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**Springfield Presbyterian Church (USA)**

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**November 5, 2023 - 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: The first frost has settled on the ground.

**People: The grain has been gathered.**

Leader: The leaves have fallen to the Earth.

**People: The firewood huddles together, ready to warm our homes.**

Leader: As the harvest season is upon us, we give thanks.

**People: We give thanks to God, who has provided all we need to live and thrive.**

Leader: We share gratitude with one another, as we help and serve.

**People: We bless the gifts that have been gathered.**

Leader: We, as a people of God, rejoice.

**People: Let us come together and praise the God of this great harvest!**

**\*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.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: We come before God, acknowledging this time of harvest as one that is bountiful. We know that the Earth’s seasons shift, and the fall leaves have changed into beautiful hues of red and orange and yellow. Yet, we are immersed in our lives; we often overlook God’s creation as normal and move along. We have lost our sense of awe and wonder. We have lost a deep sense of gratitude. Let us lean into God’s invitation to see God at work within our world, as we confess our sin together:

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Generous and Loving God, we forget your beauty, we neglect the awe you have provided us, simply by being a human on this Earth. You have shown us beauty in your ever-changing world, but we have been caught up in our own lives. We ask for your loving forgiveness, as we seek anew to be a grateful people. Help us to be people who stop and seek awe and wonder, and plant gratitude within us as we dwell in this harvest season. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**RESPONSE** *Hear My Prayer, O God* Tune #782

Hear my prayer, O God, and listen to my plea;

Faithful, righteous One, give ear and answer me.

Judge me not, I pray; no merit dare I claim;

Knowing my own faults, I trust in your just Name.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: When we come before God and faithfully confess our sin, God is quick to redeem us and awake us again in the waters of baptism.

**People: Thanks be to God whose love is constant, even in the changing of the seasons and God’s forgiveness that never fails. Amen.**

**\* MUSICAL RESPONSE OF PRAISE** *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days,

O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.

There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;

No more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

**\* 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** Loving God, 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. Enable us to respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Proverbs 3:1-10, 21-31*

My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; 2 for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you. 3 Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them round your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.   
4 So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and of people. 5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. 8 It will be a healing for your flesh and a refreshment for your body. 9 Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce; 10 then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. 21 My child, do not let these escape from your sight: keep sound wisdom and prudence,   
22 and they will be life for your soul and adornment for your neck.   
23 Then you will walk on your way securely and your foot will not stumble. 24 If you sit down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet. 25 Do not be afraid of sudden panic, or of the storm that strikes the wicked; 26 for the Lord will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being caught. 27 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it. 28 Do not say to your neighbor, ‘Go, and come again; tomorrow I will give it’—when you have it with you. 29 Do not plan harm against your neighbor who lives trustingly beside you. 30 Do not quarrel with anyone without cause, when no harm has been done to you. 31 Do not envy the violent and do not choose any of their ways.

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** *2 Corinthians 9*

Now it is not necessary for me to write to you about the ministry to the saints, 2for I know your eagerness, which is the subject of my boasting about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia has been ready since last year; and your zeal has stirred up most of them. 3But I am sending the brothers in order that our boasting about you may not prove to have been empty in this case, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be; 4otherwise, if some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we would be humiliated—to say nothing of you—in this undertaking. 5So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you, and arrange in advance for this bountiful gift that you have promised, so that it may be ready as a voluntary gift and not as an extortion. 6The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. 9As it is written, ‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.’ 10He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. 11You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; 12for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. 13Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, 14while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. 15Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *Blessing the Harvest* Rev. Becca Price

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN** *Take My Gifts* (see last page)

**THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

## **INVITATION**

## **THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

[The Pastor continues… “…who forever sing to the glory of your name.”]

**IN PRAISE OF GOD** Tune #552

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of Power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

[The Pastor continues… “…proclaim the one crucified and risen.”]

**IN PRAISE OF CHRIST** Tune #553

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

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

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**SHARING OF THE MEAL**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (Unison)

**Dear God, take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of the earth, and citizens of the commonwealth of Heaven. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY

**\*** SONG OF THANKS *Now Thank We All Our God* Tune #643

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.

**\*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\* HYMN** *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* GTG #298

Lord, you give the great commission: “Heal the sick and preach the word.”  
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,  
Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:  
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service: “In my name baptize and teach.”  
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,  
Give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community:  
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy: “This, my body; this, my blood.”  
Let us all, for earth’s true glory, daily lift life heavenward,  
Asking that the world around us share your children’s liberty:  
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you show us love’s true measure: “Father, what they do, forgive.”  
Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.  
May your care and mercy lead us to a just society:  
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring: “I am with you to the end.”  
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend,  
And, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity:  
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: For this plentiful harvest,

**People: We give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: We bless all the gifts that have come before us,

**People: And keep our eyes and hearts wide open to be in awe and wonder.**

Leader: And as we go from this place,

**People: We take these gifts, moved by the Spirit, and use them to serve God in our community and beyond. Amen.**

**\* UNISON AMEN POSTLUDE**

**Sunday November 12, 2023 Lectionary**

Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

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

Today 11/5 Next Week 11/12

Sunday Opener: Ron Holmes Bob Rogers

Ushers/Greeters: Elizabeth Meirowitz Sharon Pappas

Beth Oates Cynthia Smith

Lay Leader: Bob Steppling Barbara Cornell

Fellowship Host: Barbara Cornell Mark & Diane Chaplik

Communion Servers:

1. Linda Caviglia 4. Volunteer

2. Sharon Pappas 5. Alex McClung

3. Volunteer

**Happy Anniversary!** November 9 – Steve & Donna Mazer

**Announcements**

**TODAY** is Stewardship Sunday. We will celebrate with a special fellowship time featuring a soup and sandwich luncheon!

**Congregational Meeting: November 12**, right after worship, is our Congregational Meeting to approve Terms of Call for 2024 for Pastor Becca, and to elect a nominating committee for the new elders to be installed next June. The Nominating Committee presents this slate of nominees: Barbara Cornell, Christy Yeager, and Belle Vasbinder as the three elected at-large form the congregation.

**Welcome Daria!** We are excited to share that we have a new Bell Choir Director, Daria Dodonova! Her primary passion is viola, which she has been playing since she was 2 1/2 and she is a Master's student at Peabody Conservatory. She is enthusiastic about learning more about bells and we look forward to welcoming her to our community!

**We hold Louise Clark** in prayer, who is currently in hospice at Copper Ridge. We also pray for her family and friends as she joins the saints in glory.

**Christmas Flower Orders:** It’s time to order Christmas flowers! Order form is attached here. Orders are due on or before **November 19!**

**Congregational Care / Mission & Outreach (CoCaMO):** Do you know of a member or friend of our church family who is ill, needs prayers, would like call, a visit or a card, or might benefit from meal train? If so, please contact the Church Office (410-795-6152), Cathy Marsh (410-549-6916) or Diana Steppling (862-266-2242).

***Today:***

**Sunday November 5 – Stewardship Sunday**

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Soup & Sandwich Luncheon

***This Week:***

**Monday November 6**

7:00 pm HeadHuggers (Manse)

**Wednesday November 8**

6:15 – 7:15 pm Bell Choir Practice

7:30 – 8:45 pm Adult Choir Practice

***Next Week:***

**Sunday November 12**

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)

12:00 noon Fellowship

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

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