

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 20, 2022

10:45 A.M.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Meditation

Call to Worship and Invocation

†Hymn of Worship "Great is Thy Faithfulness" *TH*#32

Greeting

†Song of Praise "By Faith"

†Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed

Pastoral Prayer

†Scripture Reading Nehemiah 4:1-6 [Seat Bibles, p. 400]

†Singing Psalms Psalm 113, TP, p. 97

Tune: "Take My Life and Let It Be" TH#585

Tithes & Offerings

|†Gloria Patri TH#735

Sermon Text Matthew 24:45-51 [Seat Bibles, p. 830]

Expounding the Word of God Pastor Michael Mang

"Engaged and Faithful on the Job"

†Hymn of Response "Come, All Christians, Be Committed"

[insert or handout]

‡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

"... men tell us that our preaching should be positive and not negative, that we can preach the truth without attacking error. But if we follow that advice we shall have to close our Bible and desert its teachings. The New Testament is a polemic book almost from beginning to end ... It is when men have felt compelled to take a stand against error that they have risen to the really great heights in the celebration of the truth."

- J. Gresham Machen

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

02/20/2022 Pastor Michael Mar				
	Title:	"Engaged and Faithful on the Job"		
	Text:	Matthew 24:45-51		
	Theme:	The faithful follower of Christ is busy and involved in the work the Lord gives him to do. The unfaithful follower of Christ does not make serving the Lord his priority. One is ready for the Lord's return, and the other is not.		
I.	The	and		
	Servant V	Will Be (45-47)		
II.		and Will Be (48-51)		

III. Applications	
A. We are not called to	another
of the Lord, but	
B. Faithfulness means not	what
God has you to	
C. There is a danger of becoming spiritually	V
when you think Christ's	
comir	
D. There is a further	of becoming
spiritually careless and lazy when you	
what the Lord has called you to do is not	

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What are the two categories of servant the Lord distinguishes (vv. 45a, 48a)?
- 2. How does the first servant about which Jesus speaks act (v. 45b)?
- 3. What is the pronouncement Jesus makes upon this servant (v. 46a)?
- 4. When will this blessing be pronounced (v. 46b)?
- 5. As a consequence, what does the master do for the first servant (v. 47)?
- 6. What is the attitude of the second servant (v. 48b)?
- 7. How does this servant perform his duties (v. 49)?
- 8. What happens while this servant acts in the manner he does (v. 50)?
- 9. What does the master do to this servant (v. 51a)?
- 10. What is the place like where this servant ends up (v. 51b)?
- 11. What kind of reflection does Jesus encourage from this parable (see v. 45)?
- 12. Which is more important: faithfulness or success? Discuss.
- 13. How do you know if you are being faithful?
- 14. How does faithfulness prepare you for the Lord's return?
- 15. How does the prospect that Christ's return may be a long way off, or may not occur in your lifetime, impact your service for the Lord?
- 16. At the moment, what has God called you to do to serve Him? How important is what you do? How important do others see this?
- 17. What enables you to persevere and endure when you become discouraged in your service for Christ?
- 18. What might a chronically apathetic or critical attitude in your work for the Lord indicate?
- 19. How would you assess your attitude in what you do for the Lord in the church?
- 20. How expectant are you that Christ might return soon?

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 Godgiven 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 Triune God, You search every heart and weigh every motive. Nothing that we say or do escapes Your penetrating gaze. Our hearts are open and laid bare in Your sight.

Hear us as we confess our sins and iniquities. We have fallen far short of the glory for which You have created us. We have cast aside Your instruction. We have elevated our thoughts above Your thoughts, and our ways above Your ways. We continually go astray and wander from the paths that are good and right.

Forgive us, O our God, for You are rich in mercy and tender toward all who call upon You with a contrite heart. Turn Your face toward us and be gracious to us.

Draw us closer to You so that we would love You more deeply, walk with You more completely, and serve You more fervently.

Through the One who loved us and gave Himself for us, we make our prayer. Amen.

Personal Confession

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood

and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

—Revelation 1:5b-6 (ESV)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scheduled events can be found on the church's online <u>Calendar</u>. It can be also be viewed on the home page of <u>www.spriggsroad.org</u>.

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!
Please see Pastor Matt's email or speak to him directly for more details.

WORK DAY

The next church workday is scheduled for Saturday, April 30th.
(May 7th is the rain date.)
Please plan to come and help, even for a short time.

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.

SERVICE FOR STEVE POWELL

Steve Powell's interment service will be held at Arlington National Cemetery on Monday, March 21st, at 11:00. The Powell family welcomes anyone who is able to attend. Please arrive early to allow for parking and walking to the burial location.

*There will not be a public reception following this service.

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! A **Communicants Class** is running concurrently through April.

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	02/13/2022	YTD
General Income	\$9,478.68	\$65,959.80
Budget Requirement	\$10,250.00	\$71,750.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$771.32)	(\$5,790.20)
Attendance	109	

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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)