

WELCOME

We really mean it when we say we are thrilled that you have come to worship with us today!

If you should have any questions or comments about the ministry of Spriggs Road Presbyterian Church, please feel free to reach out.

Contact information is on the back page of this bulletin.

Please note that if you are attending the 9a.m service masks must be worn at all times except when the participants are taking the elements of the Lord's Supper.

At this time Sunday School is not in session.

Children are always welcome in our worship services. We also have a “cry room” available with a large window for viewing the service and a speaker that will be playing all the audio from the main sanctuary. Please feel free to use that if you are concerned that your children’s noises are disrupting the service. Since it is a small room, we ask you to be judicious and careful to maintain recommended distancing should others also seek to use it.

We hope that this Lord’s Day you will be encouraged by the Word, refreshed by the worship, and touched by Christ’s love through our fellowship with one another.

MEDITATION

Assuredly there is but one way in which to achieve what is not merely difficult but utterly against human nature: to love those who hate us, to repay their evil deeds with benefits, to return blessings for reproaches. It is that we remember not to consider men’s evil intention but to look upon the image of God in them, which cancels and effaces their transgressions, and with its beauty and dignity allures us to love and embrace them.

— John Calvin, *The Institutes of the Christian Religion*, 3.7.6

CONSTRUCTION OF PORTICO

PLEASE NOTE... Construction of the church entry portico began on Monday, August 31. For the next few weeks, we will have to use the entry at the rear of the church while construction is taking place. Please use caution when walking near the construction site and, for their safety, please keep children away from the construction area.

As a reminder, we are still collecting funds to help pay for the project. If you would like to contribute, please designate any gifts as “Church Portico Project” or something like that.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the Session members.

A concept drawing of the planned portico is on the bulletin board in the foyer.

VISITATION

Realizing that some may be hesitant to participate in corporate worship at this time due to health concerns, the session would like to remind everyone that anyone may request a visitation. If anyone would like a pastor and elders to visit you, please contact one of the pastors or elders. In addition to general visits, we can deliver a brief message from the Bible and administer the Lord’s Supper for you and your family. We will follow any health and protective measures or procedures that you may require of us during our visit.

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT
MAILING TITHES**

Due to recent security issues impacting church mailboxes we are requesting that all checks be mailed to our new PO box. The address is:

Spriggs Road Presbyterian Church
PO Box 2614
Woodbridge, VA 22195

This would also include donations made through your bank via Bill Pay. Bill Pay sends out a paper check in the mail.

This does not apply to donations made via Zelle which are electronically transferred to the church's account.

If you have questions, please contact one of the deacons.

The PO Box is for tithes and offerings only, all other communications can still be mailed to the Church's address:

13201 Spriggs Road
Manassas, VA 20112.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Income vs. Budget	11/01/2020	YTD
General Income	\$17,265.86	\$430,570.31
Budget Requirement	\$9,500.00	\$427,500.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$7,765.86	\$3,070.31
Attendance	120	

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,*

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

*Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,*

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

SERMON NOTES

Title: “The Creation of Man” (Part 2)

Text: Genesis 1:26-30; 5:1-2; 2:5-8, 18-25; 1 Corinthians 11:7-9

Theme God created mankind as male and female. Both are equally made in the image of God yet designed to complement one another in ways that show both need the other. The cultural task of stewarding God’s world cannot be accomplished otherwise.

I. Two Major Functions of the Image of God

- A. Resemblance
- B. Representation

II. God Created Man as Male and Female in His Image – Genesis 1:26-30; 5:1-2; 2:5-8, 18-25; 1 Corinthians 11:7-9

A. _____ and _____ Are the Image of God Together and Separately.

B. Male and Female Are the Image of God in the Way They _____ and _____ the Other

III. Applications

- A. Man as male and female is the crown of God’s creation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regularly scheduled events can be found on the church’s online Calendar. It can be also be viewed on the home page of www.spriggsroad.org or accessed in iCal Format.

The weekly Tuesday evening Word, Prayer, and Praise meeting continues to meet at 7p.m. remotely via Zoom. All are welcome to attend. An email with a link for the meeting is sent out early each week. If you would like to attend and did not get the link, contact Pastor Matt.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

There are several families with young children who would like to have a nursery available again. The session just approved reopening the nursery for the second service (10:45 a.m.) only and in a limited way with some guidance. Please contact Robin Deane if you would be willing to help get it going.

There is a need for additional help producing the bulletin. Ideally we would like to have 3 or 4 volunteers who could take turns. This is a good opportunity for anyone who knows a bit about desktop publishing (or who would like to learn) to serve the church in a valuable way. In addition, there will be a need for people to print and fold the bulletin once we return to providing paper copies. If you are interested or have questions, please email bulletin@spriggsroad.org

CONFESSION OF SIN

Our Father in heaven, You call us to be thankful in all things.

*We confess that we often are ungrateful
and dissatisfied with Your providence.*

*We acknowledge our ingratitude,
and we implore You to forgive us for not being a thankful people.*

*We are to be cheerful givers, O LORD,
yet we often grudgingly give to Your Kingdom.
Forgive us for our insincerity and selfishness.*

*You, O God, have blessed us with every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly realms in Christ,
yet we complain about our circumstances
and think that we deserve more.*

Hear and forgive us for the sake of Your dear Son, Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Set our hearts to love and serve You
in sincerity and truth, for we pray in His Name. Amen.*

Personal Confession

This time of silence is provided for private, personal confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

— Psalm 30:4-5 (ESV)

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS AT HOME OR IN SMALL GROUPS

1. What is the image of God in man?
2. How might the human body be an image of God? Does this mean God has a body? Why or why not?
3. What is meant by the narrow image vs. the broad image of God?
4. What are two functions of the image of God?
5. What is the unity in which God created man?
6. What is the diversity in which God created man?
7. How do males and females image God in their differences?
8. How do males and females image God in the ways they balance and supplement each other?
9. How did God create the male (Genesis 2:5-8)?
10. How did God create the female (Genesis 2:18-25)?
11. What is the significance in the different ways that God fashioned the male and the female?
12. How significant is the temporal priority in which God made male and female (See 1 Timothy 2:11-15)?
13. Are single people deprived of manifesting the image of God?
14. How is man the “crown” of God’s creation?
15. In what ways is man’s position and status in God’s world corrupted and damaged by the way some people view man’s significance?
16. In what ways is maleness and femaleness considered and treated as an accident or social construct in people’s minds and behavior today?
17. Is there a difference between sex and gender?
18. What might be some guidelines or principles in which manhood and womanhood should be expressed differently?
19. What effects might be expected when a person lives counter to the image of God?
20. How should we as Christians promote and advance the true image of God in man as males and females?

Announcement:

All are invited to the Lord's Table who have been baptized, have publicly professed faith in (either before a congregation of the Lord's Church or to a body of Elders in a church where the Gospel of Christ is embraced) and allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ as the Savior from your sins, and are members of the visible Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

If you have not publicly professed faith in Christ Jesus – the eternal Son of God who took on human flesh, lived a perfect, sinless life, died on the cross for sins, rose bodily from the dead, and who is returning to this earth in power and glory – please refrain from partaking of the Lord's Table.

We invite you to respond to the Gospel by first understanding that you have sinned personally against the God who made you and have violated His good and right laws for you to follow. God is holy and has every right to separate you from Himself and from all that is good and beautiful because of your freely chosen disobedience to Him. But the really good news is that you can be restored to the God who made you because of what Christ Jesus has done on the cross as a perfect substitute and payment for the penalty that you owe and deserve. Simply believing and trusting in what Jesus did for you means you will belong to the LORD God forever.

Abraham, the Biblical example of one who was restored to God by faith alone, trusted God's promise and the LORD God credited it, that trust, to him as righteousness. God has shown His love to the world, and to you, by giving His only Son that whoever believes in Him should not die and be separated from Him forever but rather have the life man was created to have in the presence of God, a life that never ends.

This means that you cannot DO anything to earn your place with God. However, a true faith in Christ Jesus comes from a God-given desire that will produce behavior that does those things that are pleasing to Him.

Please seek out and contact one of our Pastors or Elders to talk more about your eternal future. You can find their contact information in this bulletin. They will be glad to show you from Scripture, God's Word, how you can have a relationship with God through Christ Jesus and have true peace and security with Him.

If you have professed faith in Christ Jesus, have been baptized, and are a member of the Church, yet there is a distance between you and the LORD because of cherished and unrepentant sin and transgressions of God's laws, we warn you to refrain from partaking the elements of the Lord's Table today. Scripture tells us that partaking of the Lord's Table is a participation, a communion, in the body and blood of Christ (1 Cor. 10:16). God's people cannot partake of His holy Table while at the same time engaging in deliberate and conscious violations of His commands for us as His holy people. If this is true with you, the LORD graciously promises that, if you confess and turn from whatever thinking or behavior that is contrary to His nature and His Word, He is faithful to forgive and to cleanse you from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). Until you have confessed and turned from whatever this breach of faith might be, please refrain from partaking of the Lord's Table.

This does not mean that as a professing follower of Christ you are required to be perfect and flawless before communing with Christ at His Table. The Table is for you to be nourished and strengthened even more in your faith and love for Christ. You may have worries and doubts that God loves or hears you because your faith is weak. You may have sinned, confessed, and turned from it to the Lord before partaking, but still your heart condemns you. When you come to the Lord's Table, the Lord by faith assures you that you belong to Him, and He belongs to you. If, despite your sins and imperfections, you can truly say that the LORD is your Shepherd, that the name of Christ and His smile is the desire of your soul, then take the LORD at His word that you are ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven!

Come, and dine with your Lord and Savior.