**Springfield Presbyterian Church (USA)**

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**August 11, 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: Whether we are young,

**People: Whether we are old,**

Leader: We are welcome here.

**People: Whether this is our first-time here,**

Leader: Whether we are lifelong worshippers,

**People: We are welcome here.**

Leader: Whether we come here with doubts,

**People: Whether we come here with assurance,**

Leader: Whether we come with joy or sorrow,

**People: We are welcome here.**

Leader: Though we may have differences, the greater truth is that we are one family in Christ.

**People: So let us come together, in unified praise.**

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

**\*HYMN** *Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers* GTG #407

Spirit divine, attend our prayers, and make this house your home.  
Descend with all your gracious powers. O come, great Spirit, come!

Come as the light. To us reveal our emptiness and woe.  
And lead us in those paths of life where all the righteous go.

Come as the fire and purge our hearts like sacrificial flame.  
Let our whole soul an offering be to our Redeemer's name.

Come as the dove and spread your wings, the wings of peaceful love.  
And let the church on earth become blest as the church above.

Spirit divine, attend our prayers. Make a lost world your home.  
Descend with all your gracious powers. O come, great Spirit, come!

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Friends, we cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about who we are, about the mistakes we have made, and about how well or poorly we care for ourselves or others. We know though, as beloved children, God is ready to hear our sin and offer us forgiveness, if we are only but willing to humble ourselves. Let us join in prayer together:

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Loving God, there are many times we think we love you well, O God. But upon hearing your call to love you with all our heart, and all our mind, and all our strength, we confess that our love for you is a diluted love, made insipid and flat by lesser loyalties and a divided heart. Our love seems pure only for brief moments; soon our affections are drawn away. How easily our devotion dies. Forgive us; in deep mercy spare us, despite our lost first love for you; in grace rekindle our love for you, in seeing anew Jesus’ love for us. We ask for forgiveness, in your Holy Name. 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: While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God’s love in Jesus Christ.

**People: We humbly rejoice, acknowledging God’s goodness and mercy that covers our sin. We are forgiven! Thanks be to God. 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, we thank you for this time to listen closely to your Word. Help us to rid ourselves of distraction. Help us to open our eyes to new things that you may be revealing to us. Help this Word become the Word for us today, right now, so that we may be your disciples in this world. Amen.

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** *1 Kings 19:4-8* OT page 311

4But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: ‘It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.’ 5Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, ‘Get up and eat.’ 6He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. 7The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, ‘Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.’ 8He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Ephesians 4:25-5:2*NT page 183

25So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. 26Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27and do not make room for the devil. 28Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. 29Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. 30And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. 31Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, 32and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. 1Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, 2and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *The Power of a Nap*Rev. Becca Price

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\* HYMN** *Spirit, Open My Heart* GTG #692

**Refrain:**

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.

As you love may I love, in receiving and giving. Spirit, open my heart.

God, replace my stony heart with a heart that’s kind and tender.

All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender. **[Refrain]**

Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.

In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory. **[Refrain]**

May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of sister, brother.

In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another. **[Refrain]**

**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.

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**\*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\* HYMN** *Take My Life* GTG #697

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,  
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,  
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,  
Every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,  
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee,  
Ever, only, all for thee.

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: Open our ears,

**People: To hear what you are saying to us in the things that happen to us and in the people we meet.**

Leader: Open our eyes,

**People: To see the needs of the people around us.**

Leader: Open our hands,

**People: To do our work well, to help when help is needed.**

Leader: Open our lips,

**People: To tell others the good news of Jesus and bring comfort, happiness, and laughter to other people.**

Leader: Open our minds,

**People: To discover new truth about you and the world.**

Leader: Open our hearts,

**People: To love you and our neighbors as you have loved us in Jesus. Amen.**

**\* UNISON AMEN POSTLUDE**

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

Today 8/11 Next Week 8/18

Sunday Opener: Beth Oates Ron Holmes

Ushers/Greeters: Don Vasbinder Kathy Russ

Need Volunteer Barbara Nickell

Lay Leader: Tony Caviglia Christy Yeager

Fellowship Host: Barbara Cornell Connie Gibbons

**Happy Anniversary!** August 16 – Connie and Craig Robinson

**Happy Birthday!** August 12 – Alaric Schermer

August 16 – Kari Anderson

**Sunday August 18, 2024 Lectionary**

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

**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

***Today:***

**Sunday August 11**

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Fellowship

12:00 noon Calendar Planning Meeting (Large Classroom)

***This Week:***

**Tuesday August 13**

7:00 pm CoCaMO Meeting (Manse)

***Next Week:***

**Sunday August 18**

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Fellowship

**Saturday August 24**

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

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

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11:30 am Fellowship

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