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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

AUGUST 7, 2022

10:45 A.M.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Meditation

Call to Worship and Invocation

† **Hymn of Worship**

“God Himself Is with Us” *TPH 164; TH 382*

Greeting

† **Song of Praise**

“Protector of My Soul”

† **Confession of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

Pastoral Prayer

Believer's Baptism

Andrew Ryan Rowe

† **Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 54:1-10 [Seat Bibles, pp. 614-615]

† **Singing Psalms**

Psalm 122

Tune: “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” *TPH 524; TH 598*

Tithes & Offerings

† **Gloria Patri**

TPH 572; TH 735

Sermon Text

Ephesians 1:1-2; 6:23-24 [Seat Bibles, pp. 976, 979]

Expounding the Word of God

Pastor Michael Mang

“God Grants Grace and Peace to Keep Us on Track”

† **Hymn of Response**

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King” *TPH 281; TH 310*

‡ **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

The gospel is not good instructions, not a good idea, and not good advice. The gospel is an announcement of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ.

—**Michael Horton**, Professor of Theology and Apologetics at Westminster Seminary California

FELLOWSHIP AND TEACHING

—**Adult Sunday School** is 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 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 6:15 (check your email for the weekly signup) followed by singing, prayer, and teaching at 7:00. Separate instruction and activities are provided for teens and kids. Please come!

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	07/31/2022	YTD
General Income	\$8,399.97	\$282,689.08
Budget Requirement	\$10,250.00	\$317,750.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$1,850.03)	(\$35,060.92)
Attendance	128	

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.

SENIORS' LUNCH

The next Seniors' Fellowship Lunch will be Wednesday, August 10, noon to 1:30 p.m. at the church. Just bring your lunch and beverage; desserts will be provided. Hope you can join us for a good time of fellowship. Questions: John or Paula Strain: 703-494-4604; pmstrain@comcast.net.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Starting in the fall, the women's Bible study will meet every 2 weeks at the church: Tuesday mornings, 10:30-12:00 and Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:00. You can come to either day/time. Please contact Robin Deane for more information.

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

08/07/2022

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: "God Grants Grace and Peace to Keep Us on Track"

Text: Ephesians 1:1-2; 6:23-24

Theme: Ephesians functions as a spiritual "MRI" as the Spirit uses this divine communication to diagnose your spiritual health. Be forewarned that there may likely be some spiritual disorder the Spirit will uncover as you read and understand God's message in this letter.

I. The Apostle Paul Is One of the _____
_____ of the Lord Jesus Christ (1a)

II. Paul Writes to Christians and Calls Them _____
and _____ Ones in Christ Jesus (1b)

III. Paul Invokes _____ Crucial
_____ Upon Christians (2)

CONFESSION OF SIN

O living and true God, our hearts grow cold and indifferent to Your Kingdom and to the grace that You lavish upon us daily.

We confess that we get angry when our desires are frustrated, rather than because Your majesty is maligned, Your Word is impugned, or Your glory is ignored.

Forgive us for loving the world and the things in it rather than loving You, the Giver of every good gift.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Purify us from our sinful desires and our erring ways.

We resolve to serve You in the newness of the Spirit, Whom You have given to us as children of the Living God.

And we shall endeavor to be more mindful of Your wonderful providence, more vigilant to remain steadfast in doing Your will, and more humble to esteem others better than ourselves.

Hear our confession today as we make our prayer in and through the merit and the mediation of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Personal Confession

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

—Joel 2:12-13 (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. Paul's primary purpose in Ephesians is to show Christians the "_____ " of God's purpose about where things in the world are _____ and what the place of the _____ is in God's great and all-comprehensive plan for the world.

B. You will discover whether you have _____ from what God's _____ for your _____ is.

C. You will also be led to take _____ of how you are _____ to God's _____ for your life.

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AT HOME OR IN SMALL GROUP:

1. What is the “big picture” about which Paul, by the inspiration of God’s Spirit, wrote?
2. Who was Paul (v. 1a)?
3. What was an “apostle”? What was unique about those who were apostles of Christ Jesus?
4. Where do most believe Paul was located when he wrote this letter? When was this?
5. To whom did Paul write this letter? How did he describe them (v. 1b)?
6. What is a “saint”?
7. What does it mean to be “faithful”?
8. What was the common view of the world in which these Christians had been reared?
9. Who was the famous false god to whom the Ephesians paid homage? What was she known for?
10. What were the two blessings Paul invoked upon these Christians (v. 2)?
11. What is “grace”?
12. What is “peace”?
13. What is the Christian’s highest and primary identity and status?
14. What is “mission drift”?
15. What are some examples of “mission drift”?
16. How did the Gospel that Paul brought to the Ephesians contradict their worldview?
17. What kind of authority do the writings of the New Testament have?
18. How can we know that the books of the New Testament canon are correct? What sets them off from the apocryphal writings?
19. Have you ever drifted away from the LORD your God? What times and circumstances have been typically present when you may have done so?
20. What issue(s) do you anticipate the book of Ephesians will address that might indicate an area involving your knowledge of and walk with the LORD that needs strengthening, sharpening, or correcting?

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.