**Springfield Presbyterian Church (USA)**

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**May 19, 2024 - 10:30 am**

**WELCOME VISITORS!**

We're glad you are here! Cards at the ends of each pew are for you to fill out and drop in the Offering Plate. Please let us know you are visiting and join us for refreshments and fellowship following the service. The Sanctuary has an induction loop system to assist the hearing impaired. The system will also work on the telephone setting of hearing aids.

Springfield Presbyterian Church is rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ, led by the Holy Spirit, and called to loving relationships through vibrant worship and service. Valuing all people, we are committed to developing disciples and fostering stewardship.

**PREPARATION FOR THE WORD**

(**\*** those who are able are invited to stand)

**PRELUDE**

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE**

The Lord be with you! **And also with you!** (Greetings and Announcements)

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

Leader: Whenever we light this candle we proclaim:

**People: Christ is the Light of the world and the center of our lives.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: As we gather together in this place, let us strain our ears to hear the rush of the wind, the crackle pop of fire.

**People: We listen for your call, God of spirit and flame. We take our place in your unfolding creation.**

Leader: Rejoice, for God’s spirit flows among us! Rejoice, for today the church embraces transformation!

**People: In the midst of rebirth, we join our voices in praise! Let us worship God!**

**\*HYMN** *On Pentecost They Gathered* GTG #289

On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,

A band of Christ’s disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.

A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,

And tongues of fire aglowing inspired each person there.

The people all around them were startled and amazed

To understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.

What universal message, what great good news was here?

That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.

God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,

On women, men, and children who would God’s grace receive.

That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.

The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.

O Spirit, send from heaven on that day long ago,

Rekindle faith among us in all life’s ebb and flow.

O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,

So folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Through confession, we have the opportunity to turn our bodies to God and, as one body, name the actions and inactions that separate us from God and one another. Let us lift our hearts and voices together in prayer:

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Generous God, you invite us to wonder. We confess that we find more comfort in the mundane. We lean into the familiar and treat the amazing as suspicious or even threatening. We long for a routine to keep us safe from pain, and we’re willing to give up joy in exchange. Reshape our hearts for possibility, O God. Awaken our senses to your wondrous work in the world, and give us the courage and will to follow you. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**RESPONSE***Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading* GTG #287 (v. 3)

Guide our thinking and our speaking done in your holy name.

Motivate all in their seeking, freeing from guilt and shame.

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** *[Psalm 104: 24, 28, 30]*

Leader: The psalmist writes, “O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.”

**People: When you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

Leader: When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.” It is through this same creative, renewing spirit that we experience God’s grace.

**People: We give thanks as a renewed, forgiven people!**

**\* MUSICAL RESPONSE OF PRAISE** *Loving Spirit* GTG #293 (v. 1)

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be,

You have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.

**\* THE PEACE** The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

(You may greet those around you.)

**\* RESPONSE** *Here I Am, Lord*

Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION** *Meditative Prayer*

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Psalm 104:24-34, 35b*OT page 525

24 O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. 25 Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. 26 There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it. 27 These all look to you to give them their food in due season; 28 when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. 29 When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. 30 When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground. 31 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in his works— 32 who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke. 33 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. 34 May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord. 35 Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Acts 2:1-21* NT page 111

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. 5Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ 12All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ 13But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’ 14But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 15Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. 16No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 17 “In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. 18Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.   
19And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. 20The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. 21Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *Seeking the Spirit*Rev. Becca Price

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\* HYMN** *Spirit of the Living God* GTG #288

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

**CELEBRATION OF OUR GRADUATES** (see last page)

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY

**\*** SONG OF THANKS  *Go to the World!*GTG #295 (v. 3)

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;

The nights of tears give way to joyous day.

As servant church, you follow Christ’s own way. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**\*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\* HYMN** *O Day of Joy and Wonder!* GTG #290

O day of joy and wonder! Christ’s promise now fulfilled:

The coming of the Spirit that holy love has willed.

Our Lord in human body to mortal eye is lost,

Yet comes in flame upon us at blessed Pentecost.

The world, in sheer amazement, the truth must now declare:

That those who once were cowards are brave beyond compare;

And tongues, which could not utter their faith in Jesus’ name,

Defy all persecution God’s glory to proclaim.

We too may know your power; your courage makes us strong.

Your love, your joy, your patience can all to us belong.

Come now and dwell within us, O Comforter divine.

Come to our hearts, and keep them; there let your brightness shine.

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: As we leave this place,

**People: May we go out into the world ready to be overwhelmed with amazement.**

Leader: May we clear our throats to shout good news.

**People: May we not shy away from the fire and wind of the spirit,**

Leader: But rather, let it envelop and hone us for the work of love that God entrusts to us as the body of Christ,

**ALL: Let us go in peace, emboldened by the Spirit!**

**\* UNISON AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

**Sunday May 26, 2024 Lectionary**

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

**Assisting in Worship: We appreciate those who serve:**

Today 5/19 Next Week 5/26

Sunday Opener: Linda Caviglia Ron Holmes

Ushers/Greeters: Sharon Pappas Steve & Donna Mazer

Cynthia Smith

Lay Leader: Linda Caviglia Diana Steppling

Fellowship Host: Barbara Nickell Linda Caviglia

**Happy Birthday!** May 23 – Julie Johnson

May 26 – Davis Streaker

**Happy Anniversary!** May 20 – Bob & Lisa Rogers

**Announcements**

**Commemorating Veterans Resting at Springfield Cemetery:**

Sunday, May 26 – i.e., the day before Memorial Day – members and friends of Springfield Presbyterian Church will again observe what has become a solemn annual tradition: remembering and honoring those veterans for whom Springfield Cemetery is their final resting place. Following service, those who wish to take part will place American flags on the 161 graves known to be those of veterans. Memorial Day originated after the American Civil War as "Decoration Day" and commemorated both Union and Confederate soldiers who died in that war. Springfield Cemetery is home to veterans who served during at least six conflicts: the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World Wars I and II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, as well as to veterans who served and stood ready during other periods. We are grateful for their service and their often significant -- and sometimes ultimate -- sacrifice.

**Blessing Closet:** This community resource is housed at Wesley Freedom United Methodist Church. The collected hygiene items are then shared with members of our community when requested. The neighbors often pick up their package from the Blessing Closet when they come for their Community Table meal, or the pantry. If you would like to help with some of the items listed below, leave them in the bin on the pew in the Narthex through June 2.

Blessing Closet needs:  paper towels, toilet paper, soap, deodorant, laundry and dish detergent, trash bags, cleaning solution...

**Freedom Area Ringers Concert:** The Freedom Area Ringers will be holding their year-end concert in our Sanctuary on **Thursday, May 23** at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to come and spend some time listening to the bells and learning a bit about them. There will be a variety of music… from *Fairest Lord Jesus* to *Stairway to Heaven*! Come join us to celebrate all we’ve learned this year! There will be a reception following the concert.

**Ladies’ Tea:** Ladies, mark your calendars for a Sharing Tea on **June 1** at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Room. Come as you are… or bring a friend! Bring some tea goodies to share… or not! Bring a special tea cup or a pot and a story to share. Please RSVP to [spc.office@verizon.net](mailto:spc.office@verizon.net) 410-795-6152 or [barbaracornell4@gmail.com](mailto:barbaracornell4@gmail.com) 240-308-0035

**It’s Springtime!** Our annual Plant Sale runs from 5/1 to 5/27. Save some of your spring flower purchases to buy at Buppert's. When you purchase with their flier, Buppert's will donate a percentage for our local missions. Fliers are available in the Narthex.

***Today:***

**Sunday May 19 – Graduate Recognition**

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Fellowship – Ice Cream Cake!

***This Week:***

**Wednesday May 22**

6:15 – 7:15 pm Bell Choir Practice

7:30 – 8:45 pm Adult Choir Practice

**Thursday May 23**

7:00 pm Freedom Area Ringers Concert (Sanctuary)

**Saturday May 25**

7:00 pm Family Game Night (Fellowship Room)

***Next Week:***

**Sunday May 26**

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Fellowship

12:00 noon Flags Placed in Cemetery

**Tuesday May 28**

6:15 – 7:15 pm Bell Choir Practice

7:30 – 8:45 pm Adult Choir Practice

**Saturday June 1**

2:00 pm Ladies’ Sharing Tea (Fellowship Room)

**Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 am – 3 pm**

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10:30 am Worship (and Sunday School 1st & 3rd Sundays)

11:30 am Fellowship

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**Graduate Recognition**

**Summer Carbaugh:** I will be graduating with a 3.89 GPA from Salisbury University with a Bachelors of Science in Accounting. I was a member of Delta Gamma sorority, where I acted as the Director of New Members. I was the Vice President of Beta Alpha Psi, an accounting business fraternity, and the Vice President of Beta Gamma Sigma, a business honor society which honors the top 10% of business students. I also was a member of Phi Kappa Phi, an honor society which honors the top 7.5% of students. During my time at SU, I was blessed with the opportunity to study international accounting in Stirling, Scotland, and I also stayed in Edinburgh, Glasgow, and London during my trip. I completed two internships, one at Vallit Dispute and Valuation Advisors focusing on forensic accounting, and another at KPMG, one of the Big 4 accounting firms, focusing on audit. My hobbies include cooking, taking care of my cat and house plants, going on walks, spending time with friends, and recently fishing. I will begin my new (dream) job working as a staff auditor for Maryland State at the Office of Legislative Audits at the Camden Yards Warehouse in July. Thank you so much for all of your love and support throughout my entire childhood and throughout my college career. I love and appreciate all of you!

**Noella Izaguirre:** In high school I sought to do many extracurriculars and have fun with my friends. A list of some extracurriculars were, Drama for 2 years, National Art Honors Society for 2 years and Marching Band/Color Guard for 4 years, as well as being a cofounder for my high school’s Hispanic Student Union. I really enjoyed the time I spent at school and can’t wait for college. I’m going to Stevenson University to major in Psychology and minor in Art.

**Joshua Owens:** In high school at Colorado Timberline Academy in Durango, CO, Joshua found a love of mountain biking and climbing. He loves art including pottery, drawing, playing piano, and blacksmithing. He loves taking care of animals and volunteers at the Humane Society in Durango. While in high school, Josh participated in a 3 week study abroad to Mexico, including a mountain biking trip there. He has worked for Bob Evans and TJ Maxx. When not in school, you can find him listening to a book on Audible, listening to music of all kinds, gaming with friends, creating (or taking something apart), or exploring. Josh is excited to start at Pittsburgh Institute for Aeronautics studying to be an Aviation Technician starting in October, 2024.

**Aine Kathleen Schermer:** Aine is graduating from homeschool through Churchville Christian School. They plan to continue taking classes at Community College of Baltimore County to complete the first two years of college courses before transferring to university for completion of a Bachelor’s degree. Their major is undecided for now, but they are leaning towards Language/Linguistics or Environmental Studies.