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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 17, 2021 SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY †

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Meditation

Call to Worship/Invocation

†**Hymn of Praise**

["O Lord Most High, with All My Heart"](#)
Trinity Hymnal #48

†**Scripture Reading**

[Revelation 21:9-27](#)

Pastoral Prayer

†**Singing Psalms**

Psalm 139 (*Trinity Psalter*, p.118-119)
Tune: "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak" (*TH* #561)

Confession of Faith

[Apostles' Creed](#)

†**Scripture Teaching**

[Zechariah 2:1-13](#)

Expounding the Word of God

Rev. Michael Mang

["An Introduction to the Issue of the Church and the State"](#)

***The Lord's Supper**

†**Hymn of Response**

["Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right"](#)
Trinity Hymnal #108

†**Benediction**

Postlude

†Standing, if able

*Live Stream ends before The Lord's Supper

‡Today we especially remember the unborn and pray for the end legalized abortion.

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

That which should distinguish the suffering of believers from unbelievers is the confidence that our suffering is under the control of an all-powerful and all-loving God; our suffering has meaning and purpose in God’s eternal plan, and He brings or allows to come into our lives only that which is for His glory and our good.

— Jerry Bridges, *The Practice of Godliness*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CALLED FOR FEBRUARY 14, 2021

Dear Church Family,

According to our constitutional rules (BCO 24-1), the Session, giving at least thirty (30) days’ notice, calls for a congregational meeting on Sunday, February 14, 2021, following the second worship service at approximately 12:30 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is twofold: 1) to proceed to the election of additional Ruling Elders and Deacons; and 2) to act on the recommendation of the Session for the congregation to call Matteson Bowles, currently Assistant Pastor, as Associate Pastor of Spriggs Road Presbyterian Church.

Regarding the election of additional Ruling Elders and Deacons, the following candidates approved by the Session (per BCO 24-1) are:

Ruling Elder candidates – Dan Bredbenner, Ryan Heisey

Deacon candidates – Charlie Kim, Erik Woloszczuk

Following are a few notes and reminders for the upcoming meeting.

You will have the option of voting “yes” or “no” either for all four of the candidates, for none of the candidates, or any number in-between.

A majority of those present at the congregational meeting is required for election to office (BCO 24-3). This means that a majority is reckoned based upon the number of communing member voters present and not on the number of votes cast.

You may wish to utilize the intervening time before the actual congregational meeting in order to better familiarize yourselves with the men who have been nominated and examined for office with respect to the Biblical qualifications as listed in 1 Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:5-7.

As was done in the December congregational meeting, members who so wish may join the congregational meeting via online streaming. An access link will be provided the week of the congregational meeting. You will be able to vote by secret ballot at the meeting or anonymously online.

Regarding the Session’s recommendation to call Pastor Matt as Associate Pastor, the difference in the call refers to the body that calls and the relationship sustained to the Session. An Assistant Pastor is called by the Elders and is not a voting member of the Session. An Associate Pastor is called by the congregation and is a voting member of the Session (See BCO 22-2, 3). The Session’s recommendation to call Pastor Matt as Associate Pastor will also include a proviso that his compensation package be increased by \$9,000.00.

Please be in prayer that the Lord will continue His blessing upon the work of the Gospel in this body as the people of God at SRPC take up this sacred responsibility.

The Session of SRPC

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.

TUESDAY PRAYER AND DEVOTION

For the next several weeks our Tuesday evening devotional and prayer time via Zoom will feature missionary visits and updates. Last week we were blessed to meet with Reverend Cyril Chavis, RUF minister at Howard University. This coming Tuesday we will visit with the Ramseys. An email is sent out each week with details on how to tune in. Contact Pastor Matt if you would like to attend but are not getting those emails.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

January 23, 2021, 5 p.m.
The next Teen Night at 5pm on the January 23rd at the Heiseys'. Contact Pastor Matt for details.

July 26—31, 2021
This year the Ridgehaven Youth Service Project will be July 26th-31st. Contact Pastor Matt for details.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Income vs. Budget	1/10/2021	YTD
General Income	\$13,694.87	\$30,299.07
Budget Requirement	\$9,630.00	\$19,260.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$4,064.87	\$11,039.07
Attendance	135	

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

1/17/2021

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: "An Introduction to the Issue of the Church and the State"

Text: Zechariah 2:1-13

Theme: A nation that refuses to listen to the Word of God delivered by the Church is a nation that will not long endure. And a nation that hinders the Church in her work is a nation that God will judge.

I. Exposition of Zechariah 2:1-13

A. God Will Be a _____ Around His People (1-5)

B. God's People Are the _____ of His _____ (6-13)

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord of mercy and grace, we confess that our love for You waxes cold and our hearts grow indifferent to Your holy Word. We are quick to blame others and to excuse our own faults and shortcomings.

We frequently doubt Your love for us, and our trust in Your promises becomes overshadowed by our fears.

We confess and repent of our sins, O LORD. Hear us as we approach Your Table and anticipate the grace that comes to us by faith therein. Cause our faith to grow stronger as we again survey the wondrous cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Produce in us the fruits of righteousness and holiness to the glory of Your Name: Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Whose righteousness is our glorious clothing. Amen.

Personal Confession

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.
Put me in remembrance; let us argue together;
set forth your case, that you may be proved right."

— Isaiah 43:25-26 (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.

II. Civil Magistrates Have a _____ to _____ the Church

III. Civil Magistrates Must _____ the _____ of the Church

IV. God _____ a Nation Based on Its _____ of His People

**QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS AT
HOME OR IN SMALL GROUPS**

1. In the vision, what did Zechariah see a certain man holding (v. 1)?
2. Where was the man going? What was he planning to do (v. 2)?
3. Who else was in the vision (v. 3)?
4. What unique message was delivered to the man with the measuring line (v. 4)?
5. What would God do for the city (v. 5)?
6. What were the exiles living in Babylon to do (vv. 6-7)?
7. What does the LORD view those nations who “touch” His people as doing (v. 8)?
8. What does the “apple of one’s eye” mean?
9. What does it mean to “touch” in verse 8?
10. What will the LORD do to those who harm His people (v. 9)?
11. What crucial lesson does this passage teach us with respect to the civil authority?
12. What protection does the civil magistrate in this country guarantee to the Church? Where is it found?
13. What is the metaphor used in the Westminster Confession to describe the civil magistrate’s relationship to the Church (WCF 23.3)?
14. What does the phrase “wall of separation” mean? What does it not mean?
15. Can you think of times when the Church has encroached on the domain of the State? Has the State ever infringed on the domain of the Church?
16. What important concept is critical for understanding the relationship between the Church and the State?
17. How does the LORD protect His Church?
18. Should the State be informed by Scripture?
19. How do God’s people bless the governing authorities?
20. What blessings does a nation or a State that has a vibrant Church within its midst have? What responsibilities does it have?

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