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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

JULY 3, 2022

10:45 A.M.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Meditation

Call to Worship and Invocation

† **Hymn of Worship**

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

Tune: “God, Be Merciful to Me” *TPH 51C, TH 486*

Greeting

† **Song of Praise**

“In Christ Alone” *TPH 265*

† **Confession of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

Pastoral Prayer

† **Scripture Reading**

Hebrews 11:32-40 [Seat Bibles, p. 1008]

† **Singing Psalms**

Psalm 84

Tune: “Lead On, O King Eternal” *TPH 544, TH 580*

Tithes & Offerings

† **Gloria Patri**

TPH 572; TH 735

Sermon Text

2 Kings 4:8-37 [Seat Bibles, p. 309]

Expounding the Word of God

Pastor Matteson Bowles

“Keep Your Chin Up”

† **Hymn of Response**

"Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ" *TPH 460, TH 524*

‡ **The Lord's Supper**

† **Doxology**

† **Benediction**

Postlude

† Standing, if able

‡ Live stream ends before the Lord's Supper.

TH — Trinity Hymnal; TPH — Trinity Psalter 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 resumed our schedule of 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

¹⁶... yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

¹⁷ But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸ For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. ¹⁹ For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹ I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

— Galatians 2:16-21 (ESV)

FELLOWSHIP AND TEACHING

—Starting May 8, **Adult Sunday School** will be going through the book *Strange New World* by Carl Trueman. Books and study guides are available at Amazon, ChristianBook, Audible, Crossways, and HeritageBook

—**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 will also be available.

—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 6:15 (check your email for the weekly signup) followed by **prayer & teaching** at 7:00. Please come! (See full announcement)

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Help is needed in the following areas of ministry at SRPC. Please consider offering your time in these important areas:

Bulletin Production (contact Kate Bredbenner)

Nursery and Outdoor Safety Monitors (contact Robin Deane)

Special Music (contact Barbara Harris or Grace Reid)

Communion Bread (contact the Deacons to be part of a rotation)

FINANCIAL UPDATE

\$Income vs. Budget	06/26/2022	YTD
General Income	\$4,178.80	\$238,986.63
Budget Requirement	\$10,250.00	\$266,500.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$6,071.20)	(\$27,513.37)
Attendance	117	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scheduled events can be found on the church's online [Calendar](#). It can be also be viewed on the home page of www.spriggsroad.org.

SENIORS' LUNCH

Our next Seniors' Fellowship Lunch is Wednesday, July 13, noon to 1:30 p.m. at the church. Please bring your lunch and beverage; desserts will be provided. Questions: John or Paula Strain (703-494-4604; pmstrain@comcast.net).

TUESDAY NIGHT TOGETHER: EXTENDED FORMAT

Beginning Tuesday, June 7, the format for our Tuesday evening meal, singing, devotions, and prayer will be extended for the summer. Dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m. Beginning at 7 p.m. everyone will then gather for a brief time of singing. Afterwards, around 7:15 p.m., the adults will have devotions and prayer in the sanctuary until a little after 8 p.m. The younger ages will break up into two classes for instruction in the Catechisms during this time.

After the instruction time, the teens can come together for a time of recreation and fun (e.g. volleyball, ice cream, etc.), led by Pastor Matt.

TEEN NIGHT/SWIM PARTY

Teen Night/Swim Party on Saturday, July 16th, at 3 p.m., at the Deanes'. There will be swimming, then a meal and lesson. Bring dry clothes if you want to change. The food will be coordinated closer to the event.

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

07/03/2022

Pastor Matteson Bowles

Title: "Keep Your Chin Up"

Text: 2 Kings 4:8-37

I. Rewarded Hospitality (8-17)

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, You Who are rich in mercy to all who call upon You, hear us as we come to You confessing our sins. We implore You for Your mercy and forgiveness.

We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds, by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness. We acknowledge before You all our failures and shortcomings toward You and toward our neighbors.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. And from Your abundant goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Personal Confession

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*"Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool."*

— Isaiah 1:18 (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.

II. Sudden Need (18-26)

III. Provision and Hope (27-37)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How are the wealthy encouraged to use their gifts for God's people?
2. Does God delight in giving gifts to His children? Simply to make them happy? Does this seem too good to be true to you?
3. How do you guard against disappointment in your life? What steps do you take?
4. Name seven promises brought to fulfillment in Christ that we can hope to see in eternity.

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.