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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

**LORD'S DAY WORSHIP
 JANUARY 3, 2021**

Prelude	
Welcome	
Announcements	
Meditation	
Call to Worship/Invocation	
† Hymn of Praise	“Another Year is Dawning”
† Scripture Reading	Joel 3:14-21
Pastoral Prayer	
† Singing Psalms	Psalm 20 (<i>Trinity Psalter</i> , p.14) Tune: “From Every Stormy Wind That Blows” (<i>TH</i> #631)
Confession of Faith	Apostles’ Creed
† Scripture Teaching	Romans 8:18-25
Expounding the Word of God	Rev. Michael Mang
	“Creation, Fall, and Redemption” (Part 2)
*The Lord’s Supper	
† Hymn of Response	“God, The Uncreated One (King Forevermore)”
† Benediction	
Postlude	

†Standing, if able
 *Live Stream ends before The Lord’s Supper

There will not be a passing of the offering plate as part of our worship service during this time of social distancing. However, there is a tithe box on the small table near the main sanctuary doors where you may deposit offerings. In addition, there are remote payment options detailed on the “Donate” tab of the church website.

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.

Please note that if you are attending the 9 a.m service, masks must be worn at all times except when the participants are taking the elements of the Lord's Supper.

At this time Sunday School is not in session.

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

Heaven and earth and all creatures, herbs and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, meat and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, yea and all things declare God. There is not an atom of the universe in which God's power and divinity are not revealed.

— Herman Bavinck

CONSTRUCTION OF PORTICO

PLEASE NOTE... Construction of the church entry portico is resuming shortly. When construction resumes, we will have to use the entry at the rear of the church while construction is taking place. Please use caution when walking near the construction site and, for their safety, please keep children away from the construction area.

As a reminder, we are still collecting funds to help pay for the project. If you would like to contribute, please designate any gifts as "Church Portico Project" or something like that.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the Session members.

A concept drawing of the planned portico is on the bulletin board in the foyer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regularly 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.

The weekly Tuesday evening Word, Prayer, and Praise meeting continues to meet at 7 p.m. remotely via Zoom. All are welcome to attend. An email with a link for the meeting is sent out early each week. If you would like to attend and did not get the link, contact Pastor Matt.

OFFICER CANDIDATES APPROVED BY SESSION

The following officer candidates were approved by the Session according to BCO 24-1 to stand for election:

Elder candidates – Dan Bredbenner, Ryan Heisey

Deacon candidates – Charlie Kim, Erik Woloszczuk

An election will be announced soon and we will give at least 30 days notice for the upcoming election. Before then, avail yourselves of the opportunity to ask these men any of your own questions regarding their desire, views, and qualifications to serve in these respective offices of the Lord’s Church.

NOTE FROM THE MANGS

Thank You So Very Much for the Christmas Gift

My family and I are deeply touched and profoundly grateful for the most generous gift you all have bestowed upon us in this Christmas season. If there is a more generous congregation in the country, we do not know it. You all are a continual source of blessing and encouragement. We love you all very much and pray that our LORD will continue to pour out His blessings and fill you with His peace and joy in the upcoming year.

Pastor Michael and Laurie

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Income vs. Budget	12/27/2020	YTD
General Income	\$12,622.00	\$512,077.58
Budget Requirement	\$9,500.00	\$494,000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$3,122.00	\$18,077.58
Attendance	110	

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

01/03/2021

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: "Creation, Fall, and Redemption" (Part 2)

Text: Romans 8:18-25

Theme: Creation-Fall-Redemption is the only real program of eternal consequence. Present systems, governments, and institutions have their place for the time being, but all will be swallowed up as the kingdoms of this earth become the Kingdom of our God and of His Christ. The question of is: "Where are you in this program?"

I. Creation

II. Fall

III. Redemption

IV. Human Destiny

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)

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.

V. Applications

- A. Only the sons of God can bring the created universe to its purpose and goal.
- B. The created order longs for the freedom that comes through the people of God reaching their goal.
- C. The created world and environment cannot be truly _____ until _____ has been _____.
- D. As you have the Biblical worldview of creation in your heart, soul, and mind, even the _____ and _____ are not _____.

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS AT
HOME OR IN SMALL GROUPS

1. How do many of your family and close friends explain the meaning and purpose of life?
2. What is the hope of the entire created order (Romans 8:19)?
3. What does Paul mean when he says that “creation waits with eager longing” (Romans 8:19)?
4. What happened that caused the created world to be subjected to futility? How does the created order manifest this futility?
5. How do some theological and philosophical systems understand the relationship of sin to the human condition?
6. How did some in the church in the Middle Ages conceive that God originally created man? What did they think would keep man from sinning?
7. How does Scripture view man’s original being as created by God?
8. How could Adam be created perfect and yet there be the possibility that he could sin?
9. How does failing to keep the Fall of man in one’s thinking lead to improper and wrong views of what happens in life?
10. How will creation reach its goal (Romans 8:29-21)?
11. How can you be truly free in this life and yet possibly suffer persecution or personal bondage?
12. How does becoming indifferent to sin and unfaithfulness to God lead to a degeneration in the created order?
13. How has sin been overcome in your life?
14. How does your work at home, at the office, at school, or at the place where you spend most of your time contribute to the renewal of God’s world?
15. In what ways do people demonstrate in their behavior that they consider their lives to be meaningless or accidental?

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Announcement:

All are invited to the Lord’s Table who have been baptized, have publicly professed faith in (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) 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