**Springfield Presbyterian Church (USA)**

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**August 18, 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: This is the day that the Lord has made!

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Leader: Remind us of the privileges we enjoy as your people in this time and place:

**People: The ability to come together in these moments,**

Leader: The humility to confess our sins,

**People: To receive radical forgiveness,**

Leader: To pray and sing and to listen,

**People: To renew our spirits,**

Leader: To rest in all of your promises, so open our eyes to see you Lord,

**People: Open our hearts to hear your Word.**

Leader: Be present with us through the Holy Spirit,

**People: As we celebrate our faith by worshipping you.**

**ALL: Let us come and worship God!**

**\*HYMN** *O Day of Rest and Gladness* GTG #393

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,

O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;

On you, the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,

Sing “Holy, holy, holy” to the great God triune.

On you, at earth’s creation the light first had its birth;

On you, for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;

On you, our Lord victorious sent Spirit forth from heaven.

And thus on you, most glorious, a triple light was given.

On you, God’s people, meeting, the Holy Scripture hear,

Christ’s living presence greeting, through bread and wine made near.

New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest,

We reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: When we come into the holy presence of God, our own humanity is laid bare. When we stand in the living presence of truth, our own falsehood is revealed. People of God, let us together acknowledge who we are and ask our ever-present God to forgive us. Let us join in prayer:

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of Grace, we confess that we have elevated the things of this world above you. We have made idols of possessions and people and used your name for causes that are not consistent with you and your purposes. We have permitted our schedules to come first and have not taken the time to worship you. We have not always honored those who guided us in life. We have participated in systems that take life instead of give it. We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships. We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours, and we have misrepresented other’s intentions. Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of your glory. Help us to learn to live together according to your ways through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**RESPONSE** *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* GTG #438(v. 2)

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law’s demands.

Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,

All for sin could not atone. Thou must save, and thou alone.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin too terrible that God cannot forgive. There is no hurt so deep that God cannot heal. God accepts, God forgives, and God sets us free. So friends, hear and know the forgiveness of God for you and for me.

**People: Thanks be to God for a forgiveness beyond measure. Alleluia and amen!**

**\* MUSICAL RESPONSE OF PRAISE** *There’s a Wideness* *in God’s Mercy*

GTG #435 (v. 2)

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**

Generous God, as we hear your Word today, refresh in us a desire to know you more. Help us to not only hear, but to act and embody that which you call us to in Scripture. Renew our energy, restore our commitment, and enliven our feet to follow you. Amen.

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Proverbs 9:1-6* OT page 558

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. 2 She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table.   
3 She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, 4 ‘You that are simple, turn in here!’ To those without sense she says,

5 ‘Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. 6 Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.’

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Ephesians 5:15-20*NT page 183

15Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, 16making the most of the time, because the days are evil. 17So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, 19as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, 20giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *The Timekeeper*Guest Preacher

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\* HYMN** *Now Thank We All Our God*GTG #643

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;  
Who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,  
To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:  
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,  
The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

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

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY

**\*** SONG OF THANKS  *Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness* GTG #657 (v. 1)

Sing to God, with joy and gladness, hymns and psalms of gratitude.

With the voice of praise discover that to worship God is good.

God unites the scattered people, gathers those who wandered far,

Heals the hurt and broken spirits, tending every wound and scar.

Sing to God, with joy and gladness, hymns and psalms of gratitude.

With the voice of praise discover that to worship God is good.

**\*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\* HYMN** *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* GTG #547

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son’s story; here you touched him, saw his glory.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit’s power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** *[Eph 4:1-3]*  
Leader: Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.

**People: We will, with humility and patience.**

Leader: With patience,

**People: We will bear with one another in love,**

Leader: And we will make every effort to maintain,

**People: The unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace,**

Leader: As we seek to be your people,

**People: Fulfilling the call in all we do and say. Amen.**

**\* UNISON AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

**Sunday August 25, 2024 Lectionary**

1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11), 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

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

Today 8/18 Next Week 8/25

Sunday Opener: Ron Holmes Barbara Cornell

Ushers/Greeters: Kathy Russ Steve & Donna Mazer

Barbara Nickell

Lay Leader: Christy Yeager Alex McClung

Fellowship Host: Connie Gibbons Rebekah Schermer

**Happy Birthday!** August 19 – Madelyn McClung

August 22 – Christy Yeager

August 23 – Robert Doyle

**Announcements**

**“Smoke Signals” Movie:** Please join us in the Sanctuary from 5:00-8:00 pm on Saturday, **August 24** for the comedy movie “Smoke Signals”, and enjoy some conversation and food afterwards downstairs.

**Sykesville Middle School list of needed supplies:**

* **Backpacks- Durable enough to hold the weight of a middle school student’s belongings and a water bottle.** You may purchase a backpack, or you can a make a monetary donation, of any amount, and the CoCaMO committee will do the shopping. Envelopes (labeled **BACKPACK**) are available in the Narthex and can be placed in the collection basket or the collection plate during worship.
* **Wired Ear Buds**
* **Toiletries – Hair ties, Brushes, Deodorant (travel sizes are best).**
* **Soft Pencil Pouches**
* **Dividers-**for ring binders

**Rain or Shine Picnic:** Outside or inside, wet or dry, come to our picnic! **September 8**, right after worship, bring a friend or two. We will supply fried chicken and chips. Bring a favorite side dish, rolls, or dessert if you like. Sign up on the sheet at Fellowship to let us know how many to expect. We plan to set up Saturday 9/7 at 1pm if you'd like to help.

**Thank You Buppert’s!** Our friends at Buppert’s partner with us each spring for a plant sale. They donate to Springfield 10% of our purchases for a month. This year their $100 gift will go to fund our volunteer work at The Community Table (formerly Feed My Sheep). Many thanks for Buppert’s generous support of our community!

**Tomato Season!** You may have noticed a lot of tomatoes, and maybe other excess produce, on a table as we enjoy Fellowship. Feel free to take what you like! Or you can think of it as a Mission Marketplace with any donations going to help fund local missions. Thank you for your support!

***Today:***

**Sunday August 18**

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Fellowship

***This Week:***

**Wednesday August 21**

7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice

**Saturday August 24**

5:00 pm “Smoke Signals” Movie (Sanctuary)

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

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