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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

DECEMBER 12, 2021

10:45 A.M.

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Meditation**

**Call to Worship and Invocation**

†Hymn of Worship “O Little Town of Bethlehem” TH #201

**Greeting**

†Song of Praise “In Christ Alone”

†Confession of Faith The Nicene Creed

**Pastoral Prayer**

†Scripture Reading Isaiah 41:8-10 [Seat Bibles, p. 601]

†Singing Psalms Psalm 91, TP p.79

Tune: “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” TH #196

**Tithes & Offerings**

†Gloria Patri TH #735

**Sermon Text** Luke 1:26-45 [Seat Bibles, p. 855]

**Expounding the Word of God** Pastor Matteson Bowles

“A Need for Fellowship”

†Hymn of Response “Behold the Lamb”

‡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

"Another part of God's fulness which He communicates, is His happiness. This happiness consists in enjoying and rejoicing in Himself; and so does also the creature's happiness. It is a participation of what is in God; and God and His glory are the objective ground of it. The happiness of the creature consists in rejoicing in God; by which also God is magnified and exalted."

--Jonathan Edwards, Works, 101

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

We will have a candlelit Christmas Eve service on **Dec. 24** at 7:00.

## 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	12/5/2021	YTD
General Income	\$30,883.85	\$532,886.86
Budget Requirement	\$9,630.00	\$471,870.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$21,253.85	\$61,016.86
Attendance	124	

## 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).

## TEEN CHRISTMAS NIGHT

Teen Christmas Night and ornament exchange (be creative!) will be held **Dec. 22** from 5-8 at the Bredbenners'. Please let Pastor Matt know if you can attend.

## 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

12/12/2021

Pastor Matteson Bowles

Title: "A Need for Fellowship"

Text: Luke 1:26-45

### 1. Humble Beginnings

### 2. An Old Promise

### 3. Needed Encouragement

### 4. Model Responses

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Eternal Father, we acknowledge that we are poor sinners, conceived in guilt, prone to do evil, and unable of our own power to do good.*

*We constantly violate Your holy commandments intentionally and unintentionally. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses.*

*We abhor our iniquities and our evil ways. We plead Your grace and mercy to relieve our distress.*

*Have compassion on us, most gracious God, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ.*

*Grant us daily increase of the grace of Your Holy Spirit and produce in us the fruit of righteousness that is pleasing in Your sight.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray.*

*Amen.*

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### Personal Confession

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*"Already you are clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. ... As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love."*

— John 15:3-4, 9 (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.

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ in a \_\_\_\_\_ town in the middle of \_\_\_\_\_.

2. At this time there was no reigning \_\_\_\_\_, and there had not been one for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

3. The Holy Spirit in Biblical terms is often referred to as the \_\_\_\_\_.

4. It is notable that Elizabeth's first blessing is in the \_\_\_\_\_, and her second blessing is in the \_\_\_\_\_.

## LUKE 1:26-45 (ESV)

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup> But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

<sup>34</sup> And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup> And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup> And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

<sup>39</sup> In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup> and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup> and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup> And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

## 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