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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

JANUARY 29, 2023

10:45 A.M.

Prelude	“O Worship the King” <i>TPH 219; TH 2</i>
Welcome and Announcements	
Meditation	
Call to Worship and Invocation	
† Hymn of Worship	“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” <i>TPH 214</i>
Greeting	
† Song of Praise	“Protector of My Soul”
† Confession of Faith	The Apostles' Creed
Pastoral Prayer	
† Scripture Reading	Leviticus 19:1-17 [Seat Bibles, pp. 97-98]
† Singing Psalms	Psalm 11 - “The LORD Is My Refuge” <i>TPH 11B</i>
Tithes & Offerings	
† Gloria Patri	<i>TPH 572; TH 735</i>
Sermon Text	Ephesians 4:25-5:2 [Seat Bibles, p. 978]
Expounding the Word of God	Pastor Michael Mang
	<i>The New-Person-In-Christ Imitates God</i>
† Hymn of Response	“He Will Hold Me Fast”
The Lord's Supper	
† Doxology	
† Benediction	
Postlude	“Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord” <i>TPH 530; TH 606</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

- 3 “Do two walk together,
unless they have agreed to meet?
- 4 Does a lion roar in the forest,
when he has no prey?
Does a young lion cry out from his den,
if he has taken nothing?
- 5 Does a bird fall in a snare on the earth,
when there is no trap for it?
Does a snare spring up from the ground,
when it has taken nothing?
- 6 Is a trumpet blown in a city,
and the people are not afraid?
Does disaster come to a city,
unless the LORD has done it?
- 7 “For the Lord GOD does nothing
without revealing his secret
to his servants the prophets.
- 8 The lion has roared;
who will not fear?
The Lord GOD has spoken;
who can but prophesy?”

— Amos 3:3-8 (ESV)

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.

RIDGEHAVEN

The Ridgehaven Service Project is set for July 24-29 for rising 6th to 12th graders. Register by February 15 for the best price. Please see Pastor Matt Bowles if you have any questions.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR VIVIAN LAIRD

A memorial service for Vivian Laird, Janet Daugherty’s mother, who went to be with her Lord on Sunday, January 22, 2023, will be held this coming Saturday, **February 4, 2023, 1:30 p.m.**, at the SRPC church building. Prior to this there will be a viewing and reception with the family at 12:30 p.m. May the people of God at Spriggs Road church be much in prayer for Janet, Denny, Gin, and the entire family as we enfold and support them in their sorrow but also rejoice with them in the comfort that Vivian has been received into the glorious presence of her Savior and Lord.

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.

CHILDCARE HELP FOR CROSSROADS, FEBRUARY 10, 11

Crossroads Presbyterian Church is having a marriage seminar on February 10-11 (Friday and Saturday). They need volunteers to help with childcare during the hours of the seminar to relieve their normal volunteers and enable them to attend the event. If you are able and willing, please contact Pastor Michael (michael.mang@spriggsroad.org) or Pastor Matt (matteson.bowles@spriggsroad.org) by Wednesday, February 1.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

The Deacons are continuing to collect non-perishable food items and general items for those in need in our community. Items can be placed in the blue bin in the hallway. Please contact the Deacons with any questions.

SENIORS' LUNCH

The next Seniors' Fellowship Lunch will be Wednesday, February 8, noon to 1:30 p.m. at the church. Just bring your lunch and beverage; desserts will be provided. Hope you can join us! Questions: John or Paula Strain.

VBS VOLUNTEERS

We still have a need for 4 adults and 3 teens to fill out our chaperone pairs that travel with and direct each age group for our VBS on June 26th-30th. Please let Naomi Petko know if you are able to serve in this capacity.

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

1/29/2023

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: "The New-Person-in-Christ Imitates God"

Text: Ephesians 4:31-5:2

Theme: We walk in love as we imitate our LORD as His children. And as we imitate our God, we get rid of bitterness and all that goes with it. Our impulse is to freely forgive because God has freely forgiven us in Christ.

I. _____ Spiritually Deadly _____
That _____ Unity in the Body of Christ
(31)

II. Three Critical _____ That
_____ Unity in the Body of Christ (32)

III. The Grand _____ to Strive for
Unity in the Body of Christ (5:1-2)

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. A root of _____ in your heart can begin to _____ and _____ giving your life a _____ smell.

B. We are _____ to _____ by not holding the wrongs of others done to us against them. Yet, the _____ of forgiveness is _____ on their _____.

C. When we _____ God as His beloved children, _____ is the _____ of the heart.

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. Have you ever witnessed a bitter spirit turning a normally kind and sweet person into someone who is nasty and unpleasant to be around? If so, what was it like? How did you interact and respond to such a person?
12. What easily causes you to become bitter? How have you dealt with it?
13. Is anger something that happens frequently or infrequently in your life? What helps you control anger?
14. Have you been tempted to hold ill will against a brother or sister? How have you dealt with it?
15. Who do you know that exemplifies a kind and tender heart? Is kindness just something inborn or can it be cultivated and developed? If so, how?
16. Do you think that for you forgiveness is easy, hard, or something in-between? What motivates and prompts you to forgive? Is there anyone whom you have not forgiven? If so, why?
17. Has someone ever refused to forgive you? If so, why? What did you do to resolve the matter?
18. How much do you think God has forgiven you?
19. How do you know if you are "walking in love"?
20. What is the epitome of Christ's love for His people?

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.