



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

10:45 A.M.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Meditation

Call to Worship and Invocation

†Hymn of Worship “My Faith Has Found a Resting Place” *TPH 436; TH 468*

Greeting

†Song of Praise “He Will Hold Me Fast”

†Confession of Faith The Nicene Creed

Pastoral Prayer

†Scripture Reading *Matthew 26:47-56* [Seat Bibles, p. 833]

†Singing Psalms Psalm 147
Tune: “Lead On, O King Eternal” *TPH 544; TH 580*

Tithes & Offerings

†Gloria Patri *TPH 572; TH 735*

Sermon Text *2 Kings 6:8-23* [Seat Bibles, p. 312]

Expounding the Word of God Associate Pastor Matteson Bowles

“Amazing Terrors and Tables”

†Hymn of Response “I Lift My Eyes Up to the Hills” *TPH 121A*

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

O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

Psalm 63: 1-2 (KJV)

CONFESSON 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

11/27/2022

Associate Pastor Matteson Bowles

Title: "Amazing Terrors and Tables"

Text: 2 Kings 6:8-23

Horses and Chariots of Fire

⁸ Once when the king of Syria was warring against Israel, he took counsel with his servants, saying, "At such and such a place shall be my camp."⁹ But the man of God sent word to the king of Israel, "Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Syrians are going down there."¹⁰ And the king of Israel sent to the place about which the man of God told him. Thus he used to warn him, so that he saved himself there more than once or twice.

¹¹ And the mind of the king of Syria was greatly troubled because of this thing, and he called his servants and said to them, "Will you not show me who of us is for the king of Israel?"¹² And one of his servants said, "None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom."¹³ And he said, "Go and see where he is, that I may send and seize him." It was told him, "Behold, he is in Dothan."¹⁴ So he sent there horses and chariots and a great army, and they came by night and surrounded the city.

¹⁵ When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?"¹⁶ He said, "Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them."¹⁷ Then Elisha prayed and said, "O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see." So the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.¹⁸ And when the Syrians came down against him, Elisha prayed to the LORD and said, "Please strike this people with blindness." So he struck them with blindness in accordance with the prayer of Elisha.¹⁹ And Elisha said to them, "This is not the way, and this is not the city. Follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek." And he led them to Samaria.

²⁰ As soon as they entered Samaria, Elisha said, "O LORD, open the eyes of these men, that they may see." So the LORD opened their eyes and they saw, and behold, they were in the midst of Samaria.²¹ As soon as the king of Israel saw them, he said to Elisha, "My father, shall I strike them down? Shall I strike them down?"²² He answered, "You shall not strike them down. Would you strike down those whom you have taken captive with your sword and with your bow? Set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink and go to their master."²³ So he prepared for them a great feast, and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. And the Syrians did not come again on raids into the land of Israel.

I. Downfall

II. Blind Can See

III. Seeing Go Blind

IV. Tables

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.

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.

CONFESSION OF SIN

O LORD our God, we lament that our sins have grieved Your heart and arrested sweet communion with You.

We cover over sins and transgressions that others do not see. But in Your sight, O merciful God, nothing is hidden.

We declare that our love for those outside the family of God grows cold.

We admit that often our motive for serving You seeks the praise of others.

We acknowledge that we have harbored bitterness and anger toward others.

Forgive us for the hardness of our hearts. Pardon us for delighting more in the fleeting pleasures of this fallen world.

We confess our sins and plead the merits of our Savior's life, death, and resurrection.

For Your great Name's sake, deliver us from evil.

We pray in the Name of Your Son, Christ Jesus, the Righteous One. Amen.

Personal Confession

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide ... "

— John 15:15-16a (ESV)

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.

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY

Youth Group Annual Christmas Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange will be at the Bowles house on Saturday, 3 December. Details forthcoming.

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 potluck 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!

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	11/20/2022	YTD
General Income	\$6,575.50	\$451,120.95
Budget Requirement	\$10,250.00	\$481,750.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$3,674.50)	(\$30,629.05)
Attendance	133	

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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)
