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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 20, 2022

10:45 A.M.

Prelude "We Gather Together" *TPH 415; TH 363*

Welcome and Announcements

Meditation "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" *TPH 558; TH 728*

Call to Worship and Invocation

†**Hymn of Worship** "Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee" *TPH 428; TH 471*
Tune: "The Church's One Foundation" *TPH 404; TH 347*

Greeting

†**Song of Praise** "Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul"

†**Confession of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed*

Pastoral Prayer

†**Scripture Reading** *Psalm 122:1-9* [Seat Bibles, pp. 793-794]

†**Singing Psalms** *Psalm 146*

Tune: "Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee" *TPH 238; TH 80*

Tithes & Offerings "Thanks Be to God!"

†**Gloria Patri** *TPH 572; TH 735*

Sermon Text *Ephesians 4:1-6* [Seat Bibles, p. 977]

Expounding the Word of God Pastor Michael Mang

"An Exhortation to Maintain Unity"

†**Hymn of Response** "I Was Filled with Joy and Gladness" *TPH 122A*

The Lord's Supper

†**Doxology**

†**Benediction**

Postlude

†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

See that your chief study be about heart, that there God's image may be planted, and his interest advanced, and the interest of the world and flesh subdued, and the love of every sin cast out, and the love of holiness succeed; and that you content not yourselves with seeming to do good in outward acts, when you are bad yourselves, and strangers to the great internal duties. The first and great work of a Christian is about his heart.

— Richard Baxter

FELLOWSHIP AND TEACHING

—**Adult Sunday School** has begun a series on 1 Timothy.

—**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	11/13/2022	YTD
General Income	\$9,034.50	\$444,545.45
Budget Requirement	\$10,250.00	\$471,500.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$1,215.50)	(\$26,954.55)
Attendance	132	

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

Paint Night has been rescheduled to December 16. Laurie Mang will lead a Monet inspired Paint Night 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.

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!

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

11/20/2022

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: “An Exhortation to Maintain Unity”

Text: Ephesians 4:1-6

Theme: Because God in His all-encompassing plan has made us alive in Christ when we were spiritually dead and has united into one body all who trust in Christ, Christians are to live worthy of their call by striving to maintain the unity that God’s Spirit establishes.

I. An Urgent _____ to Live Consistently with God’s _____ to Be in His Family (1-3)

- A. To Walk _____ of God’s Call (1)
- B. To _____ with One Another (2)
- C. To Be _____ to Maintain _____ in the Body (3)

II. _____ Reasons Why You Are to Maintain _____ (4-6)

CONFESSION OF SIN

O Triune God, know our thoughts and weigh our every motive. Our hearts are open and laid bare in Your sight.

Hear us as we confess our sins and iniquities.

We have fallen far short of the glory for which You have created us.

We have cast aside Your instruction.

We have elevated our thoughts above Your thoughts and our ways above Your ways.

We continually go astray and wander from Your paths.

Forgive us, O our God. Turn Your face toward us and be gracious to us. Bring us closer to You that we would love You more deeply, walk with You more carefully, and serve You more fervently.

Through Christ Who loved us and gave Himself for us, we pray.

Amen.

Personal Confession

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

— Revelation 1:5b-6 (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.

III. Applications

- A. We are called to be members of _____
_____ and that means we are to live and
operate in a way that is _____ with being
such a member.
- B. God's people are to " _____ it _____"
with _____ brethren in
_____ situations that happen among
redeemed sinners in the body of Christ.
- C. You and I are to expend great _____ to maintain
the _____ that the Spirit brings about in a
_____ and _____ way as
possible.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What three main things does Paul urge Christians to do (vv. 1-3)?
2. How are Christians to respond to God's call upon their lives (v. 1)?
3. What does it mean to "bear with one another" (v. 3)?
4. What four ways does Paul cite as to how Christians must bear with one another (v. 2)?
5. Define or describe each of these four ways. What do they mean? What would they look like in practice? How would you recognize them?
6. How is the unity of the Spirit to be preserved and maintained (v. 3)?
7. State the seven reasons Paul gives for why Christians are to maintain unity in the Church (vv. 4-6).
8. What is the "calling" to which Christians have been called?
9. Does a Christian "walking in a manner worthy" of his or her calling gain standing and merit before the LORD? Explain.
10. How might you determine if you, or another Christian, is not walking worthy of God's call upon your life?
11. How should Elders in the Church respond and deal with Christians that are not walking worthy of God's call? How should the Church respond to Elders who are not walking worthily to God's call?
12. In your experience as a member of the Lord's Church, are humility, gentleness, patience, and love something you have normally experienced from other brethren?
13. What do humility, gentleness, patience, and love look like in your interactions with your Christian brethren?
14. How might you better bear with others in the body of Christ? How might others in the body of Christ better bear with you?
15. Can you recite the PCA's Fifth Membership Vow? How well are you carrying this out?
16. What should eagerness to maintain unity in the body of Christ look like?
17. Is it wrong to separate and disunite physically from a church body to which you belong? What might be reasons to separate? Can such a separation contribute to overall unity in the body of Christ? How might such a separation be godly? Sinful?
18. What are some positive steps you can take to promote the unity of the church body – and its purity?
19. How can there be only one baptism when so many different groups within the Church practice baptism so differently?
20. Which would you strive to preserve and maintain first: truth or unity? How would you balance the two? Which would you sacrifice for the sake of the other? Is it possible to be united when the truth is compromised? Is it possible to promote the truth when unity is lacking?

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.