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**February 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: Blessed is the Lord our God, who revealed the law to Moses.

**People: The Lord our God is holy!**

Leader: Blessed is the Lord our God, who has spoken through the prophets.

**People: The Lord our God is holy!**

Leader: Blessed is the Lord our God, who came to us in Jesus Christ.

**People: The Lord our God is holy!**

Leader: The one who spoke and called light out of darkness now shines in our hearts.

**People: The Lord our God is holy!**

Leader: The one who comes and does not keep silence now speaks in our midst.

**People: The Lord our God is holy!**

Leader: Now we have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ,

**People: The Lord our God is holy!**

**\*HYMN***O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)* GTG #625

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder, consider all the worlds thy hands have made,

I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed:

**Refrain:**

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,

How great thou art! How great thou art!

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How great thou art! How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,

When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: **[Refrain]**

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,

That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin: **[Refrain]**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!” **[Refrain]**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: From the Gospel of Luke, we hear these words, “Jesus said: nothing is hidden that will not be disclosed, nor is anything secret that will not come to light.” Trusting in God’s grace and that knowledge, let us confess our sins before our loving God:

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of Compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess**

**that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

**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** *[2 Corinthians 4:6]*

Leader: The one who calls light out of darkness now shines in our hearts to reveal the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! 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 Shining Splendor, your voice makes the earth tremble in wonder. Overshadow us with your Spirit so that we may hear your Word and live as faithful disciples and covenant people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Psalm 50:1-6*

1 The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. 2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. 3 Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.
4 He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: 5 ‘Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!’ 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Mark 9:2-9*

2Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, 3and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. 4And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. 5Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ 6He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. 7Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!’ 8Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. 9As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

 **All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *Reflecting Light*Rev. Becca Price

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN** *To God Be the Glory* GTG #634

To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

**Refrain:**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory: great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. **[Refrain]**

**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** *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* GTG #662

Christ, whose glory fills the skies; Christ, the true, the only light;
Sun of Righteousness, arise; triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return till thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: As witnesses to the miraculous acts of Jesus Christ,

**People: We also go out in dazzling light.**

Leader: We go to make dwelling places,

**People: We create safety and shelter through the night.**

Leader: We go to proclaim God’s goodness,

**People: Glories seen and unseen,**

Leader: And proclaim with joy, embodying light,

**People: Christ the beloved dwells with and within us all. Alleluia and amen!**

**\* UNISON AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

**Sunday February 18, 2024 Lectionary**

Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

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

 Today 2/11 Next Week 2/18

Sunday Opener: Barbara Cornell Bob Rogers

Ushers/Greeters: Don Vasbinder Steve & Donna

 Elizabeth Meirowitz Mazer

Lay Leader: Linda Caviglia Alex McClung

Fellowship Host: Souper Bowl – CoCaMO Christy Yeager

**Announcements**

**Annual Congregational Meeting**: **TODAY**, immediately following our worship service, we receive the 2024 budget and the annual reports from the church committees. There are no votes taken and all are welcome to stay as we look back on all of the activities of the last year and some plans for this new year.

**Communion/Elders:** On Sunday, **February 18 and 25**, immediately following the worship service, we will be doing a training session on the communion process for Elders who serve communion. Please plan to attend one of these training sessions.

**Chat & Chew:** Are you craving a delicious meal and great conversation? Come join us at Rincon Italian Grill on Sunday,

**February 25** at 1:00 pm. We are looking forward to a fun time of fellowship. If interested, please see Sue Holmes for the sign-up sheet.

\* Great Menu \* Fun Time \* Support Local Business \* Separate Checks Available \* Rincon Italian Grill, 577 Johnsville Road, Sykesville, MD \*

**Thank You!** My heartfelt thanks to everyone for your expressions of love, your prayers, your “goody bags”, your text messages, cards and the Comfort Bag. Can’t tell you how much it means to me. Blessings to you all. ~ Kathy Russ

***Today:***

 **Sunday February 11**

10:30 am Worship

 11:30 am Congregational Meeting

 12:00 noon Souper Bowl of Caring Luncheon

***This Week:***

**Tuesday February 13**

7:00 pm CoCaMO Meeting (Manse)

**Wednesday February 14**

7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

***Next Week:***

**Sunday February 18 – 1st Sunday in Lent**

10:30 am Worship

 11:30 am Fellowship

 **Wednesday February 21**

6:16 – 7:15 pm Bell Choir Practice

 7:30 – 8:45 pm Adult Choir Practice

 **Saturday February 24**

7:00 pm Family Game Night (Fellowship Room)

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

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11:30 am Fellowship

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