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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

JULY 31, 2022

10:45 A.M.

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Meditation

### Call to Worship and Invocation

†Hymn of Worship “Lord of the Sabbath, Hear Us Pray” *TPH 151; TH 390*

### Greeting

†Song of Praise “Meekness and Majesty”

### †Confession of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*

### Pastoral Prayer

### †Scripture Reading

*Luke 4:14-30*

### †Singing Psalms

*Psalms 19*

Tune: “Rejoice, the Lord Is King” *TPH 281; TH 310*

### Tithes & Offerings

### †Gloria Patri

*TPH 572; TH 735*

### Sermon Text

*2 Kings 5:20-27*

### Expounding the Word of God

Pastor Matt Bowles

“Familiarity Breeds Contempt?”

### †Hymn of Response

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” *TPH 466; TH 528*

### †The Lord's Supper

### †Doxology

### †Benediction

### Postlude

†Standing, if able

†Live stream ends before the Lord's Supper.

*TH — Trinity Hymnal; 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>24</sup> “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup> It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

<sup>26</sup> “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. <sup>27</sup> What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. <sup>28</sup> And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup> So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

—Matthew 10:24-33 (ESV)

## FELLOWSHIP AND TEACHING

—**Adult Sunday School** is going through the book *Strange New World* by Carl Trueman. Books and study guides are available at Amazon, ChristianBook, Audible, Crossways, and HeritageBook

—**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 is available, if requested.

—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 6:15 (check your email for the weekly signup) followed by singing, prayer, and teaching at 7:00. Separate instruction and activities are provided for teens and kids. 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:

**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	07/24/2022	YTD
General Income	\$6,804.21	\$274,289.11
Budget Requirement	\$10,250.00	\$307,500.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$3,445.79)	(\$33,210.89)
Attendance	140	

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scheduled events can be found on the church's online [Calendar](#). It also can be viewed on the home page of [www.spriggsroad.org](http://www.spriggsroad.org).

## SPLASH AND PLAY!

Wednesday August 3, 10:00-1:00 at the Kim home

For Moms and kids of all ages!

Activities: Water splash pad for the younger crowd, an assortment of kids' vehicles, a trampoline, and plenty of Mom conversation.

Bring your own picnic lunch and lawn chair, and invite a friend!

Text Danielle Kim at 908-783-7448 to RSVP

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Starting in the fall, the women's Bible study will meet every 2 weeks at the church: Tuesday mornings, 10:30-12:00 and Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:00. You can come to either day/time. Please contact Robin Deane for more information.

## YOUNG MEN'S SINGING GROUP

The next rehearsal is today, July 31, after worship.

## 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

07/31/2022

Pastor Matt Bowles

Title: "Familiarity Breeds Contempt?"

Text: 2 Kings 5:20-27

### I. The Setup

## CONFESSION OF SIN

O God of Grace, we confess that our hearts are often far from You, that our affections are repeatedly given over to this fallen world, and that our wills are frequently set to do what is contrary to Your law.

Forgive our waywardness.

Redirect our affections.

Renew our wills.

Cleanse us from our pride and pardon our lips for spewing out contempt for our brethren.

Our sins are great, but You are greater than our sin.

Restore us to whole-hearted devotion to You in Christ, in Whom we pray.

Amen.

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### ***Personal Confession***

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

By this I know that you delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.

But you have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in your presence forever.

—Psalm 41:11-12 (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.

## **II. The Sting**

## **III. Showdown**

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What do you think happened to Gehazi? Sin had been "crouching at the door" and ready to pounce on what aspect of Gehazi's life?
2. What commandments did Gehazi break in seeking Naaman's gifts?
3. What is the worst sin he committed? How do you know?
4. Does familiarity breed contempt? Why or why not?
5. What warnings can we take from Gehazi?
6. Is it common now in churches to teach grace "plus something" for salvation?
7. What would be the easiest addition to grace, "the plus" that might seemingly fit in well with our reformed tradition and lead us into error?

## 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.