



## 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

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free ... Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

— John 8:31-36 (ESV)

## CONFESSON 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

1/15/2023

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: "The New-Person-in-Christ Replaces Bad Practices with Good"

Text: Ephesians 4:28 (read 4:25-5:2)

Theme: God's people are not identified by their sin though we still fall into sin. The genuine Christian continually puts on the thoughts, habits, and practices of the new person he or she is in Christ.

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I. The Christian Who \_\_\_\_\_ What Does Not \_\_\_\_\_ to Him Must \_\_\_\_\_ (28a)

II. A Follower of Christ Learns to Become a \_\_\_\_\_ - Working, Law-Abiding Person (28b)

III. God's People Seek to \_\_\_\_\_ Anyone Who Has a \_\_\_\_\_ (28c)

#### IV. Applications

A. Church \_\_\_\_\_ first begins with \_\_\_\_\_ -  
\_\_\_\_\_.

B. Work is a \_\_\_\_\_ ordinance. We were created  
to work as \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ of  
God.

C. It is not \_\_\_\_\_ to simply stop doing  
something \_\_\_\_\_. Sinful thoughts, habits, and  
practices must be \_\_\_\_\_ with  
\_\_\_\_\_ thoughts, habits, and practices.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are Christians to put away in their lives (v. 25a)?
2. What does Paul single out as essential in how Christians are to interact and relate to one another (v. 25b)? Why is this important (v. 25c)?
3. How are Christians to handle anger (v. 26a)?
4. What is important when a Christian becomes angry (v. 26b)?
5. What is a potentially serious problem when a Christian gets angry (v. 27)?
6. What is Paul's command for those who came to Christ who had the practice and habit of stealing (v. 28)?
7. How are Christians not to speak to others (v. 29a)? How are Christians supposed to speak to others (v. 29b, c)?
8. Whom are Christians not to grieve (v. 30)?
9. What negative harmful actions and attitudes are not to be found among the people of God (v. 31)?
10. What positive actions and attitudes are to characterize Christians (v. 32)?
11. What rationale might someone try to offer when taking what does not belong to him?
12. Who do you think is more prone to stealing – the rich or the poor?
13. How might Christians steal without realizing it? Is it still sinful when they do this?
14. How might a professing Christian try to excuse a habit of taking what does not belong to him?
15. Why do we know that God created us to work?
16. What former bad practices in your life have been replaced with good ones since you have been following Christ?
17. How might the “replacement” principle be applied to those who think they have a sinful “orientation” such as homosexuality or transgenderism?
18. What does it mean to “mortify sin”?

## 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

Lord of mercy and grace, we confess that our love for You waxes cold and our hearts grow indifferent to Your holy Word. We are quick to blame others and to excuse our own faults and shortcomings.

We frequently doubt Your love for us, and our trust in Your promises becomes overshadowed by our fears.

We confess and repent of our sins, O LORD. Hear us as we approach Your Table and anticipate the grace that comes to us by faith therein. Cause our faith to grow stronger as we again survey the wondrous cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Produce in us the fruits of righteousness and holiness to the glory of Your Name: Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Whose righteousness is our glorious clothing. Amen.

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### ***Personal Confession***

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake,  
and I will not remember your sins.

Put me in remembrance; let us argue together;  
set forth your case, that you may be proved right.”

— Isaiah 43:25-26 (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](http://www.spriggsroad.org).

## **NOTE OF THANKS**

Dear Beloved Church Family,

Laurie and I are very humbled and grateful for the generous Christmas gift you bestowed upon us during the season when we remember God's greatest gift to us. Thank you so very much for your love, kindness, and generosity towards those who minister the Word of God to you. What a distinct honor and blessing it is to serve a dedicated and faithful congregation of saints that you are. May our God continue to use us in His service to spread the great news of the Gospel that is the power of God unto salvation. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you so very much.

Pastor Michael and Laurie

## **TEEN NIGHT - JANUARY 21**

Youth group (grades 6-12) will meet at the Moyes' home at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 21. Please RSVP for the dinner signup, and come for food, fun, and fellowship with your church family.

## **SEMINARS JAN. 20 & 21**

Our sister congregation, Crossroads Presbyterian, will be hosting seminars by Gary Yagel on the biblical worldview of sexuality and marriage and on pornography next weekend. Please refer to their website for details: [www.crossroadspca.net](http://www.crossroadspca.net)

## FELLOWSHIP AND TEACHING

—**Adult Sunday School** is studying 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 planned for June 26-30, 2023!**

At last count, we need at least 10 more volunteers to fully staff VBS.

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

## CHURCH FINANCES

Our format for financial updates is changing to a monthly summary.

Stay tuned for details!

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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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)

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