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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

OCTOBER 9, 2022

10:45 A.M

Prelude	"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" <i>TPH 244; TH 92</i>
Welcome and Announcements	
Meditation	"My Prayer"
Call to Worship and Invocation	
† Hymn of Worship	"Nothing but the Blood" <i>TPH 278; TH 307</i>
Greeting	
† Song of Praise	"We Will Feast in the House of Zion"
† Confession of Faith	The Nicene Creed
Pastoral Prayer	
† Scripture Reading	Isaiah 57:14-21 [Seat Bibles, p. 617]
† Singing Psalms	Psalm 12 Tune: "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" <i>TPH 341; TH 254</i>
Tithes & Offerings	"This Is the Day That the Lord Has Made!"
† Gloria Patri	<i>TPH 572; TH 735</i>
Sermon Text	Ephesians 2:11-22 [Seat Bibles, p. 976]
Expounding the Word of God	Pastor Michael Mang
	"The Greatest Gulf Is Now Bridged" (Part 2)
† Hymn of Response	"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" <i>TPH 402; TH 342</i> Tune: "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" <i>TPH 313</i>
The Lord's Supper	
† Doxology	
† Benediction	
Postlude	"Lead On, O King Eternal" <i>TPH 544; TH 580</i>

†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 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

“There is nothing more consoling or reassuring when oppressed by the problems of history, and when wondering what is to happen in the world, than to remember that the God whom we worship is outside the flux of history. He has preceded history; He has created history. His throne is above the world and outside time. He reigns in eternity, the everlasting God.”

—Martyn Lloyd-Jones

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	10/02/2022	YTD
General Income	\$16,877.60	\$376,677.11
Budget Requirement	\$10,250.00	\$410,000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$6,627.60	(\$33,322.89)
Attendance	131	

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.

SENIORS' LUNCH

The next Seniors' Fellowship Lunch will be on Wed., Oct. 12, noon to 1:30 p.m. at the church. Please bring your lunch and beverage; desserts will be provided. We hope you will join us! Contact John or Paula Strain.

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 10/5 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

10/09/2022

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: “The Greatest Gulf Is Now Bridged” (Part 2)

Text: Ephesians 2:11-22

Theme: The greatest gulf between two ethnic groups in the history of the world has been bridged. Christ has achieved this rapprochement through His death on the cross for sin. There must be no impenetrable wall between true brothers and sisters in Christ. If there is, there is no reconciliation to Christ.

I. Remember Your Previously Hopeless Position as a Member of a Group Having No Contact with God. (11-12)

II. Now You Have Privileged Access to God in Christ (13-18)

III. The Hated _____ Are
Now _____ Citizens with the
Hated _____ in the Kingdom of God (19-22)

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, we have sinned against You and against our fellow men in our thoughts, in our words, and in our deeds.

We have sinned in the evil we have done and in the good we have not done.

We have sinned through ignorance, through weakness, and through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve You in newness of life to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

Personal Confession

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.”

— 1 John 1:8-10 (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. God does not have a _____ household.
- B. Reconciliation among God's people has been _____.
- C. When Christians _____ to be reconciled with one another, they _____ the reconciliation that has already been accomplished in Christ.
- D. If the Jew-Gentile _____ has been bridged, any separation between people can be _____ . But it can only be done in _____ .

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How did the Jews often refer to Gentiles (v. 11b)?
2. What were Jews often called (v. 11b)?
3. What five aspects of their life before Christ were the Gentile Ephesian Christians to remember (vv. 11-12)?
4. What had since happened to these Gentile Ephesian Christians (v. 13)?
5. What condition has Christ now made between Jewish and Gentile Christians (vv. 14-15)?
6. How did Christ establish this condition? (vv. 14b-15a)?
7. What did Christ create when He did this (v. 15b)?
8. How are these two groups now reconciled to God? What was the way these groups were reconciled? What was killed when these two groups were reconciled (v. 16)?
9. To whom did Christ preach this message of peace (v. 17)?
10. What do both Jewish and Gentile followers of Christ now enjoy together (v. 18)?
11. What status do Gentile Christians no longer have in relation to the family of God? What relationship do Gentile Christians now have? (v. 19)?
12. What is the foundation of the household of God? What is the cornerstone of the household of God (v. 20)?
13. Into what are Jewish and Gentile Christians being built and joined together (v. 21)?
14. Who dwells in this building (v. 22)?
15. If God's household is not divided, why are there so many divisions and separations among Christians?
16. What does it mean to be reconciled?
17. In what way is reconciliation among Christians an accomplished reality?
18. What are some examples of Christian groups attempting to reconcile apart from Christ or without the Gospel being the focal point?
19. How should Christians who differ on political views and objectives go about trying to settle such differences?
20. When will reconciliation be perfectly implemented?

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.