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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 23, 2022

10:45 A.M.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Meditation

Call to Worship and Invocation

†Hymn of Worship

“O Savior, Precious Savior” TH#159

Greeting

†Song of Praise

“O Church, Arise”

†Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Pastoral Prayer

Covenant Baptism

Robert Chandler Hasler, son of Robert and Kirsten Hasler

Abigail Quinn Akin, daughter of Ezra and Abby Akin

†Scripture Reading

Galatians 3:10-13 [Seat Bibles, p. 973]

†Singing Psalms

Psalm 139, TP, pp.118-119

Tune: “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak” TH#561

Tithes & Offerings

†Gloria Patri

TH#735

Sermon Text

Exodus 21:22-25 [Seat Bibles, p. 62]

Expounding the Word of God

Pastor Michael Mang

“A Refresher on God’s View of Pre-Born Human Life”

†Hymn of Response

“All Authority and Power” TH#453

‡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. 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

“The second commandment of the teaching: You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not seduce boys. You shall not commit fornication. You shall not steal. You shall not practice magic. You shall not use potions. You shall not procure [an] abortion, nor destroy a newborn child.”

Didache 2:1–2 [A.D. 70]

“In our case, murder is once for all forbidden. Therefore, we may not destroy even the fetus in the womb, while as yet the human being derives blood from other parts of the body for sustenance. To hinder a birth is merely a speedier way to kill a human. It does not matter whether you take away a life that has been born, or destroy one that is not yet born.”

Tertullian [c. 197]

FELLOWSHIP AND TEACHING

—**Men’s Breakfast** meets on 4th Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. at the church building, for a potluck meal and study of *Gentle and Lowly* by Dane Ortland. Zoom access will also be available.

—**Women’s Bible Studies** meet on the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month, on Tuesday morning and Thursday evening. See Lisa Bentley or Robin Deane for details.

—Multiple **small groups** meet 1-2 times per month for teaching, prayer, and fellowship. Please speak to anyone on the session if you are interested in joining one.

—Each **Tuesday evening**, we have a potluck dinner at 6:30 (check your email for the weekly signup) followed by prayer & teaching at 7:00. Please come!

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	01/16/2022	YTD
General Income	\$7,532.06	\$31,484.17
Budget Requirement	\$10,250.00	\$30,750.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$2,717.94)	\$734.17
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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

If you can provide **special music** for the worship service, please contact Barbara Harris for vocal music and Grace Reid for instruments.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

From the very bottom of our hearts, my family and I thank you for the incredible and generous Christmas gift you bestowed upon us. Your love and giving heart bless us beyond anything we can express. We love you all and pray for the LORD to pour out upon you His richest blessings in the coming year and beyond. May together we experience the amazing grace and love of God that passes all understanding. Thank you again for your wonderful gift to us.

Pastor Michael and family

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group will be at the Bowles' home on Saturday, January 29, at 5:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Pastor Matt and come ready for great teaching & a lot of fun.

COMMUNICANTS CLASS

A Communicants Class will be offered for thirteen (13) weeks starting Tuesday evening, February 1, at 7:00 p.m. Parents, there is no set age for this class, but if you believe your child(ren) is ready to begin moving toward full communing membership, please consider this class for your child(ren).

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

01/23/2022

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: "A Refresher on God's View of Pre-Born Human Life"

Text: Exodus 21:22-25

Theme: The destruction of innocent human life will be avenged by Almighty God. All who confess and forsake this sin, whether held as a belief or committed in actual deed, will find total and complete forgiveness and be redeemed from the spiritual penalty through Christ, who bore the curse of this violation.

I. A _____ Yet _____
Situation (22)

II. _____ Incurred If There Is
_____ (23-25)

CONFESSION OF SIN

O God of unsearchable greatness, before You [we are] nothing but vanity, iniquity, perishing.

Sin has forfeited Your favor, [marred in us] Your image, banished [us] from Your presence, exposed [us] to the curse of Your law. [We] cannot deliver [ourselves], and [are] in despair.

But a resource is found in You, for You did devise an everlasting plan in Christ. May His shed blood make [us]:

more thankful for Your mercies,

more humble under Your correction,

more zealous in Your service,

more watchful against temptation,

more contented in [our] circumstances,

and more useful to others.

Amen.

Excerpt from *The Valley of Vision*, ed. by Arthur Bennett; Banner of Truth.

Personal Confession

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Because of the LORD's great love, we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself,

"The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."

The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him;

it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

—Lamentations 3:22-26 (NIV, 1984)

Please seek out and contact one of our Pastors or Elders to talk 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. An Unfortunate Interpretation of Verse 22 as a

IV. The Sin of Abortion Is Not _____ the _____ and _____ _____ of God

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the situation that the text employs to highlight the principle to be taught (v. 22a)?
2. What third person is brought into this situation, whether by accident or intentionally (v. 22a)?
3. What is the specific, unhappy consequence that occurs from this situation (v. 22b)?
4. If the woman's child or children are prematurely born, but there is no injury sustained (to either the mother or the child), what is to be done (v. 22c)?
5. Who determines the amount of the penalty (v. 22d, e)?
6. What happens if there is an injury sustained to the mother or to the prematurely born child(ren) (vv. 23-25)?
7. What would happen to the person responsible for causing the premature birth of the pregnant woman's child, or children, if a death occurred to the mother or the child (v. 23b)?
8. What is the principle of punishment that is set forth in this law (vv. 23-25)?
9. Who is covered by the "injury" condition, the mother, the child, or both?
10. What erroneous interpretation has been suggested by the premature birth of the pregnant mother's child, or children?
11. How does this erroneous interpretation interpret the extent of the penalty?
12. How does this erroneous interpretation view the unborn child?
13. Why is this interpretation wrong?
14. Do you think that messages about abortion still need to be delivered today in the Church? Why or why not?
15. What is the rationale that many people use to justify taking the life of an unborn child?
16. What might be effective in changing the hearts of people who view the unborn child as a non-person?
17. What has been quite effective in changing the minds and opinions of those who were intent on having an abortion?
18. Can someone be guilty of the sin of abortion by merely advocating for it? Are apologists for abortion, whether male or female, guilty of this sin? If so, to what extent?
19. Is the sin of abortion forgivable?
20. How may someone guilty of abortion be forgiven?
21. How can someone who is guilty of having an abortion or who strongly advocated for abortion, upon receiving forgiveness from God, also forgive himself or herself?
22. How can the Church tangibly love and support those who seek forgiveness and restoration from this sin?

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Announcement:

All are invited to the Lord's Table who have been baptized, have publicly professed (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) faith in 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.