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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

JANUARY 2, 2022

10:45 A.M.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Meditation

Call to Worship and Invocation

†Hymn of Worship

“Now Thank We All Our God” TH#98

Greeting

†Song of Praise

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

†Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

Pastoral Prayer

†Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11:1-5

†Singing Psalms

Psalm 20, TP p.14

Tune: “From Every Stormy Wind That Blows” TH#631

Tithes & Offerings

†Gloria Patri

TH#735

Sermon Text

Luke 2:40-52

Expounding the Word of God

Pastor Matt Bowles

“Twelve and Growing”

†Hymn of Response

“None Other Lamb” TH#157

‡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 year is dawning:
Dear Father, let it be,
In working or in waiting,
Another year with Thee;
Another year of progress,
Another year of praise,
Another year of proving
Thy presence all the days.”

– Frances Ridley Havergal

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

If you would like to volunteer to provide special music in a worship service, please contact Barbara Harris, choir director, if you are a singer, or Grace Reid, pianist, if you play an instrument.

ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE

Mark your calendars for Adult Choir Practice, Thursday, January 6th and 20th, at 7:30 in the sanctuary.

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	12/26/2021	YTD
General Income	\$7,139.00	\$555,528.66
Budget Requirement	\$9,630.00	\$500,760.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$2,310.78)	\$54,768.66
Attendance	TBD	

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.

SENIORS' LUNCH

Seniors' Lunch -- If you are 50+ and would like to enjoy a good time of fellowship with some of the more senior people in the congregation, please join us on Wednesday, January 12, noon to 1:30 p.m. at the church. Just bring your lunch and beverage, and dessert will be provided. We always have a good time! Contact John or Paula Strain with any questions.

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

01/02/2022

Pastor Matt Bowles

Title: "Twelve and Growing"

Text: Luke 2:40-52

1. Growing Up

2. Center of Attention

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, You Who are rich in mercy to all who call upon You, hear us as we come to You confessing our sins. We implore You for Your mercy and forgiveness.

We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds, by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness. We acknowledge before You all our failures and shortcomings toward You and toward our neighbors.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. And from Your abundant goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Personal Confession

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white
as snow;
though they are red like crimson, they shall become
like wool."

— Isaiah 1:18 (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.

3. Mysterious and Obedient

LUKE 2:40-52 (ESV)

40 And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him

The Boy Jesus in the Temple

41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. **42** And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. **43** And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, **44** but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, **45** and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. **46** After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. **47** And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. **48** And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." **49** And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" **50** And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. **51** And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

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