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**Springfield Presbyterian Church (USA)**

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**January 21, 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 come together this morning, we will hear the story of Jesus starting His ministry.

**People: We know that while our ministry may look different, the call is the same for us.**

Leader: Some may be called to teach and to heal.

**People: Others may be justice-bearers and truth-seekers.**

Leader: We are unique individuals with a multitude of callings.

**People: We trust that God’s Spirit will reveal to us where we are equipped best to serve.**

Leader: In trust, we attune our hearts and ears,

**People: We gather, we offer our praise, prayers, and meditations.**

Leader: We offer all of ourselves so we may also go into the world as examples of Christ’s love in the here and now.

**People: With enthusiasm, with questions, with our whole hearts, let us worship our living God!**

**\*HYMN***God Is Here!* GTG #409

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;  
Here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,  
Here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
Here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore  
What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt   
Keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive:  
We, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: This morning, we think about Jesus, both God and human. He gives a beautiful image of what it looks like to live a life that is committed to service. We see that He joins in fellowship, He rests, He acts, He heals, He serves, He does all that God calls Him to do and in a final act, He conquers death. As we learn more about Jesus’ ministry, we pray that it influences the ministry we are called to do. And yet, our fears deter us, our frustrations and obligations take center stage. Let us come together and confess before God the ways in which we have sinned and in doing so, let us seek to follow the call:

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence, we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.**

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**RESPONSE***Remember Not, O God*  Tune #430

O Lord, our Savior, Help, and glorify your name;

Deliver us from all our sins and take away our shame.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** *[Isaiah 43:1, 19]*

Leader: Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.

**People: God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Alleluia and amen.**

**\* MUSICAL RESPONSE OF PRAISE** *There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy* For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.

And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God’s Word,

And our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

**\* 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**

God of Mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**  *Psalm 19*

1 The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. 2 Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. 3 There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; 4 yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, 5 which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. 6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hidden from its heat. 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; 8 the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; 9 the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring for ever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.   
10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. 11 Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.   
12 But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.   
13 Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Luke 4:14-21*

14Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. 15He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

16When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 18 ‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,   
19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.’ 20And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *Starting a Ministry*Rev. Becca Price

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* GTG #610

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer’s praise,

The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God’s grace!

The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,

Sings music in the sinner’s ears, brings life, and health and peace.

Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive,

The mournful waken to rejoice, the poor in heart believe.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,

To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

To God all glory, praise and love be now and ever given

By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

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

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY

**\*** SONG OF THANKS *A Grateful Heart* Tune #652

A grateful heart is what I bring, a song of praise, my offering.

Among the saints I lift my voice: in you, O God, I will rejoice.

**\*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\* HYMN** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* GTG #82

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.

Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,  
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: Today, we marvel at Jesus’ call to ministry and the days that would follow.

**People: Inspired, we ask ourselves what ministries we are called to in this time and place.**

Leader: We trust that God has equipped us for service,

**People: And we meditate on that calling and begin to move our feet.**

Leader: We go, confident in God’s provision, ready to live out the calling.

**People: Empowered by God, with intelligence, imagination, energy, and love.**

**\* UNISON AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

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

Today 1/21 Next Week 1/28

Sunday Opener: Beth Oates Linda Caviglia

Ushers/Greeters: Sharon Pappas Alex & Brenda McClung

Cynthia Smith

Lay Leader: Mark Kearney Tim Oates

Fellowship Host: Diana Steppling Rebekah Schermer &

Barbara Cornell

**Happy Anniversary!** January 23 – Carl and Kari Anderson

**Happy Birthday!** January 23 – Natalie Halvorson

**Sunday January 28, 2024 Lectionary**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

**Announcements**

**Join Us For Fellowship:** Happy 2024 to everyone! Sunday worship is more meaningful when we gather at the Fellowship table to share and visit after worship. Have you volunteered to serve? A sign-up sheet is in the kitchen and if you are new to this, we are happy to pair you up. Maybe you would rather not host but want to bring something to celebrate a family occasion--there's a place on the sign-up sheet for that! Thank you to all who serve our church.

**Easter Flowers!** Easter is early this year! Please complete your flower order and submit to the Church Office on or before **February 4**!

**2023 Contribution Statements** are available for pick-up in the Narthex.

**Inclement Weather:** If we feel the need to cancel in-person Worship, there will be a message on the Church answering machine, as well as on Facebook. You may also receive an email with that information.

***Today:***

**Sunday January 21**

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Fellowship

***This Week:***

**Tuesday January 23 (note date change)**

7:30 – 8:45 pm Adult Choir Practice

**Saturday January 27 (note date change)**

7:00 pm Family Game Night (Fellowship Room)

***Next Week:***

**Sunday January 28**

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Fellowship

**Wednesday January 31**

7:30 – 8:45 pm Adult Choir Practice

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

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11:30 am Fellowship

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