



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

SEPT 4, 2022

10:45 A.M.

Prelude "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" *TH 381*

Welcome and Announcements

Meditation

Call to Worship and Invocation

†Hymn of Worship "God Himself Is With Us" *TPH 164; TH 382*

Greeting

†Song of Praise "He Will Hold Me Fast"

†Confession of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

Pastoral Prayer

†Scripture Reading *Zechariah 2:1-13* [Seat Bibles, pp. 793-94]

†Singing Psalms Psalm 11, Tune: "This Is My Father's World" *TPH 252; TH 111*

Tithes & Offerings "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" *TPH 450; TH 508*

†Gloria Patri *TPH 572; TH 735*

Sermon Text *Ephesians 1:15-23* [Seat Bibles, p. 976]

Expounding the Word of God Pastor Michael Mang

"Prayer for Christians to Grow Wiser and Deeper in Knowing the LORD God"

†Hymn of Response "God, in the Gospel of His Son" *TPH 170; TH 141*

The Lord's Supper

†Doxology

†Benediction

Postlude "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" *TPH 409; TH 359*

†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

“Faith is the acknowledgment of the entire absence of all goodness in us, and the recognition of the cross as the substitute for all the want on our part. Faith saves, because it owns the complete salvation of another, and not because it contributes anything to that salvation.”

— Horatius Bonar, *Everlasting Righteousness*

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

09/04/2022

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: “Prayer for Christians to Grow Wiser and Deeper in Knowing the LORD God”

Text: Ephesians 1:15-23

Theme: Paul shows that we are to pray for one another and for the whole Church to be endowed with a maturity and wisdom that God gives to our hearts by the Spirit. As we better understand the hope of our calling, the riches of God’s glorious inheritance, and the great power of God toward us, this prayer continues to be fulfilled in us. Then the Kingdom of God is realized on earth as it is in heaven.

(Note that some fill-in-the-blank applications will come during the “exposition” part of the message)

I. Paul’s Ministry of _____ for the Church (15-16)

II. The _____ of Paul’s Prayer for the Church (17-19)

III. The _____ for Knowing God’s _____ (20-23)

IV. Applications

- A. The entire _____ life is a
_____.
- B. The LORD God calls you to live and operate in the various
_____ of your life to
_____ God's divine _____ in
this _____.
- C. We are to _____ a better grasp and understanding
that _____ is _____ over all things in
the _____.
- D. Paul's prayer for the Church centers on Christ's exaltation
over everything, a _____ that works for the
_____ and _____
of the _____.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does Paul do on behalf of his hearers that he reports in 1:15-23?
2. Why does Paul pray for these people (v. 15)?
3. What kind of attitude does Paul have when he prays for these believers (v. 16)?
4. What does Paul ask that God would give to these Christians (v. 17b)?
5. What three specific requests does Paul ask the LORD to grant these believers to know (vv. 18-19)?
6. What kind of power does Paul want these believers to know and experience (vv. 20-21)?
7. Where is Christ Jesus now situated (v. 20b)? What kind of place is this?
8. Over what does Christ exercise His power (v. 21)?
9. How long is the exaltation and rule of Christ Jesus (v. 21b)?
10. What comes under the rule and authority of Christ (v. 22a)?
11. How has Christ been “given” to the Church (v. 22b)?
12. What is the relationship of the Church to Christ (v. 23)?
13. How necessary and important is it for the saints to gather together to pray when they can do this easier privately and on their own?
14. What is a “calling”?
15. How would you sum up the calling of the Christian?
16. What makes our eternal inheritance rich?
17. How does Christ manifest His exaltation at the right hand of God on earth?
18. Will the Messianic kingdom continue in the consummated eternal state?
19. Who is the primary beneficiary of Christ’s headship over all things?
20. What implications can you draw from the fact that Christ is the supreme Head over everything, and that Christ’s headship over all things belongs to the Church? How does this dynamic work between Church and State? What determines when the Church should capitulate to the State, and, on the other hand, when the State should capitulate to the Church?

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

Our Father, we confess that we fail to forgive as we should. Pardon us for harboring anger and bitterness in our hearts instead of being kind and tender-hearted to forgive as God in Christ has forgiven us.

We grieve that we have been negligent and careless in carrying out Your commandments and duties. All Your laws and precepts reflect Your glory and are for our good.

We mourn that we would rather receive than give.

We abhor the times we waver and do not hold fast our confession that Jesus is Lord.

Because of Your great love and mercy, hear and forgive us.

May we always model the Gospel and show forth that our Lord Jesus has overcome all that has held us in bondage.

Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Personal Confession

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*"And I will have mercy on No Mercy,
and I will say to Not My People, 'You are my people';
and he shall say, 'You are my God.'" —
And in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my
people,"
it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."*

—Hosea 2:23; 1:10 (ESV)

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.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

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

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Evening adult choir practice begins Sept. 8 in the sanctuary from 7:30-8:30 PM.

Sunday choir rehearsals resume Sept. 11.

- * Girls' Choir - 10:20-10:40 in the Choir room
- * Bell Choir - Immediately after the service in the sanctuary
- * Adult Choir - Immediately following the bell choir in the sanctuary
- * Young Men's Choir - 9:00 AM-9:25 AM in the sanctuary

All interested singers are welcome to join us.

SENIORS' LUNCH

The next Seniors' Fellowship Lunch is Wednesday, Sept. 14, noon - 1:30 p.m. at the church. Just bring your lunch and beverage; desserts will be provided. Please join us! Questions: John or Paula Strain (703-494-4604; pmstrain@comcast.net).

GROUP PIANO LESSONS

Grace Reid will be offering more group piano lessons in the near future. Details will be emailed.

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!

—**Women's Bible Study** is studying Hebrews every 2 weeks at the church, at 10:30 am on Tuesdays and at 6:30 pm on Thursdays. You can attend either date/time. Please see Robin Deane or Lisa Bentley if you have any questions.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is set for June 26-30, 2023! Please contact Pastor Matt if you are interested in acting as director or co-director for this very important ministry.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Income vs. Budget	08/28/2022	YTD
General Income	\$5,075.80	\$321,563.01
Budget Requirement	\$10,250.00	\$358,750.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$5,174.20)	(\$37,186.99)
Attendance	139	

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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)
