**Springfield Presbyterian Church (USA)**

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**August 4, 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: We praise you, O God,

**People: In the sanctuary,**

Leader: Under the stars,

**People: In the open fields,**

Leader: By the river streams.

**People: We come here to praise your greatness,**

Leader: Sensing your presence everywhere.

**People: With loud hymns,**

Leader: With quiet prayers,

**People: And with helping hands,**

Leader: Let us come and worship,

**People: With all of our heart, mind, and spirit,**

Leader: And with all of Creation,

**People: In every time and place,**

**ALL: We come to worship our God!**

**\*HYMN** *In Christ There is No East or West* GTG #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.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: We have all fallen short of the call; the call to love our neighbor as ourselves, the call to listen to those in need, and to feed and clothe the hungry and the stranger. As we come together in prayer, we admit our sin. We trust God’s beloved relationship with us, as we vulnerably seek forgiveness. Let us pray together:

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We have condoned evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our redeemer. 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** *[John 3:5; 2 Cor. 5:17]*

Leader: Hear the good news! As people born of water and the spirit we have died to the old life, and a new life has begun. God’s grace is poured out upon us day by day. Come to the water and remember your baptism. Be thankful, and live as one who has been raised to new life!

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! 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**

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of Heaven. Amen.

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15* OT page 60

2The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. 3The Israelites said to them, ‘If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.’ 4Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. 9Then Moses said to Aaron, ‘Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, “Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.” ’ 10And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. 11The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 12‘I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to

them, “At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.” ’ 13In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. 14When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. 15When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, ‘What is it?’ For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, ‘It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** *John 6:24-35* NT page 92

24So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

25When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’ 26Jesus answered them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. 27Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.’ 28Then they said to him, ‘What must we do to perform the works of God?’ 29Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’ 30So they said to him, ‘What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? 31Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.” ’ 32Then Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ 34They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’ 35Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *Manna in the Wilderness*Rev. Becca Price

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\* HYMN** *When at This Table* GTG #537

When at this table I receive a blessing,  
The broken bread, the wine of life for me,  
Then let me share the peace with you, my neighbor,  
And let the Spirit set our spirits free.

If at this table I have need of healing,  
Unbidden grief, relationship gone wrong,  
Then let me know the hands of God enfolding,  
And let lament become believing song.

If at this table I forget the hungry,  
The dispossessed and warfare’s spreading stain,  
Then let this bread become the bread of judgment,  
This wine the sharp awareness of that pain.

If at this table I make dedication  
To give my life in serving what is good,  
Then let my center be where God invites me,  
And show the words of Jesus understood.

What faith I have, I bring to join this table,  
What hope I hold, in Christ is taught and true;  
With brothers, sisters, I will share the blessing,  
The feast where God is making all things new.

**THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

## **INVITATION**

## **THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

[The Pastor continues… “…who forever sing to the glory of your name.”]

**IN PRAISE OF GOD** Tune #552

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of Power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

[The Pastor continues… “…proclaim the one crucified and risen.”]

**IN PRAISE OF CHRIST** Tune #553

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

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

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**SHARING OF THE MEAL**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (Unison)

**Dear God, take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of the earth, and citizens of the commonwealth of Heaven. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.**

**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.

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

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

**\*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\* HYMN** *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* GTG #298

Lord, you give the great commission: “Heal the sick and preach the word.”  
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,  
Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:  
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service: “In my name baptize and teach.”  
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,  
Give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community:  
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy: “This, my body; this, my blood.”  
Let us all, for earth’s true glory, daily lift life heavenward,  
Asking that the world around us share your children’s liberty:  
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you show us love’s true measure: “Father, what they do, forgive.”  
Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.  
May your care and mercy lead us to a just society:  
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring: “I am with you to the end.”  
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend,  
And, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity:  
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: We have been fed manna from the wilderness,

**People: We have had a taste of Heaven above.**

Leader: So, now as refreshed and renewed people,

**People: We go from this place nourished,**

Leader: To proclaim God’s goodness,

**People: By living out the calling to be Christ in the world. Amen.**

**\* UNISON AMEN POSTLUDE**

**Sunday August 11, 2024 Lectionary**

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

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

Today 8/4 Next Week 8/11

Sunday Opener: Linda Caviglia Beth Oates

Ushers/Greeters: Brenda McClung Don Vasbinder

Ron Holmes Need Volunteer

Lay Leader: Linda Caviglia Tony Caviglia

Fellowship Host: Linda Caviglia Barbara Cornell

Communion Servers: Tony Caviglia, Beth Oates, Diana Steppling

**Happy Anniversary!** August 6 – Bob and Diana Steppling

August 10 – Rebekah and Will Schermer

**Happy Birthday!** August 4 – Diane Chaplik

August 9 – Aaron Thacker

**Announcements**

**Black Ankle Vineyard:** Please join us from 5:00-7:00 pm on Saturday,

**August 10** for an evening of live music, food trucks, plenty of grass for the kids to play on, and fellowship with your friends at Black Ankle Vineyard in Mt. Airy.

**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

***Today:***

**Sunday August 4**

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Fellowship

***This Week:***

**Saturday August 10**

5:00 – 7:00 pm Black Ankle Vineyard

***Next Week:***

**Sunday August 11**

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Fellowship

12:00 noon Calendar Planning Meeting (Large Classroom)

**Tuesday August 13**

7:00 pm CoCaMO Meeting (Manse)

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

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10:30 am Worship (and Sunday School 1st & 3rd Sundays)

11:30 am Fellowship

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