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**Springfield Presbyterian Church (USA)**

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**September 22, 2019 - 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!** (Greeting)

**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** *[Psalm 113]*

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord!

**People: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.**

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**People: The Lord is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens.**

Leader: Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

**People: He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap.**

Leader: He raises them to sit with princes, with the princes of His people.

**People: May the people of God praise the Lord! Alleluia! Amen!**

**\* HYMN** *Morning Has Broken*

Morning has broken like the first morning;

Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!

Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain’s new fall sunlit from heaven,

Like the first dew-fall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,

Sprung in completeness where God’s feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,

Born of the one light Eden say play!

Praise with elation; praise every morning,

God’s recreation of the new day!

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

**Generous God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**RESPONSE** *Lord Jesus, Think on Me*

Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin.

From earth-born passions set me free, and make me pure within.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: Through the power of God’s grace, we are a forgiven people!

**People: May the God of mercy, who forgives our sins, strengthen us in goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life. Amen.**

**\* MUSICAL RESPONSE OF PRAISE** *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\* 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**

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God, and prepare our hearts to accept your word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Psalm 79:1-9*

1 O God, the nations have come into your inheritance; they have defiled your holy temple; they have laid Jerusalem in ruins. 2 They have given the bodies of your servants to the birds of the air for food, the flesh of your faithful to the wild animals of the earth. 3 They have poured out their blood like water all around Jerusalem, and there was no one to bury them. 4 We have become a taunt to our neighbors, mocked and derided by those around us. 5 How long, O Lord? Will you be angry for ever? Will your jealous wrath burn like fire? 6 Pour out your anger on the nations that do not know you, and on the kingdoms that do not call on your name. 7 For they have devoured Jacob and laid waste his habitation. 8 Do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors; let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low. 9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name’s sake.

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**  *Luke 16:1-13*

Then Jesus said to the disciples, ‘There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. 2So he summoned him and said to him, “What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.” 3Then the manager said to himself, “What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. 4I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.” 5So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, “How much do you owe my master?” 6He answered, “A hundred jugs of olive oil.” He said to him, “Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.” 7Then he asked another, “And how much do you owe?” He replied, “A hundred containers of wheat.” He said to him, “Take your bill and make it eighty.” 8And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. 9And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

10 ‘Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. 11If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? 12And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? 13No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.’

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**TIME WITH YOUNG PEOPLE**

**SERMON** *For Love of Both* Rev. Becca Crate

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\* HYMN** *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
Be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near:  
I see the sights that dazzle; the tempting sounds I hear.  
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
But, Jesus, draw thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee  
That where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.  
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

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

“For this I pray to God.” / “For this I give thanks to God.”

**Congregational Response: “Hear our prayer, O God.”**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY *Use Your Gifts* By L. Bailey & B. Mayo

**\*** SONG OF THANKS *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord* Tune #707

Take thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will; through our surrendered souls thy plans fulfill. We yield ourselves to thee: time, talents, all; we hear, and henceforth heed, thy sovereign call.

**\*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\* HYMN** *Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)*

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,

Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,

And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,

Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: There are idols among us,

**People: Temptations around every corner.**

Leader: Yet we are called to one God,

**People: One God and one faith.**

Leader: And so we serve our God with all our heart,

**People: With patience, imagination, intelligence, and love.**

**\* UNISON AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

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

Today 9/22 Next Week 9/29

Sunday Opener Bob Rogers Jennifer Wise

Greeters & Ushers Don Vasbinder & Steve & Donna

Charlie Sperling Mazer

Lay Leader Barbara Cornell Barbara Cornell

Sunday School Connie Robinson Connie Robinson

Fellowship Jim & Mary Rhodes Diana Steppling

**Sunday September 29 Lectionary**

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; 1 Timothy 6:6-19;

Luke 16:19-31

**Church Attendance:** September 8 – 40 September 15 - 39

**Church Cleaning:** October 4, 5 or 6 – The Anderson Family

**Happy Birthday!** September 25 – Julie Ballard

**Announcements**

**Youth Group:** We will have a Scavenger Hunt **TODAY** at Columbia Mall. Meet at the Church at 2:30 pm and we’ll return at 6:30 pm. See Charlie/Deb with any questions.

**C.I.A. (Community in Action):** Next meeting is **October 7** from 4:30 to 6 pm in the Manse. Pizza is provided! Please plan on attending to support OUR community!

C.I.A. is a group open to all religious and non-religious people as a means of providing the community with acts of kindness. We will be doing different activities throughout the school year to help people in

our community who are in need.

**Did You Know?** SPC has a new website! If you haven’t seen it yet, go to [www.springfield-church.org](http://www.springfield-church.org) and check it out. Let us know what you think!

**Children/Youth Activities:**  If your child/youth is participating in any activities this Fall, please let Connie Robinson know as we want to be part of the activity.

**Prayer Group:** Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday, **September 24** at 10:30 am at the Manse. Our regular schedule of meeting the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 10:30 am at the Manse will start in October. Our group welcomes your attendance; we also have members who cannot attend but commit to taking time on those Tuesdays to pray for Springfield, its members and programs, and other joys and concerns that have been shared. If you have a prayer request or joy to share, please contact Sandy Newsome at [sandy.newsome814@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.newsome814@gmail.com).

**Blessing Bags** are in the Narthex. Please feel free to pick up a few. Handing one out to someone in need gives you a very real way to meet their immediate needs by providing them with some basic supplies.

**Weekly Announcements:** If you have an announcement to include with next week’s bulletin, please call the Office at 410-795-6152 or email to [spc.office@verizon.net](mailto:spc.office@verizon.net) by **Wednesday** each week.

**Prayers & Thanksgivings**

~ Continued prayers of comfort and healing for Barbara Nickell who broke her wrist. If you would like to provide a meal for the Nickells, please see Connie Robinson.

~ Prayers for *Korean United Presbyterian Church* from our Ministry Group.

***The Congregational Care team wants to know what YOU or someone you know needs...****a visit...a call...a meal. Please contact Diana Steppling or Connie Robinson. If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Becca at 410-795-6152 or springfieldpastor@gmail.com.*

***Today:***

**Sunday September 22**

10:30 am Worship & Sunday School

11:30 am Fellowship

3:00 pm Youth Group Scavenger Hunt (Columbia Mall)

***This Week:***

**Tuesday September 24**

10:30 am Prayer Group (Manse)

**Wednesday September 25**

6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice

7:45 pm Adult Choir Practice

***Looking Ahead:***

**Sunday September 29 – Noisy Offering**

10:30 am Worship & Sunday School

11:30 am Fellowship

**Wednesday October 2**

6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice

7:45 pm Adult Choir Practice

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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