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**February 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: Come and see,

**People: What God is doing in our world.**

Leader: Come and see,

**People: Where we are called to love and serve.**

Leader: Come and see,

**People: How the text comes alive for us once again.**

Leader: Come and see,

**People: That the Lord is good and merciful.**

Leader: Come and see,

**People: And then join in praise and prayer.**

Leader: Come and see,

**People: As our hearts open for worship once again. Amen.**

**\*HYMN***Come All You People* GTG #388

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;

Come now and worship the Lord.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: This morning, we will hear the story of your first disciples who were fishermen. It can be hard to find ourselves in the faces of those disciples. The challenges we face are different, but the call remains the same – to love, to serve, to act as Christ in the world. Yet, in our humanity, we fail to live out the vocation and in humility, we need to come before God to set ourselves right once again. Friends, join me as we pray together:

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence, we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**RESPONSE***Remember Not, O God*  Tune #430

O Lord, our Savior, Help, and glorify your name;

Deliver us from all our sins and take away our shame.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People: May the God of mercy, who forgives us our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life. Alleluia and amen.**

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

Loving God, you have given us your living Word, so that we may continue to learn how to infuse it with our lives today. Grant us a spirit for listening, reading, learning, and digesting them. May we embrace and hold fast to the truth that you share with us, may it renew our spirits and our call, and encourage us as we live out the vocation you have called us to today and every day. Amen.

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Psalm 138*

1 I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; 2 I bow down towards your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything. 3 On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.   
4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth. 5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord. 6 For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away. 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.   
8 The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures for ever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Luke 5:1-11*

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, 2he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. 3He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. 4When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, ‘Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.’ 5Simon answered, ‘Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.’ 6When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. 7So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. 8But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, ‘Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!’ 9For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; 10and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.’ 11When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *Come and See*Rev. Becca Price

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN** *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* GTG #721

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones; you only asked me to follow humbly.

**Refrain:**

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while smiling have spoken my name; now my boat’s left on the shoreline behind me. By your side I will seek other seas.

You know so well my possessions; my boat carries no gold and no weapons; you will find there my nets and labor. **[Refrain]**

You need my hands, full of caring, through my labors to give others rest and constant love that keeps on loving. **[Refrain]**

You, who have fished other oceans, ever longed for by souls who are waiting, my loving friend, as thus you call me. **[Refrain]**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

## **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 *A Grateful Heart* Tune #652

A grateful heart is what I bring, a song of praise, my offering.

Among the saints I lift my voice: in you, O God, I will rejoice.

**\*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\* HYMN** *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*GTG #432

How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heed your call  
To live according to your word and daily learn, refreshed, restored,  
That you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.

But if, forgetful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;  
If worldly pressures fray the mind and love itself cannot unwind  
Its tangled skein of care: our inward life repair.

We marvel how your saints became in hindrances more sure:  
Whose joyful virtues put to shame the casual way we wear your name,  
And by our faults obscure your power to cleanse and cure.

In what you give us, Lord, to do, together or alone,  
In old routines or ventures new, may we not cease to look to you:  
The cross you hung upon, all you endeavored, done.

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: Go out into the world in peace and have courage.

**People: Let us hold on to what is good and return no one evil for evil**.

Leader: Let us support the weak and help the suffering.

**People: Let us honor all people.**

Leader: As we seek to love and serve the Lord,

**People: Rejoicing always in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia and amen.**

**\* UNISON AMEN POSTLUDE**

**Sunday February 11, 2024 Lectionary**

2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

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

Today 2/4 Next Week 2/11

Sunday Opener: Ron Holmes Barbara Cornell

Ushers/Greeters: Bob Rogers Don Vasbinder

Connie Gibbons Elizabeth Meirowitz

Lay Leader: Christy Yeager Linda Caviglia

Fellowship Host: Belle Vasbinder Souper Bowl - CoCaMO

Communion 1. Sue Holmes 4. Linda Caviglia

Servers: 2. Ron Holmes 5. Mark Kearney

3. Tony Caviglia

**Announcements**

**Easter Flowers!** Easter is early this year! Please complete your flower order and submit to the Church Office **TODAY**!

**Annual Congregational Meeting**: Sunday, **February 11**, immediately following our worship service. At this meeting we receive the 2024 budget and the annual reports from the church committees. There are no votes taken and all are welcome to stay as we look back on all of the activities of the last year and some plans for this new year.

**Chat & Chew:** Are you craving a delicious meal and great conversation? Come join us at Rincon Italian Grill on Sunday,

**February 25** at 1:00 pm. We are looking forward to a fun time of fellowship. If interested, please see Sue Holmes for the sign-up sheet.

\* Great Menu \* Fun Time \* Support Local Business \* Separate Checks Available \* Rincon Italian Grill, 577 Johnsville Road, Sykesville, MD

**Join Us For Fellowship:** Have you volunteered to serve? A sign-up sheet is in the kitchen and if you are new to this, we are happy to pair you up. Maybe you would rather not host but want to bring something to celebrate a family occasion--there's a place on the sign-up sheet for that! Thank you to all who serve our church.

**Inclement Weather:** If we feel the need to cancel in-person Worship, there will be a message on the Church answering machine, as well as on Facebook. You may also receive an email with that information.

***Today:***

**Sunday February 4**

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Fellowship

3:00 pm Concert (Sanctuary)

***This Week:***

**Monday February 5**

7:00 pm HeadHuggers (Manse)

**Wednesday February 7**

6:15 – 7:15 pm Bell Choir Practice

7:30 – 8:45 pm Adult Choir Practice

**Thursday February 8**

7:00 pm Session Meeting (Manse)

***Next Week:***

**Sunday February 11**

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Congregational Meeting

12:00 noon Souper Bowl of Caring Luncheon

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

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11:30 am Fellowship

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