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**Springfield Presbyterian Church (USA)**

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**October 31, 2021 - 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 119:1-8a]*

Leader: Happy are those whose way is blameless,

**People: Happy are those who walk in the law of the Lord.**

Leader: Happy are those who keep His decrees.

**People: Happy are those who seek Him with their whole heart.**

Leader: Happy are those who do no wrong, but walk in His ways.

**People: You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.**

Leader: O, that our ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

**People: Then we shall not be put to shame, having fixed our eyes on all your commandments.**

Leader: We will praise you with an upright heart, when we learn your righteous ordinances.

**People: We will observe your statutes.**

**ALL: Let us praise our faithful God!**

**\* HYMN** *In Christ There Is No East or West* #318

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,

But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;

His service is the golden cord closebinding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate’er your face may be.

All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.

All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Generous God, when times are difficult for someone we love, it can be easy to be stuck or pause, not knowing what to do. Yet, in your Scripture, you teach us how to walk with one another in struggle. You ask us to draw near, to come close to one another in community, and help those who are hurting. Forgive us when we’ve been too afraid, anxious, busy, or tired, to help those in need. Renew us, restore us, and embolden us to follow your Word and to help one another in this journey of life. 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.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** *[2 Corinthians 5:17]*

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

**People: Let us know that we are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.**

**\* MUSICAL RESPONSE OF PRAISE** *O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer*

Bless your Maker, all you creatures, ever under God’s control,

All throughout God’s vast dominion; bless the Lord of all, my soul!

**\* 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: O Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**  *Psalm 146*

1 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! 2 I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. 3 Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. 4 When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. 5 Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, 6 who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith for ever; 7 who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; 8 the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. 9 The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. 10 The Lord will reign for ever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**  *Ruth 1:1-18*

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. 2The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. 3But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. 4These took Moabite wives; the name of one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there for about ten years, 5both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons or her husband. 6Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had had consideration for his people and given them food. 7So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. 8But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, ‘Go back each of you to your mother’s house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. 9The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.’ Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. 10They said to her, ‘No, we will return with you to your people.’ 11But Naomi said, ‘Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? 12Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, 13would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me.’ 14Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. 15So she said, ‘See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.’ 16But Ruth said, ‘Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. 17 Where you die, I will die—there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from

you!’ 18When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *Where You Go, I Will Go* Rev. Becca Crate-Price

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\* HYMN** *For All the Faithful Women* #324

For all the faithful women who served in days of old,

To you shall thanks be given; to all, their story told.

They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave.

To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your power to save.

We praise your name for Miriam, who sang triumphantly while Pharoah’s vaunted army lay drowned beneath the sea;

For Ruth, who left her homeland and ventured forth in faith,

Who pledged to serve and worship Naomi’s God till death.

We sing of busy Martha, who toiled with pot and pan

While Mary sat in silence to hear the word again.

We praise the other Mary, who hastened to the tomb

And found her Lord arisen, dispelling doubt and gloom.

Lord, hear our praise of Dorcas, who served the sick and poor.

Her hands were cups of kindness, her heart an open door.

O God, for saints and servants, our fervent prayer we raise,

That, faithful in your service, our lives may sing your praise.

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

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**\*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\* HYMN** *For All the Saints* #326

For all the saints who from their labors rest,

Who thee by faith before the world confessed,

Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;

Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;

Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!

We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;

Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,

Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,

And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast,

Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,

Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

**ALL SAINTS’ DAY**

INTRODUCTION

A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

PRAYER

**ANTHEM** *Compassion Hymn* Arr. James Koerts

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: Let us go from this place,

**People: Not divided, but united.**

Leader: Let us lean on one another,

**People: In times of challenge and difficulty.**

Leader: So we may reflect the love of Christ,

**People: In all we do and say. Amen.**

**\* UNISON AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

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

Today 10/31 Next Week 11/7

Sunday Opener Jennifer Wise Ron Holmes

Greeters & Ushers Steve & Donna Ed & Sandy

Mazer Newsome

Lay Leader Bob Steppling Ron Holmes

Fellowship Need Volunteer Need Volunteer

**Happy Birthday!** November 1 – Olivia Oates

November 2 – Omar Izaguirre

November 3 – Brenda McClung

**Happy Anniversary!** November 4 – Alex & Brenda McClung

November 7 – Ed & Sandy Newsome

**Sunday November 7, 2021 Lectionary**

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Psalm 127; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

**Announcements**

**All Saints’ Day:** Today we will celebrate All Saints’ Day. During Worship, you will have the opportunity to place a carnation in a vase while saying the name of a loved one who has passed.

**Noisy Offering:** Our last Noisy Offering for the year is **TODAY**. The four offerings collected this year will be combined and sent to Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women (MMIWUSA), an organization that advocates to end violence against Native women and seeks to draw attention to the high rates of disappearances and murders of Native women and girls.

**Stewardship Sunday** is set for **November 7**. At this time, we will be accepting pledges for the next year. Stewardship letters have been mailed. If you have not received one, please contact the church office or Bob Steppling (862-266-2240).

**Daylight Saving Time Ends:** Don’t forget to “fall back” and change your clocks next weekend!

**Fellowship Reminder:** Following the Worship service, we will gather downstairs for fellowship, but will not have food and will continue to wear our masks. We, as a Session, have made this decision out of an abundance of caution and the desire to keep our family of Christ safe and healthy.

**Congregational Care / Mission & Outreach:** The Congregational Care/Mission & Outreach Committee would like your help. As we emerge from this pandemic, there is a greater than usual need to make every effort to connect with one another. 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 October 31 – All Saints’ Day**

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Fellowship

***This Week:***

**Wednesday November 3**

6:15 – 7:15 pm Bell Choir Practice

7:30 – 8:45 pm Adult Choir Practice

***Looking Ahead:***

**Sunday November 7 – Stewardship Sunday**

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Fellowship

**Tuesday November 9**

7:00 pm Congregational Care/Mission and Outreach (CoCaMo) Meeting (Manse)

**Wednesday November 10**

6:15 – 7:15 pm Bell Choir Practice

7:30 – 8:45 pm Adult Choir Practice

**Thursday November 11**

7:00 pm Session Meeting (Manse)

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

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