end of Jerusalem (v. 15a)?
2. What person in the Old Testament spoke about this (v. 15b)?
3. Where would this sign appear (v. 15c)?
4. What three things were Jesus' disciples to do when they saw this sign (vv. 16-20)?
5. What would happen once this sign became apparent (v. 21a)?
6. What would this time be like (v. 21b)?
7. What would God graciously do to this time period (v. 22a)?
8. For whose sake would God act (v. 22b)?
9. What would some people claim during this time period? How were Jesus' disciples to respond to these claims (v. 23)?
10. How persuasive would be these claims (vv. 24-25)?
11. How would Jesus' disciples know that He had not returned or appeared as the Messiah (vv. 26-27)?
12. What would be Israel's fate at this time (v. 28)?
13. Why is the abomination of desolation often identified as the Antichrist?
14. What was the abomination of desolation about which Daniel spoke?
15. How can you keep from being fearful when ominous events take place in the world?
16. How can God's use of evil in His plan be reconciled with His goodness and holiness?
17. Can we always discern how the Church benefits from the awful things that happen?
18. Can you think of someone in Scripture who benefitted spiritually through terribly adverse times and conditions?

**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