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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

NOVEMBER 13, 2022

10:45 A.M.

**Prelude** "We Come, O Christ, to You" *TPH 288, TH 181*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Meditation**

**Call to Worship and Invocation**

†**Hymn of Worship** "What Wondrous Love Is This" *TPH 343, TH 261*

**Greeting**

†**Song of Praise** "Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

†**Confession of Faith** *The Nicene Creed*

**Pastoral Prayer**

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

†**Singing Psalms** *Psalm 46*

Tune: "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" *TPH 250; TH 119*

**Tithes & Offerings** "Blessed Is the Man" *TH 564*

†**Gloria Patri** *TPH 572; TH 735*

**Sermon Text** *Ephesians 3:14-21* [Seat Bibles, p. 977]

**Expounding the Word of God** Pastor Michael Mang

**"Prayer for God to Strengthen His Church" (Part 2)**

†**Hymn of Response** "Behold the Throne of Grace!" *TPH 522*

**The Lord's Supper**

†**Doxology**

†**Benediction**

**Postlude** "Blest the Man Who Fears Jehovah" *TPH 128B; TH 717*

†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

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

—2 Timothy 3:14-17 (ESV)

## FELLOWSHIP AND TEACHING

—**Adult Sunday School** will begin a series on 1 Timothy soon.

—**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!**

If you are able to volunteer in any capacity, please tell Naomi Petko, and watch for information about upcoming planning meetings.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Income vs. Budget	11/06/2022	YTD
General Income	\$27,460.72	\$435,510.95
Budget Requirement	\$10,250.00	\$461,250.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$17,210.72	(\$25,739.05)
Attendance	143	

## 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).

## ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

At the Fellowship Dinner today we will celebrate and honor **John and Paula Strain on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary**. Over the years they have both been a sterling witness and example of sacrifice and service for Christ and His Church, especially in this body, and we want to recognize this milestone and the blessing they have been to us. **Happy anniversary, John and Paula!**

## PAINT NIGHT

Laurie Mang will lead a Monet inspired Paint Night on November 18 from 6:30 to 9:00, so please gather your supplies and head to the Kims' garage studio for our next fun-filled time of fellowship, paint instruction, and food! Please RSVP to Laurie and refer to her email for details and the list of supplies.

## YOUTH GROUP

Our next Teen Night for 7th-12th grades will be at the Kims' home on Saturday, Nov 19, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Watch your email for the dinner sign-up, and come enjoy food, fellowship, and fun!

## CHRISTMAS FLOCK

Please mark your calendar for our annual Christmas FLOCK (Fun-Loving Older Covenant Kids) party on Saturday, Dec 10th, at 6 p.m. This is a festive evening for the adults of the church (age 18 and older), where we share an upscale pot-luck and then have a "white elephant" gift exchange game. The gift exchange typically has a mix of nice gifts, funny gifts, and truly white elephant gifts, some of which have a long history in the game. Please keep gift prices below \$25.

This is always a fun, special time of fellowship. We hope you can join us! The sign-up link is in email and on the church Facebook page, and RSVP's are due today.

## 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

11/13/2022

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: "Prayer for God to Strengthen His Church" (Part 2)

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 Father From Whom Family Derives (14-15)

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

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

B. For Christians to \_\_\_\_\_ 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

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have left undone those things that we ought to have done; and we have done those things that we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

And grant, most merciful Father for Jesus' sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and joyful life to the glory of Your holy Name.

Amen.

### **Personal Confession**

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. . . . For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

— Romans 8:1-2, 38-39 (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. Prayer, especially in public, should always be done in a dignified and reverent manner.
- B. God the Father is the archetype of all fatherhood and family.
- C. The family in some measure is a reflection of God.
- D. The Church is called to be a family.
- E. The \_\_\_\_\_ strength and power in your life is \_\_\_\_\_ strength that is given through the Spirit's \_\_\_\_\_ in you.
- F. We grasp the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ as a \_\_\_\_\_ project by practicing it with one another.
- G. We \_\_\_\_\_ God's glory in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the truth and by \_\_\_\_\_ it out as people of all different nations and languages become \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.

## 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. How might inner spiritual strength in the life of a Christian manifest itself?
14. How does our modern concept of “love” fall short of the divine idea of love?
15. How might you know a love that “surpasses knowledge”? Does this entail some sort of mystical experience?
16. What would something of God’s fullness look like in our congregation?
17. How could you incorporate in your own prayers the things for which Paul prays in this passage?

## 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.