**Springfield Presbyterian Church (USA)**

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**May 26, 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: God, Jesus, and Holy Spirit:

**People: Glory to you forever!**

Leader: Speaker, Word, and Breath of Life:

**People: Glory to you forever!**

Leader: Font of Blessing, Living Water, and Flowing River:

**People: Glory to you forever!**

Leader: Compassionate Mother, Beloved Child, and Life-Giving Womb:

**People: Glory to you forever!**

Leader: Sun, Light, and Burning Ray:

**People: Glory to you forever!**

Leader: Giver, Gift, and Giving:

**People: Glory to you forever!**

Leader: Lover, Beloved, and Love itself:

**People: Glory to you forever!**

Leader: Rock, Cornerstone, and Temple:

**People: Glory to you forever!**

Leader: Consuming Fire, Dividing Sword, and Overpowering Storm:

**People: Glory to you forever!**

Leader: Rainbow of Promise, Ark of Salvation, and Dove of Peace:

**People: Glory to you forever!**

Leader: God who was, God who is, and God is to come:

**People: Glory to you forever!**

**ALL: As your people, we lift our voices in praise to the Holy Trinity!**

**\*HYMN** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* GTG #12

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,   
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:  
Thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.  
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
Then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Our almighty, ever living, and ever-present God gives us grace by our confession of faith. As we acknowledge and worship the Triune name, we take awe in the majesty of this great mystery. Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and as we do, let us trust in God’s grace by confessing our sin before God and one another:

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, mind, and soul. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have ignored your commandments, we have strayed from your way, and we have followed other gods. Have mercy upon us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**RESPONSE***Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading* GTG #287 (v. 3)

Guide our thinking and our speaking done in your holy name.

Motivate all in their seeking, freeing from guilt and shame.

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come. Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: Let us dwell in this good news from the Gospel of John, God did not send Jesus into the world to condemn the world, but rather, He came to the earth that we might be saved through Him. Hear the good news and believe!

**People: In the name of our loving God, the compassionate Christ, and the ever flowing Spirit, we give our thanks and praise. We are forgiven, forgiven indeed! Thanks be to God!**

**\* MUSICAL RESPONSE OF PRAISE** *Loving Spirit* GTG #293 (v. 1)

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be,

You have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.

**\* 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**

Holy, Holy, Holy One, guide us by the Spirit of truth to hear the Word of life that you speak. May our new understanding give all glory, honor, and praise to your threefold name; Creator, Redeemer, Spirit. Alleluia and amen!

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** *John 1:1-14*NT page 86

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2He was in the beginning with God. 3All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being

4in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. 5The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. 6There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. 8He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. 9The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. 10He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. 11He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. 12But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, 13who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. 14And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Ephesians 2:1-9* NT page 181

You were dead through the trespasses and sins 2in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. 3All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. 4But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us 5even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. 8For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— 9not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *Creator, Redeemer, Spirit*Rev. Becca Price

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\* HYMN** *This is My Song* GTG #340

This is my song, O God of all nations,

A song of peace for lands afar and mine.

This is my home, the country where my heart is;

Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;

But other hearts in other lands are beating

With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country’s skies are bluer than the ocean,

And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.

But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,

And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.

So hear my song, O God of all the nations,

A song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth’s kingdoms:

Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.

Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,

And hearts united learn to live as one.

So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations:

Myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

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

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY

**\*** SONG OF THANKS  *Go to the World!*GTG #295 (v. 3)

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;

The nights of tears give way to joyous day.

As servant church, you follow Christ’s own way. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**\*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\* HYMN** *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness* GTG #314

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,

Your holy people, light for the world to see.

**Refrain:**

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice. **[Refrain]**

Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread,

Broken for others, shared until all are fed. **[Refrain]**

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building,

Sheltering others, walls made of living stone. **[Refrain]**

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. **[Refrain]**

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: Holy Spirit, you have breathed new life into us and guide us still,

**People: Christ our Savior, you have embraced us in your love.**

Leader: God our mother, you have nourished us with your grace.

**People: Now send us out into your beloved world,**

Leader: Send us to share your life, your love, and your grace with all,

**People: Blessing and honor and glory to you, our Triune God, three in One, holy is your name! Alleluia and amen.**

**\* UNISON AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

**Sunday June 2, 2024 Lectionary**

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12;

Mark 2:23-3:6

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

Today 5/26 Next Week 6/2

Sunday Opener: Ron Holmes Linda Caviglia

Ushers/Greeters: Steve & Donna Mazer Time & Beth Oates

Lay Leader: Diana Steppling Ron Holmes

Fellowship Host: Linda Caviglia

**Happy Birthday!** May 29 – Shona Klein

**Announcements**

**Commemorating Veterans Resting at Springfield Cemetery: TODAY,**

members and friends of Springfield Presbyterian Church will again observe what has become a solemn annual tradition: remembering and honoring those veterans for whom Springfield Cemetery is their final resting place. Following service, those who wish to take part will place American flags on the 161 graves known to be those of veterans. Memorial Day originated after the American Civil War as "Decoration Day" and commemorated both Union and Confederate soldiers who died in that war. Springfield Cemetery is home to veterans who served during at least six conflicts: the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World Wars I and II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, as well as to veterans who served and stood ready during other periods. We are grateful for their service and their often significant -- and sometimes ultimate -- sacrifice.

**Blessing Closet:** This community resource is housed at Wesley Freedom United Methodist Church. The collected hygiene items are then shared with members of our community when requested. The neighbors often pick up their package from the Blessing Closet when they come for their Community Table meal, or

the pantry. If you would like to help with some of the items listed below, leave them in the bin on the pew in the Narthex through **June 2.**

Blessing Closet needs:  paper towels, toilet paper, soap, deodorant, laundry and dish detergent, trash bags, cleaning solution...

**Ladies’ Tea:** Ladies, mark your calendars for a Sharing Tea on **June 1** at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Room. Come as you are… or bring a friend! Bring some tea goodies to share… or not! Bring a special tea cup or a pot and a story to share. Please RSVP to [spc.office@verizon.net](mailto:spc.office@verizon.net) 410-795-6152 or [barbaracornell4@gmail.com](mailto:barbaracornell4@gmail.com) 240-308-0035

**Sykesville Pride Day:** Join us for Sykesville Pride Day on Saturday, **June 1**, noon to 4 pm in and around Main Street. SPC is sponsoring a booth to introduce ourselves to our neighbors and the local LGBTQ+ community. Downtown Sykesville Connection has lined up a fabulous day, including author reading

(1-2 pm), drag queen (2-3 pm), face painting, band, free cotton candy, etc. Be a part of the community that embraces love and acceptance!

**It’s Springtime!** Our annual Plant Sale runs from 5/1 to 5/27. Save some of your spring flower purchases to buy at Buppert's. When you purchase with their flier, Buppert's will donate a percentage for our local missions. Fliers are available in the Narthex.

***Today:***

**Sunday May 26**

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Fellowship

12:00 noon Placing Flags in Cemetery

***This Week:***

**Wednesday May 29**

7:30 – 8:45 pm Adult Choir Practice

**Saturday June 1**

Noon – 4 pm Sykesville Pride Day

2:00 pm Ladies’ Sharing Tea (Fellowship Room)

***Next Week:***

**Sunday June 2**

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Fellowship

**Monday June 3**

7:00 pm HeadHuggers (Manse)

**Wednesday June 5**

6:00 – 6:45 pm Last Adult Choir Practice (Linda’s House)

6:45 pm Choir and Bell Choir Party (Linda’s House)

**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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