



## 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 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>22</sup> “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup> this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup> God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

— Acts 2:22–24 (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!

—**Women’s Bible Study** is studying Hebrews every 2 weeks at the church, at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and at 6:30 p.m. 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	09/18/2022	YTD
General Income	\$9,548.38	\$353,062.61
Budget Requirement	\$10,250.00	\$389,500.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$701.62)	(\$36,437.39)
Attendance	115	

## 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).

## ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

The church picnic & 15th Anniversary celebration will be held on Saturday, October 1st, from 3-7 p.m. at the Deanes' home. Please RSVP and see details on the Sign-up Genius that was emailed on 9/21.

## CHOIR REHEARSALS

Sunday choir rehearsals:

- \* 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 - 9:00-9:25 a.m. in the sanctuary

All interested singers are welcome to join us.

## MEN AND BOYS CAMPOUT

The Men and Boys Campout will be held Thursday, Oct 13th through Saturday, Oct 15th at the Deanes' property. You can come whenever you are able. Please see Joe Deane for details.

## SRPC FALL FESTIVAL

The annual Fall Festival Outreach event is scheduled for Saturday, Nov 12th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church. This event is a way we reach out to the community and provide a fun day with free food and activities. There are many ways for all ages to help both before and the day of the event. Please see 9/20 email to sign-up to bring items, help coordinate, and/or work a shift the day of the event. It is always a great time! Please reach out to Gina Powell with any questions.

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

### 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

09/25/2022

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: “Your ‘Before’ and ‘After’ Life” (Part 2)

Text: Ephesians 2: 1-10

Theme: The immeasurable greatness of God’s power began in your life the moment He brought you out of spiritual deadness to spiritual life. In making you alive in Christ, a mighty resurrection took place in your own personal experience. You can take no credit for this incredible miracle. Now, you give thanks and fulfill the things God has prepared for you to do.

### I. Your Former Life of Spiritual Deadness (1-3)

### II. God’s Gracious Initiative (4-7)

### III. You Contribute Nothing of Your Own to Your Salvation (8-10)

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Unto You, O LORD, we lift up our voices and confess that we have sinned and done what is evil and wicked in Your sight. We, who are redeemed and called to everlasting glory, abhor that we do that which displeases You, and that we fail to bring honor and glory to Your Name.

Hear and forgive us as we plead the precious atoning sacrifice of Him Who was crucified for our iniquities and was raised for our justification.

Purify us from the hollowness of doing works that are not born of faith in our Lord Jesus.

Cleanse us from turning the grace of God into a covering for doing wrong.

We pray that You would use us as living stones in the building of Your Kingdom now come.

Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

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### ***Personal Confession***

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

— Matthew 1:21-23 (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. Four Ways the \_\_\_\_\_ Work of God in Salvation Should Make a Difference in Your Life:

- A. Your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for the LORD should \_\_\_\_\_ because of His astounding grace in saving you.
  
- B. Your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ should \_\_\_\_\_ as you grasp that only because of the LORD God do you have a future and a hope.
  
- C. That God \_\_\_\_\_ made you alive in Christ should keep you from trying to \_\_\_\_\_ for what God has done in your life.
  
- D. Instead of being \_\_\_\_\_, the monergistic work of God in regeneration should make you \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ you to \_\_\_\_\_ for the LORD and to serve others.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is a person's spiritual condition (state) before coming to faith in Christ (v. 1)?
2. What influences and determines how a person apart from Christ lives (vv. 2-3)?
3. What is everyone's natural condition before God (v. 3d)?
4. How does someone go from a condition of spiritual deadness to spiritual life (vv. 4-5b)?
5. Why is anyone saved (v. 5c)?
6. What happens when a person is made spiritually alive (v. 6)?
7. What is the great purpose for which God makes a person spiritually alive (v. 7)?
8. How is a person saved (v. 8a)?
9. What is the clear reason why a person is NOT saved (v. 8b, v. 9a)?
10. What is the clear reason why a person IS saved (v. 8c)?
11. What will no person be able to do before God and others regarding salvation (v. 9b)?
12. What did God prepare and determine beforehand for Christians to do (v. 12)?
13. What is a term for "being made alive"?
14. What is the term used to convey the idea that God alone works regeneration?
15. What is the term that means that God and man cooperate in regeneration? What must this view of regeneration deny?
16. According to these views, at what point does faith enter into the equation?
17. How significant is the difference between these two viewpoints on regeneration?
18. Were you ever totally dependent on another person for something? How did you respond?
19. If God alone works to make a person spiritually alive, does the person then freely come to Christ?
20. Does the view that God is sovereign over salvation motivate and encourage you to share the Gospel? Why or why not? If so, how?

## 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.