



## LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 6, 2022

10:45 A.M.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

**Meditation**

Call to Worship and Invocation

†Hymn of Worship “Crown Him with Many Crowns” *TH*#295

Greeting

†Song of Praise “We Will Feast in the House of Zion”

†Confession of Faith **The Apostles' Creed**

Pastoral Prayer

†Scripture Reading **Isaiah 66:7-14** [Seat Bibles, p. 625]

†Singing Psalms **Psalm 119:129-140**, *TP*, p. 107

Tune: “He Leadeth Me” *TH*#600

Tithes & Offerings

†Gloria Patri *TH*#735

Sermon Text **Matthew 24:32-35** [Seat Bibles, p. 830]

Expounding the Word of God Pastor Michael Mang

“The Fig Tree Sign and You”

†Hymn of Response “God, the Lord, a King Remaineth” *TH*#64

‡**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 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

Believing, repenting, and the like, are the product of the new nature; and can never be produced by the old corrupt nature... as the child cannot be active in his own generation, so a man cannot be active in his own regeneration. The heart is shut against Christ: man cannot open it, only God can do it by his grace.

– Thomas Boston, *Human Nature in Its Fourfold State*

## CONFESSON 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

02/06/2022

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: "The Fig Tree Sign and You"

Text: Matthew 24:32-35

Theme: The Word of our Lord is permanent and always reliable. What our Lord said about the Temple and Jerusalem came to pass. Therefore, you can trust what Christ Jesus says about everything.

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I. Jesus Used the \_\_\_\_\_ About When the  
\_\_\_\_\_ Come Out on the  
\_\_\_\_\_ (32-33)

II. Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ Will Not Pass Away  
\_\_\_\_\_ These Things \_\_\_\_\_ (34)

III. God's People Can Rely on the \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ (35)

#### IV. Applications

A. Jesus was not predicting a reconstituted \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel that was to take place way off in the \_\_\_\_\_ before He would \_\_\_\_\_.

B. The Spirit impresses upon us the absolutely radical \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ and His \_\_\_\_\_ over all mankind.

C. Christ Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ God's people to get through \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ times.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What analogy did Jesus use to teach a lesson (v. 32a)?
2. What is the lesson this teaches (v. 32b)?
3. What did this mean for the matter which Jesus had been discussing with His disciples (v. 33)?
4. When would the destruction of the Temple take place (v. 34)?
5. How reliable were Jesus' words about this matter (v. 35)?
6. Why do you suppose that setting a date for the return of Christ is such a prevalent tendency among many Christians?
7. How is the fig tree analogy popularly understood by many Christians today?
8. How do we know that it does not refer to this?
9. What is a big theological problem with the view of a future rebuilt Temple?
10. How should Gentile Christians regard the Jewish people (see Romans 11:28)?
11. What does the Spirit of God impress upon us regarding Christ's Kingdom now that the Temple had been destroyed and Jesus has been enthroned?
12. Though the Church is not the totality of the Kingdom of God, how important is the Church in this rule of Christ over all mankind?
13. How serious an offense is it to disparage the Church of the Lord Jesus? Explain.
14. How can the sign of the fig tree prepare Christians today for hard and difficult times?
15. Why do Christian institutions and ministries often lose their vision and purpose after the first generation passes?
16. How can churches – and parents – avoid a “second generation” slide?
17. How does the permanence of Scripture encourage and motivate you in good times and in bad times?
18. If Scripture is permanent, why are some things like dietary laws and animal sacrifice no longer legitimate?

## 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.

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.



## CONFESSION OF SIN

O living and true God, our hearts grow cold and indifferent to Your Kingdom and to the grace that You lavish upon us daily.

We confess that we get angry when our desires are frustrated, rather than because Your majesty is maligned, Your Word is impugned, or Your glory is ignored.

Forgive us for loving the world and the things in it rather than loving You, the Giver of every good gift.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Purify us from our sinful desires and our erring ways.

We resolve to serve You in the newness of the Spirit, Whom You have given to us as children of the Living God.

And we shall endeavor to be more mindful of Your wonderful providence, more vigilant to remain steadfast in doing Your will, and more humble to esteem others better than ourselves.

Hear our confession today as we make our prayer in and through the merit and the mediation of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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### ***Personal Confession***

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me  
with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
and rend your hearts and not your garments.”  
Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger,  
and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

—Joel 2:12-13 (ESV)

## **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).

## **RIDGEHAVEN SERVICE PROJECT**

Ridgehaven Camp for rising 6th-12th graders will be held August 1st-6th this year. Get ready for hard work and a lot of fun!  
Deposit is due by Feb 15 to reserve the best price. Please see Pastor Matt's email or speak to him directly for more details.

## **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.

## **YOUTH GROUP**

Our next meeting will be at the Rowe home at 5:00 p.m. on February 26. Stay tuned for details and meal signup.

## **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).

## 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 Ortlund. 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)
- Special Music** (contact Barbara Harris or Grace Reid)
- Communion Bread** (contact the Deacons to be part of a rotation)

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Income vs. Budget	01/30/2022	YTD
General Income	\$10,191.15	\$49,832.52
Budget Requirement	\$10,250.00	\$51,250.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$58.85)	(\$1,417.48)
Attendance	131	

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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)

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