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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

MAY 1, 2022

10:45 A.M.

**Prelude** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” TH 53; TPH 216

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Meditation**

**Call to Worship and Invocation**

†**Hymn of Worship** “Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah” TH 110; TPH 148B

**Greeting**

†**Song of Praise** “Behold the Lamb”

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

**Pastoral Prayer**

†**Scripture Reading** 1Thessalonians 4:3-8 [Seat Bibles, p. 987]

†**Singing Psalms** Psalm 78 (TP p. 66)

Tune: “I Sing the Almighty Power of God” TH 119; TPH 250

**Tithes & Offerings**

†**Gloria Patri** TH 735, TPH 572

**Sermon Text** Exodus 22:16-17; Deuteronomy 22:28-29  
[Seat Bibles, pp. 63, 165]

**Expounding the Word of God** Pastor Michael Mang

“How Should Christians Respond and Cope in a Culture Where Gender and Sexuality Mean Little or Nothing?” (Part 3)

†**Hymn of Response** “Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right” TH 108; TPH 231

‡**The Lord's Supper**

†**Doxology**

†**Benediction**

**Postlude** “Lead Me, Lord, Lead Me in Thy Righteousness” TH 727; TPH 529

†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

<sup>13</sup> The LORD looks down from heaven;  
he sees all the children of man;  
<sup>14</sup> from where he sits enthroned he looks out  
on all the inhabitants of the earth,  
<sup>15</sup> he who fashions the hearts of them all  
and observes all their deeds.

<sup>18</sup> Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,  
on those who hope in his steadfast love,  
<sup>19</sup> that he may deliver their soul from death  
and keep them alive in famine.

— Psalm 33:13-15, 18-19 (ESV)

## FELLOWSHIP AND TEACHING

—Starting May 8, **Adult Sunday School** will be going through the book Strange New World by Carl Trueman. Books and study guides are available at Amazon, ChristianBook, Audible, Crossways, and HeritageBooks.

—**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.

## SENIORS’ LUNCH

The next Seniors’ Fellowship Lunch is May 11, noon to 1:30 p.m., at the church. Please bring your lunch and beverage. Desserts and a good time of fellowship are provided. Questions: John or Paula Strain.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Income vs. Budget	04/24/2022	YTD
General Income	\$3,022.56	\$159,128.20
Budget Requirement	\$10,250.00	\$174,250.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$7,227.44)	(\$15,121.80)
Attendance	143	

## 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).

## 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)

## 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!

## CHOIR PRACTICE

Adult choir practice will be May 5th at 7:30 p.m., in the sanctuary. Other May practices will be determined later.

## 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

05/01/2022

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: "How Should Christians Respond and Cope in a Culture Where Gender and Sexuality Mean Little or

Text: Exodus 22:16-17; Deuteronomy 22:28-29

Theme: In a world in which God's good purpose for gender and sexuality has been twisted and skewed, God's people respond to and cope with the confusion by promoting and maintaining

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I. Premarital Sexual Relations Is a \_\_\_\_\_  
Against the \_\_\_\_\_ and  
Her \_\_\_\_\_ – Exodus 22:16-17

II. Premarital Sexual Relations Required That  
the \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_  
– Deuteronomy 22:28-29

## 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)

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.

### III. Applications

A. Premarital sexual relations violate the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of God's design for \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Scripture places a high burden of \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ Biblical sexual morality primarily upon the \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Upon \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, God graciously \_\_\_\_\_ the sin of premarital sexual relations, and relationships can be \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and made \_\_\_\_\_.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Note: Parents and Small Group Leaders, use discretion and judgment in presenting these questions to those of tender age whether in the home or in the small group. Bear in mind, however, that despite our best efforts to manage the information our young children receive, many of them are introduced and confronted with these matters at an earlier age than past generations through various media. Let wisdom be your guide as to how much information is necessary and appropriate for the various ages you seek to instruct and disciple.

1. In Exodus 22:16-17, what situation does this law address (v. 16a)?
2. What does it mean to “seduce”?
3. What is the condition (i.e. status) of the woman who is the target of the man’s actions (v. 16a)?
4. What is the result of the man’s seduction (v. 16a)?
5. When the situation is discovered, what does the man have to do (v. 16b)?
6. What was the “bride-price”?
7. What option did the woman’s father have in this situation (v. 17a)?
8. If the girl’s father exercised this option, what is still required for the man to do (v. 17b)?
9. Deuteronomy 22:28-29 describes what action of a man toward an unmarried woman (v. 28a)?
10. What happens that triggers this law (v. 28b)?
11. What is the man required to do when they both were discovered (v. 29a, b)?
12. Why does the man have to marry the woman (v. 29c)?
13. What is the man prohibited from doing all his days (v. 29d)?
14. In what ways do premarital relations violate the goodness of God’s design for marriage?
15. Do you agree or disagree that males are primarily responsible for upholding Biblical morality regarding sexual relations? Why or why not?
16. In what practical ways can parents train and guard their sons and daughters regarding the purity of marriage and sexuality?
17. Is a goal of purity before and after marriage an unrealistic expectation in this culture?
18. How serious a sin is premarital sexual sin?
19. How insulated can Christian parents keep their children from the sexualization of the culture around them? What are ways parents and the church can equip and fortify young people to instill and reinforce the high Biblical ethic regarding sex and marriage?
20. How can a person’s heart and relationships that have been hurt and scarred by premarital sexual sin (or sexual failings of any sort) be redeemed and restored?

## 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.