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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

DECEMBER 25, 2022

10:45 A.M.

<b>Prelude</b>	“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming” <a href="#">TPH 305</a> ; <a href="#">TH 221</a>
<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>	
<b>Meditation</b>	
<b>Call to Worship and Invocation</b>	
† <b>Hymn of Worship</b>	“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” <a href="#">TPH 311</a> ; <a href="#">TH 203</a>
<b>Greeting</b>	
† <b>Song of Praise</b>	“Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come” <a href="#">TPH 299</a> ; <a href="#">TH 195</a>
† <b>Confession of Faith</b>	<a href="#">The Nicene Creed</a>
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>	
† <b>Scripture Reading</b>	<a href="#">Zechariah 8:14-17</a> [Seat Bibles, p. 796]
† <b>Singing Psalms</b>	Psalm 47 Tune: “O Little Town of Bethlehem” <a href="#">TPH 323</a> ; <a href="#">TH 201</a>
<b>Tithes &amp; Offerings</b>	"Of the Father's Love Begotten" <a href="#">TPH 268</a> ; <a href="#">TH 162</a>
† <b>Gloria Patri</b>	<a href="#">TPH 572</a> ; <a href="#">TH 735</a>
<b>Sermon Text</b>	<a href="#">Ephesians 4:25-32</a> [Seat Bibles, p. 978]
<b>Expounding the Word of God</b>	Pastor Michael Mang
<b>“The-New-Person-in-Christ's Commitment to the Truth”</b>	
† <b>Hymn of Response</b>	“O Church, Arise”
<b>The Lord's Supper</b>	
† <b>Doxology</b>	
† <b>Benediction</b>	
<b>Postlude</b>	“Go, Tell It on the Mountain ” <a href="#">TH 224</a>
†Standing, if able	
TPH — <i>Trinity Psalter Hymnal</i> TH— <i>Trinity Hymnal</i>	

## 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

Man's maker was made man that He, Ruler of the stars, might nurse at His mother's breast; that the Bread might hunger, the Fountain thirst, the Light sleep, the Way be tired on its journey; that Truth might be accused of false witnesses, the Teacher be beaten with whips, the Foundation be suspended on wood; that Strength might grow weak; that the Healer might be wounded; that Life might die.”

— Saint Augustine of Hippo

## 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 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 6:30 (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.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Vacation Bible School is set for June 26-30, 2023!**

If you are able to volunteer in any capacity, please tell Naomi Petko, and watch for information about upcoming planning meetings.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Income vs. Budget	12/18/2022	YTD
General Income	\$4,834.35	\$493,423.47
Budget Requirement	\$10,250.00	\$522,750.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$5,415.65)	(\$29,326.53)
Attendance	118	

## 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](http://www.spriggsroad.org).

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

—John 1:14

## SCHEDULE CHANGES

We will not have Sunday School on Christmas Day or New Year's Day. The worship service both days will be at our regular time, 10:45 a.m.

Please also note that the Tuesday fellowship & prayer time will not take place this coming week, 12/27/22.

## FELLOWSHIP MEAL RESCHEDULED

Please take notice that for January, the Fellowship Meal slated for January 1, the first Sunday of the month, is rescheduled for the second Sunday, **January 8**, following the morning worship service.

## YEAR-END GIVING

Contributions that are in the possession of the church by the end of the day on December 31 are counted as 2022 contributions. The funds do not need to be deposited to be counted as contributions in 2022.

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

### 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

12/25/2022

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: The-New-Person-in-Christ's Commitment to the Truth

Text: Ephesians 4:25-32

Theme: Christ's coming into this world set in motion a redemption that has brought about a new body of people whose commitment to speaking the truth impacts everyone. If we are to walk worthy of God's call, we must be committed completely to the truth.

I. The New Self in Christ Seeks to Get \_\_\_\_\_ of All  
\_\_\_\_\_ from the Former Life (25a)

II. The New Person in Christ \_\_\_\_\_ to  
Speaking the \_\_\_\_\_ (25b)

III. The New Man in Christ Understands the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ in the  
Body of Christ (25c)

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Unto You, O LORD, we lift up our voices and confess that we have sinned and done what is evil and wicked in Your sight. We, who are redeemed and called to everlasting glory, abhor that we do that which displeases You, and that we fail to bring honor and glory to Your Name.

Hear and forgive us as we plead the precious atoning sacrifice of Him Who was crucified for our iniquities and was raised for our justification.

Purify us from the hollowness of doing works that are not born of faith in our Lord Jesus.

Cleanse us from turning the grace of God into a covering for doing wrong.

We pray that You would use us as living stones in the building of Your Kingdom now come.

Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

### ***Personal Confession***

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

— Matthew 1:21-23 (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. The truth of Scripture is the \_\_\_\_\_ authority for knowing the \_\_\_\_\_ between truth and falsehood.
- B. Speaking the truth is \_\_\_\_\_ to understand and practice for \_\_\_\_\_ our aim to walk worthy of God's calling upon us.
- C. Every time you hear the truth of God's Word, the LORD holds you \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ it.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are Christians to put away in their lives (v. 25a)?
2. What does Paul single out as essential in how Christians are to interact and relate to one another (v. 25b)? Why is this important (v. 25c)?
3. How are Christians to handle anger (v. 26a)?
4. What is important when a Christian becomes angry (v. 26b)?
5. What is a potentially serious problem when a Christian gets angry (v. 27)?
6. What is Paul's command for those who came to Christ who were in the practice and habit of stealing (v. 28)?
7. How are Christians not to speak to others (v. 29a)? How are Christians supposed to speak to others (v. 29b, c)?
8. Whom are Christians not to grieve (v. 30)?
9. What negative harmful actions and attitudes are not to be found among the people of God (v. 31)?
10. What positive actions and attitudes are to characterize Christians (v.32)?
11. Why is it possible to know the truth?
12. In a world where people have differing versions and understandings of what is true and how to know truth, how do you know what is true and what is false?
13. Does getting rid of all falsehood mean throwing out books from your library that are false? Does it mean not listening to music that is untrue? Does it mean not reading a novel or classic book that does not come from a Christian perspective?
14. What is hard about speaking the truth to other people?
15. When a fellow church member does not believe or follow what is right, how might that affect you?

## 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.