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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

AUG 28, 2022

10:45 A.M.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Meditation

Call to Worship and Invocation

†**Hymn of Worship** "O Word of God Incarnate" *TPH 171; TH 140*

Greeting

†**Songs of Praise** "The Steadfast Love of the Lord"
"White As Snow" (handout)
"His Name Is Wonderful"

†**Confession of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

Pastoral Prayer

†**Scripture Reading**

Hosea 11:1-9 [Seat Bibles, p. 757]

†**Singing Psalms**

Psalm 17, Tune: "The Lord's My Shepherd" *TPH 23A; TH 87*

Tithes & Offerings

†**Gloria Patri**

TPH 572; TH 735

Sermon Text

Ephesians 1:11-14 [Seat Bibles, p. 976]

Expounding the Word of God

Pastor Michael Mang

"The Spirit Seals and Guarantees an Eternal Inheritance"

†**Hymn of Response**

"We Are God's People" *TH 355*

The Lord's Supper

†**Doxology**

†**Benediction**

Postlude

†Standing, if able,

TPH — Trinity Psalter Hymnal TH—Trinity 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

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

—Philippians 4:4-7 (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 6:30 (check your email for the weekly signup) followed by singing, prayer, and teaching at 7:00. Please come!

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

There will be a fellowship meal next Sunday, September 4, immediately after the worship service. All are welcome!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Income vs. Budget	08/21/2022	YTD
General Income	\$9,762.73	\$316,487.21
Budget Requirement	\$10,250.00	\$348,500.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$487.27)	(\$32,012.79)
Attendance	137	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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)

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study will start meeting on Aug 30 (Tuesday, 10:30 am group) and Sep 1 (Thursday, 6:30 pm group) at the church. We will meet every two weeks and you can come either day/time. There is no "homework" required for the first meeting, so just come. If you haven't responded to the form that was sent or talked to Elizabeth Bentley or Robin Deane, please do so this week so there will be enough Study Guides printed for everyone. We look forward to studying the book of Hebrews together.

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

08/28/2022

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: "The Spirit Seals and Guarantees an Eternal Inheritance"

Text: Ephesians 1:11-14

Theme: Because the Holy Spirit seals your eternal inheritance, your praise of God should never wane or be hindered by the circumstances you encounter, the good and the bad.

I. We Are _____ in Christ to Obtain
an _____ (11-12)

II. The Spirit _____ Our Inheritance
(13)

III. The Spirit _____ Us We
Will _____ This _____ (14)

CONFESSION OF SIN

O LORD our God, we lament that our sins have grieved Your heart and arrested sweet communion with You.

We cover over sins and transgressions that others do not see. But in Your sight, O merciful God, nothing is hidden.

We declare that our love for those outside the family of God grows cold.

We admit that often our motive for serving You seeks the praise of others.

We acknowledge that we have harbored bitterness and anger toward others.

Forgive us for the hardness of our hearts. Pardon us for delighting more in the fleeting pleasures of this fallen world.

We confess our sins and plead the merits of our Savior's life, death, and resurrection.

For Your great Name's sake, deliver us from evil.

We pray in the Name of Your Son, Christ Jesus, the Righteous One. Amen.

Personal Confession

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide ... "

—John 15:15-16a (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.

IV. Applications

- A. Your eternal _____ was _____ before you could ever _____ anything good or bad.
- B. We have a strong _____ that we will _____ belong to the LORD and be _____ forever, never to be _____.
- C. God in His _____ reached out to us in our _____ state to make us His _____ and _____ of the world with Christ.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does Paul say that Christians have “obtained” (v. 11a)?
2. When did we obtain this (v. 11b)?
3. Who determined that we will obtain this (v. 11c)?
4. What does God’s will include (v. 11d)?
5. Why do we obtain this (v. 12)?
6. What must people believe in order to be saved from the judgment and consequences their sins deserve (v. 13a)?
7. How does Paul describe the Gospel (v. 13a)?
8. What happens when people believe the Gospel (v. 13b)?
9. What does it mean to be “sealed”?
10. What does the sealing of the Holy Spirit guarantee (v. 14)?
11. What is an inheritance?
12. What is the inheritance we receive from God?
13. What kind of an inheritance do you expect to have in this earthly life?
14. Can you improve on or increase your inheritance in heaven? (This is a question designed to think and wrestle with God’s eternal determination of an inheritance and the Scriptural teaching of the rewards believers receive in glory. There are a wide range of views on this ranging from those who suggest we can add to our inheritance in heaven and those who say that it is fixed and determined in eternity.)
15. How certain is the believer’s inheritance?
16. Can the Scriptural truth of our eternal security be substantiated from this passage? If so, how?
17. If you are not assured of your eternity salvation, does this mean you are not saved? [See *Westminster Confession of Faith*, 18.3]
18. Where do you find the love of God in this passage?
19. When did God’s love “begin” for the believer?
20. How does the Holy Spirit give you a foretaste of your inheritance now?

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.