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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 30, 2022

10:45 A.M.

Prelude	“Reformation Hymn”
Welcome and Announcements	
Meditation	
Call to Worship and Invocation	
† Hymn of Worship	“Reformation Hymn” (handout)
Greeting	
† Song of Praise	“Come, Thou Almighty King” <i>TPH 212</i>
† Confession of Faith	The Apostles' Creed
Pastoral Prayer	
† Scripture Reading	Isaiah 64:4-9 [Seat Bibles, p. 623]
† Singing Psalms	Psalm 143 Tune: “Fairest Lord Jesus” <i>TPH 283; TH 170</i>
Tithes & Offerings	“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
† Gloria Patri	<i>TPH 572; TH 735</i>
Sermon Text	Ephesians 3:14-21 [Seat Bibles, p. 977]
Expounding the Word of God	Pastor Michael Mang
“Prayer for God the Father to Strengthen His Church”	
† Hymn of Response	“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” <i>TPH 244, TH 92</i>
The Lord's Supper	
† Doxology	
† Benediction	
Postlude	“One There Is, above All Others” <i>TPH 262, TH 186</i>
†Standing, if able	
<i>TPH — Trinity Psalter Hymnal TH—Trinity Hymnal</i>	

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

The foundation of true holiness and true Christian worship is the doctrine of the gospel, what we are to believe. So when Christian doctrine is neglected, forsaken, or corrupted, true holiness and worship will also be neglected, forsaken, and corrupted.

— John Owen

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! **** We will have a missions presentation on November 1. Come hear about mercy ministry in the name of Jesus, at Love Link in El Salvador.** [Love Link – Oakseed Ministries International](#)

—**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 let Naomi Petko know if you are able to volunteer in any capacity.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Income vs. Budget	10/23/2022	YTD
General Income	\$9,653.20	\$396,525.23
Budget Requirement	\$10,250.00	\$440,750.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$596.80)	(\$44,224.77)
Attendance		

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.

PAINT NIGHT WITH LAURIE MANG

There will be a Monet inspired Paint Night on November 18 from 6:30 to 9:00, so please gather your supplies and head to the Kim's garage studio for our next fun-filled time of fellowship, paint instruction, and food! Please respond to Laurie via email or text to get a spot. All ages are invited, however, we only have 2.5 hours, so we do keep a steady pace. Paper goods are provided. Please refer to your email for details and the list of supplies.

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. Sign-up sheets also are posted in the foyer. It is always a great time! Please reach out to Gina Powell with any questions.

SENIORS' FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

The next Seniors' Fellowship Lunch will be on Wed., November 9th, 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.

CHRISTMAS FLOCK IS COMING!

Save the date for Saturday, December 10th, 6:00—9:30 p.m.
Details to follow.

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

10/30/2022

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: "Prayer for God the Father to Strengthen His Church"

Text: Ephesians 3:14-21

Theme: Paul asks God the Father to give Christians spiritual strength and power to be truly united as a family in Christ and thereby show forth the manifold wisdom of God to the world.

I. Paul Prays to the _____ From
Whom _____ Derives (14-15)

II. Three Specific Requests That Are _____ for
_____ the Mystery of Christ (16-19)

A. For God to Grant Spiritual _____ and
_____ (16-17)

B. For Christians to Grasp the _____ of
Christ's _____ (18-19a)

C. That God Would _____ Believers with His
_____ (19b)

III. _____ to God Who Does _____
Than We Can _____ (20-21)

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.

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.

IV. Applications

- A. _____, especially in _____, should always be done in a dignified and _____ manner.
- B. God the Father is the _____ of all _____ and _____.
- C. The _____ in some measure is a _____ of God.
- D. The _____ is called to be a _____.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does Paul report on in 3:14-21?
2. What prompts Paul to pray this prayer (see 2:19-22)?
3. To whom does Paul specifically pray (v. 14a)?
4. How does Paul describe God the Father (v. 15)?
5. To whom specifically in verse 15 does the phrase “every family in heaven and earth is named” refer?
6. What does Paul first ask God to grant to Christians (v. 16)?
7. What is the reason for this request (v. 17)?
8. What is the second request for which Paul prays (vv. 18-19a)?
9. What is the third request for which Paul prays (v. 19b)?
10. What is God able to do when we pray according to His will and purpose (v. 20a)?
11. How is God glorified (v. 21)?
12. When is God glorified in His people (v. 21)?
13. What significance do you think posture plays in prayer?
14. Have your prayers ever been irreverent? Have you ever experienced public prayer offered in an undignified or irreverent manner?
15. In what way does God “name” every family in heaven and earth?
16. How is God the foundation of family and fatherhood?
17. In what ways does human fatherhood and family reflect God?
18. Is the family a cultural development? Does this mean that culture does not factor into the idea of family?
19. What do we need to be very careful about when correlating fatherhood and family to God?
20. What is “Social Trinitarianism”?
21. What errors are inherent in a “Social Trinitarian” view?
22. In what ways do you see fatherhood and family distorted and corrupted today?
23. How does a particular church fall short of being a family in Christ?
24. How can a particular congregation promote and foster a genuine family among God’s people?
25. Do you think particular churches frequently overlook or dismiss single and unmarried Christians within a congregation? If so, how? How might a church better enfold its single members?

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.