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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

APRIL 3, 2022

10:45 A.M.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Meditation

Call to Worship and Invocation

†Hymn of Worship “Holy, Holy, Holy!” TH #100; TPH# 230

Greeting

†Song of Praise “There Is a Redeemer”

†Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed

Pastoral Prayer

†Scripture Reading Revelation 2:1-7

†Singing Psalms Psalm 44, TP p. 35

Tune: “How Firm a Foundation” TH #94; TPH# 243

Tithes & Offerings

†Gloria Patri TH #735; TPH# 572

Sermon Text 2 Kings 2:19-25

Expounding the Word of God Pastor Matt Bowles

“Two Sides of the Prophet?”

†Hymn of Response “I Sing the Almighty Power of God” TH #119; TPH #250

‡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

[Jesus said,] “I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”

— John 15-5 (ESV)

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	03/27/2022	YTD
General Income	\$4,310.41	\$120,067.03
Budget Requirement	\$10,250.00	\$133,250.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$5,939.59)	(\$13,182.97)
Attendance	127	

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.

CHURCH WORK DAY

The next church workday is scheduled for Saturday, April 30th, from 8:00-12:00. May 7th is the rain date.

SENIORS LUNCH

The next Seniors' Fellowship Lunch is planned for April 13th.

CHOIR PRACTICE

April adult choir practices will be held in the sanctuary on Thursday evenings, April 7th and 21st.

RIDGEHAVEN SERVICE

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.

SRPC FAMILY CAMPOUT

The SRPC Family Campout will be held May 19-21st at the Deane property. Please add to your calendar and plan to join us for any and/or all activities, even if you don't stay overnight. An email with a flyer and details was sent out recently. If you have any questions, please see Joe Deane or Dave Dise. RSVP is not necessary but is helpful. Hope to see you there!

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

04/03/2022

Pastor Matt Bowles

Title: "Two Sides of the Prophet?"

Text: 2 Kings 2:19– 25 (ESV)

¹⁹ Now the men of the city said to Elisha, "Behold, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees, but the water is bad, and the land is unfruitful." ²⁰ He said, "Bring me a new bowl, and put salt in it." So they brought it to him. ²¹ Then he went to the spring of water and threw salt in it and said, "Thus says the LORD, I have healed this water; from now on neither death nor miscarriage shall come from it." ²² So the water has been healed to this day, according to the word that Elisha spoke.

²³ He went up from there to Bethel, and while he was going up on the way, some small boys came out of the city and jeered at him, saying, "Go up, you baldhead! Go up, you baldhead!" ²⁴ And he turned around, and when he saw them, he cursed them in the name of the LORD. And two she-bears came out of the woods and tore forty-two of the boys. ²⁵ From there he went on to Mount Carmel, and from there he returned to Samaria.

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)

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.

I. Healing Outside of Jericho

II. Cursing Outside of Bethel

III. The Prophet Confirmed

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. Why is the story of Joshua and Jericho important to this passage (Joshua 6:26)?
2. 1 Kings 16:34 tells us what about Jericho?
3. Does Leviticus 26:22 make this passage more understandable?
4. Who do you know that might need the message of the healing grace of God?
5. Which offends you more?
 - A) The long time sinner, who has sapped life from you and from many of those you love for years on end, repents and turns to Christ and is being healed without visible justice; or,
 - B) The otherwise nice friend or loved one, who is suffering as if cursed in this life and apparently in the life to come, as he/she is clearly outspoken against Christ and about having any need of Him as a Savior when asked.
6. If you had to pick, of which church would you rather be a member: Revelation 2:18-29 or 2:1-7?

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.