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**Springfield Presbyterian Church (USA)**

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**November 26, 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: O Come, let us sing to the Lord;
**People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Leader: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;

**People: Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**

Leader: For the Lord is great,

**People: He is a great King above all gods.**

Leader: In His hands are the depths of the earth;

**People: The heights of the mountains are His also.**

Leader: The sea is His, for He made it,

**People: And the dry land, which His hands have formed.**

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down,

**People: Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

Leader: For He is our God,

**People: And we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.**

**ALL: Let us worship God!**

**\*HYMN***Crown Him with Many Crowns* GTG #268

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Friends, it can seem like everything in this world wants us to fully buy in. Who we are is not simply our political party, our family heritage, or our kinship with any other group or entity. These are important and valuable, but above all, we proclaim that Christ is King. So let us come together, recognizing that we have more in common than we do not, and find our center in Jesus. Let us come together as a community and confess our sin, seeking to embody the justice and love of Christ. Let us pray:

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed**

**before Him and we are slow to acknowledge His rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim Him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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: Jesus Christ is King, and our King is mighty and just, sheltering God’s people as we atone for our sin.

**People: Thanks be to God, whose reign is forever and ever. Alleluia and 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**

Everlasting God, grant to us your Holy Spirit, that in these words of Scripture our hearts might be lifted and our minds set on heavenly realities. Realign our minds to be focused upon Your Word, the only Word that has sustained us from age to age.

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**  *Psalm 100*

1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. 2 Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. 3 Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. 5 For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures for ever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Matthew 25:31-46*

31 ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” 37Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” 40And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” 41Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” 44Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” 45Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” 46And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

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

 **All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *A Kingdom Built on Justice and Love* Rev. Becca Price

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN** *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* GTG #802

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread’st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

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

**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** *All Glory, Laud and Honor* GTG #196

**Refrain:**All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David’s royal Son,
Who in the Lord’s name comest, the King and blessed One. **[Refrain]**

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. **[Refrain]**

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. **[Refrain]**

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King! **[Refrain]**

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: As we go from this place, we are led by your kingdom of love, justice, and peace.

**People: As we go from this place, we seek to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you.**

Leader: Keep us faithful in your service,

**People: Until Christ comes among us once again.**

Leader: And as we approach that day,

**People: May all our actions, thoughts, prayers and praise reflect your Kingdom alive and present today.**

**\* UNISON AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

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

 Today 11/26 Next Week 12/3

Sunday Opener: Beth Oates Ron Holmes

Ushers/Greeters: Bob Rogers Steve & Donna Mazer

 Sharon Pappas

Lay Leader: Mark Kearney Tim Oates

Fellowship Host: Beth Oates Connie Gibbons

**Happy Birthday!** December 3 – Angel Carbaugh

**Happy Anniversary!** November 28 – Connie Gibbons & Cathy Marsh

**Sunday December 3, 2023 Lectionary**

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

**Announcements**

**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.

**ESCAPE Lunches:** ESCAPE Ministries provides free bag lunches every Wednesday at St. Paul’s UMC in downtown Sykesville. Springfield takes a turn providing the lunches 4 times a year. Our next turn is December 6 so we will be packing 48 lunches at the Manse Tuesday evening **December 5** at 7 pm. Please check the signup sheet at Fellowship to see if you can provide any of the fixings! Thank you all, Barbara Cornell 240-308-0035

**Mission Support Request:** We have a crack team to prepare and serve meals for Community Table, held at Wesley Freedom United Methodist Church, but our funds have run short. Each meal plus extra for about 18 guests for the next day, costs a bit over $100; 36 servings per month, for about $3.00 each meal. If you would like to help support this local mission, add Community Table to the memo line on your check, place in the offering plate, or mail to the church office.

***Today:***

 **Sunday November 26**

 10:30 am Worship

 11:30 am Fellowship

***This Week:***

**Wednesday November 29**

6:15 – 7:15 pm Bell Choir Practice

 7:30 – 8:45 pm Adult Choir Practice

***Next Week:***

**Sunday December 3 – 1st Sunday of Advent**

10:30 am Worship

 11:30 am Fellowship

 **Tuesday December 5**

7:00 pm ESCAPE Lunch Packing (Manse)

 **Wednesday December 6**

6:15 – 7:15 pm Bell Choir Practice

 7:30 – 8:45 pm Adult Choir Practice

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

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