



## LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

APRIL 10, 2022

10:45 A.M.

Prelude "Come, Thou Almighty King"

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 "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" TPH 351

†Confession of Faith The Nicene Creed

Pastoral Prayer

†Scripture Reading John 1:14-18 [Seat Bibles, p. 886]

†Singing Psalms Psalm 42

Tune: "As the Deer"

Tithes & Offerings "There's Something About That Name"

†Gloria Patri TH 735, TPH 572

Sermon Text 2 Kings 3 [Seat Bibles, p. 308]

Expounding the Word of God Pastor Matt Bowles

**"A Well Worn Path"**

†Hymn of Response "Be Thou My Vision" TH 642; TPH 446

‡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 heart of a child of God is a roomy house; and grace and corruption in that heart are like two tenants, one going out of the house, the other coming into it. The outgoing tenant is loath to leave the house, makes no speed to lift his furnishings, but as the incomer lifts it for him to make room for his own. So here lies the one’s furniture, there the other’s in and about the same house. Even so God’s good things that he has in a saint, and the devil’s evil things that he has in him, are both to be found in the house of the heart, and standing about the door in the life. In the heart of a child of God, upon the one hand lies God’s furnishings, faith, humility, meekness, etc., on the other, Satan’s, unbelief, pride, passion, etc.; with this difference, *that the latter is nearest the door*, and all lifted out of their place, which they once stood in, when they had the house there alone.

—Thomas Boston. *The Whole Works of Thomas Boston: An Illustration of the Doctrines of the Christian Religion*

## 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

04/10/2022

Pastor Matt Bowles

Title: "A Well Worn Path"

Text: 2 Kings 3

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### 1. Troubled Groundwork

## **2. Elisha Speaks**

## **3.Stark Contrast**

## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. Is it easy to have a "blind spot" for sins we are comfortable with? How could you discover them?
2. What strengths do you have that you might use for God that you hide behind when it comes to other revealing aspects of your life?
3. Do you know of those who only go to God when they are in trouble? Do you see this pattern in your own life? If that's the case, what does it say about your heart?
4. What makes it difficult to speak of Christ in the company of those who don't believe? Romans 10:14
5. Who or what do you seek for guidance and direction before you seek God?
6. Do God's commands seem burdensome? How about compared to the demands of the gods of the nations?
7. Why is 2 Kings 8:19 important? How was the promise kept?

## 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

*Almighty God, we have sinned against You and against our fellow men in our thoughts, in our words, and in our deeds.*

*We have sinned in the evil we have done and in the good we have not done.*

*We have sinned through ignorance, through weakness, and through our own deliberate fault.*

*We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.*

*For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve You in newness of life to the glory of Your Name. Amen.*

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### **Personal Confession**

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.”*

—1 John 1:8-10 (ESV)

## **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](http://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.

## **BEHRENS MOVE**

The Spriggs Road Moving Company is scheduled to help David and Morgan Behrens move on Saturday, Apr. 23rd. If you plan to participate, please inform Charlie Kim by Apr. 18th.

## **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!

## 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, please come to a **potluck dinner** at 6:30 (check your email for the weekly signup) followed by **prayer & teaching** at 7:00. 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	04/03/2022	YTD
General Income	\$7,620.16	\$127,687.19
Budget Requirement	\$10,250.00	\$143,500.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$2,629.84)	(\$15,812.81)
Attendance	116	

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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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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