**Springfield Presbyterian Church (USA)**

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**July 28, 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: This is the place, O God, and this is the time!

**People: Here and now you wait to break into our experience!**

Leader: To change our minds, to change our attitudes,

**People: To change our ways, and to change our lives.**

Leader: To help us see the whole of life with your eyes,

**People: And hear your Word for our own time.**

Leader: To help us sense your glory and mercies,

**People: To breathe in the freshness of your Holy Spirit.**

Leader: To help us reach out and be Jesus in this world,

**People: To feel and be your healing touch,**

Leader: To discover you in the unexpected,

**People: To worship you with our whole selves.**

**ALL: Come, let us worship God!**

**\*HYMN** *God is Calling through the Whisper* GTG #410

God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit’s deepest sighs,

Through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise.

Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush the stillness, rush of wonder:

God is calling – can you hear? God is calling – can you hear?

God is calling through the voices of our neighbors’ urgent prayers,

Through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair.

Place of hurt or face of needing; strident cry or silent pleading:

God is calling – can you hear? God is calling – can you hear?

God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts,

Through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts.

Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing:

God is calling – and we hear! God is calling – and we hear!

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: This morning, we will hear how God’s abundance is beyond measure, even though we can feel like our resources and faith are scarce. We can overconsume, seeking sanctuary and safety in things rather than in the provisions of God. Though this is human instinct, God calls us to something new; a trust and a faith that God will provide even in the places that feel desolate. For the ways in which our faith has lacked, let us come before God in earnest prayer:

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Generous and Loving God, your Word continues to speak to us and to proclaim that even when things feel scarce, your abundance will always show up. Forgive us, O God, for the ways in which we have doubted you. Forgive us for seeking to hold onto everything, rather than trusting that you will provide. Forgive us for not seeing the ways you enter in our lives. Forgive us, O God, and renew and restore us as your people, who point to your great mercies and restoration daily. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**RESPONSE** *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* GTG #438(v. 2)

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law’s demands.

Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,

All for sin could not atone. Thou must save, and thou alone.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: Take comfort in the assurance that even those things that are hidden from memory, or are too deep for our words, are not beyond God’s forgiving love. God who knows us completely, bestows pardon and peace upon us.

**People: We are forgiven! Thanks be to God for mercy beyond measure! Alleluia and amen!**

**\* MUSICAL RESPONSE OF PRAISE** *There’s a Wideness* *in God’s Mercy*

GTG #435 (v. 2)

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**

Merciful God, you have declared that your kingdom is among us. Open our eyes to see it, our ears to hear it, our hearts to hold it, and our hands to serve it. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Psalm 145:10-18* OT page 548

10 All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you. 11 They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, 12 to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. 14 The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down. 15 The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. 16 You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. 17 The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.
18 The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** *2 Kings 4:42-44* OT page 320

42A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, ‘Give it to the people and let them eat.’ 43But his servant said, ‘How can I set this before a hundred people?’ So he repeated, ‘Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, “They shall eat and have some left.” ’ 44He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

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

 **All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *Abundance in Scarcity*Rev. Becca Price

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\* HYMN** *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine* GTG #837

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

**Refrain:**
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms. **[Refrain]**

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms. **[Refrain]**

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

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

 OFFERTORY

**\*** SONG OF THANKS  *Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness* GTG #657 (v. 1)

Sing to God, with joy and gladness, hymns and psalms of gratitude.

With the voice of praise discover that to worship God is good.

God unites the scattered people, gathers those who wandered far,

Heals the hurt and broken spirits, tending every wound and scar.

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 **\*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\* HYMN** *We Will Go Out with Joy* GTG #539

We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.

We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.

Alleluia! We will go out with joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Now anyone who’s born of the Spirit, sing a new song of joy.

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Alleluia! We will go out with joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!

We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.

We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.

Alleluia! We will go out with joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: Let us go from this place with joy,

**People: Let us proclaim abundance each day,**

Leader: Let us witness to God’s mercies,

**People: In action and word,**

Leader: So that we may be the body of Christ,

**People: Today, tomorrow, and forevermore. Amen.**

**\* UNISON AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

**Sunday August 4, 2024 Lectionary**

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

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

 Today 7/28 Next Week 8/4

Sunday Opener: Bob Rogers Linda Caviglia

Ushers/Greeters: Tim & Beth Oates Brenda McClung

 Ron Holmes

Lay Leader: Max Carroll Linda Caviglia

Fellowship Host: Beth Oates Linda Caviglia

**Happy Birthday!** July 31 – Tim Doyle

 August 4 – Diane Chaplik

**Announcements**

**Friday at the Park:** Please join us between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm on Friday,

**August 2** to hang out at the park across from French Twist and enjoy games, fellowship, laughter, and more for an informal get together.

**Sykesville Middle School list of needed supplies:**

* **Backpacks- Durable enough to hold the weight of a middle school student’s belongings and a water bottle.** You may purchase a backpack, or you can a make a monetary donation, of any amount, and the CoCaMO committee will do the shopping. Envelopes (labeled **BACKPACK**) are available in the Narthex and can be placed in the collection basket or the collection plate, during worship.
* **Wired Ear Buds**
* **Toiletries – Hair ties, Brushes, Deodorant (travel sizes are best).**
* **Soft Pencil Pouches**
* **Dividers-**for ring binders

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**Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 am – 3 pm**

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11:30 am Fellowship

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