



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 12, 2023

10:45 A.M.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Meditation

Call to Worship and Invocation

†Hymn of Worship

“Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim” *TPH 284; TH 165*

Greeting

†Song of Praise

“There Is a Redeemer”

†Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

Pastoral Prayer

†Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 4:1-6 [Seat Bibles, p. 965]

†Singing Psalms

Psalm 13 - “How Long Will You Forget Me, LORD?”
TPH 13

Tithes & Offerings

“The Love of God”

†Gloria Patri

TPH 572; TH 735

Missions Minute Update

Sermon Text

Ephesians 5:3-14 [Seat Bibles, p. 978]

Expounding the Word of God

Pastor Michael Mang

*“Things That Must Not Be Said
About Those Who Bring Light, Not Darkness” (Part 2)*

†Hymn of Response

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” *TPH 156; TH 398*

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

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

—1 John 5:1–5 (ESV)

CONFESSON OF FAITH

The 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

2/12/2023

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: “Things That Must Not Be Said About Those Who Bring Light, Not Darkness ” (Part 2)

Text: Ephesians 5:3-14

Theme: One who bears the name “Christian,” yet lives an immoral and impure life, will not see the Kingdom of God. Rather, Christians are to reflect the light of the Gospel because we are light, not darkness.

I. Behaviors That the Christian Must Avoid (3-5)

II. Warning Against Deception (6-7)

III. The Mandate to _____ Light and to
_____ Darkness (8-14)

IV. Applications

- A. God created human sexuality. It is a beautiful and wonderful thing as designed by God. But the entrance of sin has degraded and perverted God's good gift of sexuality.
- B. You can be very susceptible to spiritual deception through ideas that sound really good and logical but are opposed to God's Word.
- C. Christians cannot join in celebrations and affirmations of unnatural unions and lifestyles no matter how hard the pressure is to conform.
- D. God's people _____ the light of Christ and _____ light.
- E. The "_____" mission of the saints comes about primarily through the _____ of the _____.
- F. Exposing the _____ makes you a _____ of those who _____ the truth.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What three behaviors are not to be named among God's people? Why? (v. 3)?
2. What other three behaviors does Paul tell Christians not to do? Why? (v. 4)
3. What is true about those who do such things (v. 5)?
4. What are Christians to watch out for so as not to be fooled (v. 6a)?
5. What is God's attitude toward those who practice these things (v. 6b)?
6. What must Christians not do if they know people who practice the behaviors Paul says to avoid (v. 7)?
7. Why are Christians not to practice these behaviors (v. 8a)?
8. How does Paul describe the things that Christians who walk in light do (vv. 8b-9)?
9. What are Christians to discern (v. 10)?
10. Instead of participating in the activities Paul says to avoid, what are Christians to do about them (v. 11)?
11. What does the metaphor of "light" signify in Scripture?
12. What does it mean to be "light in the Lord" (v. 8)? How are Christians to be light in this world?
13. How do you "discern" or "prove" what pleases the Lord Jesus?
14. Are there ways that Christians today are taking part in unfruitful deeds of darkness? If so, how? Why?
15. How should God's people go about "exposing" darkness?
16. What things need to be exposed as sinful today?
17. Is Paul telling Christians that they must never say anything about the shameful things that some do in secret?
18. What would indicate that Paul is speaking about conversion in verses 13-14?
19. Who is the "sleeper" (v. 14) to whom Paul refers?
20. How is Paul using the quotation in verse 14? Is Paul suggesting that unbelievers have the ability to "arise from their spiritual death" so that Christ will shine on them?

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

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)

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.

OUTSIDE CHILD SAFETY WATCH

The outside Child Safety Watch was created to help us keep an eye on the children after church while they are outside the building. This is a blessing to the many young families in our church. Since there is not an enclosed play area, it is very helpful to have extra eyes on the parking lot/lawn/driveway. Please consider signing up to serve in this way. See email announcements for the signup link.

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.

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP

You are invited to join us Tuesday, February 14, at 6:30 p.m. for fellowship and a meal of spaghetti and meatballs before the Bible study and prayer. Sign up information sent out via email or talk to Naomi Petko.

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 Ortland. 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.

TEEN NIGHT

Our next youth group (grades 6-12) will be at the Bowles' home on Saturday, February 25, from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Watch your email for the food signup and start wondering what games Pastor Matt will have cooked up this time!

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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)
