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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 30, 2022

10:45 A.M.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Meditation

Call to Worship and Invocation

†Hymn of Worship “From All That Dwell Below the Skies” TH #7

Greeting

†Song of Praise “Protector of My Soul”

†Confession of Faith The Nicene Creed

Pastoral Prayer

†Scripture Reading Daniel 7:9-14 [Seat Bibles, p. 744]

†Singing Psalms Psalm 5, TP, p. 3

Tune: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” TH #715

Tithes & Offerings

†Gloria Patri TH #735

Sermon Text Matthew 24:29-31 [Seat Bibles, p. 830]

Expounding the Word of God Pastor Michael Mang

“The Victory Sign”

†Hymn of Response “O Quickly Come, Dread Judge of All” TH #322

‡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

Faith is not our saviour. It was not faith that was born at Bethlehem and died on Golgotha for us. It was not faith that loved us, and gave itself for us; that bore our sins in its own body on the tree; that died and rose again for our sins. Faith is one thing, the Saviour is another. Faith is one thing, and the cross is another. Let us not confound them, nor ascribe to a poor, imperfect act of man, that which belongs exclusively to the Son of the Living God.

– **Horatius Bonar, *The Everlasting Righteousness***

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	01/23/2022	YTD
General Income	\$8,157.20	\$39,641.37
Budget Requirement	\$10,250.00	\$41,000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$2,092.80)	(\$1,358.63)
Attendance	119	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scheduled events can be found on the church's online [Calendar](#). It can 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.

SENIORS' LUNCH

Seniors' Lunch: Wednesday, Feb. 9, noon to 1:30 p.m. at the church. Please bring your lunch and beverage and join us for a good time of fellowship. Dessert will be provided. Questions: John or Paula Strain.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Please plan to join us next Sunday, February 6th, for our monthly fellowship meal after the service. ACTS donations are appreciated.

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 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

01/30/2022

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: "The Victory Sign"

Text: Matthew 24:29-31

Theme: The LORD destroyed Israel's Temple in order to build His new Temple, an edifice composed of living stones that will last forever. The sign of Christ's complete victory is the ingathering of all people into His New Covenant Church through the proclamation of the Gospel.

I. _____ Language
of _____ Collapse to Describe the Downfall
of _____ Religious
Institution (29)

II. The Messiah's _____ (30)

III. The _____ of the _____ of
Messiah's Kingdom (31)

CONFESSION OF SIN

O God of Grace, we confess that our hearts are often far from You, that our affections are repeatedly given over to this fallen world, and that our wills are frequently set to do what is contrary to Your law.

Forgive our waywardness.

Redirect our affections.

Renew our wills.

Cleanse us from our pride and pardon our lips for spewing out contempt for our brethren.

Our sins are great, but You are greater than our sin.

Restore us to whole-hearted devotion to You in Christ, in Whom we pray.

Amen.

Personal Confession

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

By this I know that you delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.

But you have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in your presence forever.

—Psalm 41:11-12 (ESV)

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.

IV. Applications

A. The Lord Jesus Christ has complete _____ over _____ in heaven and on earth.

B. The _____ structures of this world have been _____ and _____.

C. No _____ has the right to forbid _____ or God's people _____ for _____.

D. The destruction of the Temple is the sign that Jesus is _____, and the _____ of His people into His Church is _____ of His complete victory over all things.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When are the matters that Jesus talks about in verses 29-31 to take place (v. 29a)?
2. What does Jesus say will happen first (v. 29b)?
3. After this, what appears (v. 30a)?
4. What will people do when they see this sign (v. 30b)?
5. What will they also see and understand when this sign appears (v. 30c)?
6. Who will then be sent out on a mission (v. 31a)?
7. Who will send these forth (v. 31a)?
8. What will signal this sending forth (v. 31a)?
9. What will those sent out do (v. 31b)?
10. From where will these be gathered (v. 31c)?
11. What indicates that the events described in verses 29-31 happen in conjunction with the destruction of the Temple and the collapse of Jerusalem?
12. How should we interpret the language of verse 29?
13. Where in the Old Testament is this kind of language used?
14. How are verses 29-31 typically understood today by many Christians?
15. To what does verse 30 refer? What key Old Testament passage describes this?
16. What exactly is the sign in verse 30?
17. Who specifically mourn when they see this sign?
18. How can the ingathering of God's elect start to take place in A.D. 70 when many from other countries came into the Church before this time?
19. If what took place in verses 29-31 is now past, how can it be relevant to us today?
20. How can Christ's enthronement be effective when evil continues in the world today?
21. Rulers and authorities may attempt to stop the proclamation of the Gospel (e.g. North Korea, China, Iran, etc.), but why are their actions illegitimate? Do we have to obey orders such as these?
22. Can the ingathering of God's people into His Church ever be thwarted? Can it ever be stopped? Why or why not?

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.