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And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Acts 2:42 (ESV)



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

10:45 A.M.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Meditation

Call to Worship and Invocation

†Hymn of Worship “Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground” *TPH 447, TH 518*

Greeting

†Song of Praise “As the Deer”

†Confession of Faith [The Apostles' Creed](#)

Pastoral Prayer

†Scripture Reading [Numbers 25:1-9](#) [Seat Bibles, p. 133]

†Singing Psalms Psalm 3 “O LORD, How Many Are My Foes!” *TPH 3*
Tune: “God Moves in a Mysterious Way” *TPH 256, TH 128*

Tithes & Offerings

†Gloria Patri *TPH 572; TH 735*

Sermon Text [Ephesians 5:3-14](#) [Seat Bibles, p. 978]

Expounding the Word of God **Pastor Michael Mang**

*Things That Must Not Be Said
About Those Who Bring Light, Not Darkness*

†Hymn of Response “O Thou That Hear'st When Sinners Cry” *TPH 176, TH 485*
Tune “When I Survey the Wonderful Cross” *TPH 338, TH 485*

The Lord's Supper

†Doxology

†Benediction

Postlude

†Standing, if able. *TPH — Trinity Psalter Hymnal TH—Trinity Hymnal*

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.

We have 9:30 Sunday School for all ages, and 10:45 worship, with nursery available for ages 3 and under. 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

“Legalism lacks the supreme sense of worship.
It obeys but it does not adore.”

—Geerhardus Vos
Hebrews, the Epistle of the Diatheke

FELLOWSHIP AND TEACHING

—**Adult Sunday School** is studying 1 Timothy.

—**Men’s Breakfast** meets on 4th Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. at the church building, for a potluck meal and study of *Gentle and Lowly* by Dane Ortland. Zoom access is available, if requested.

—Multiple **small groups** meet 1-2 times per month for teaching, prayer, and fellowship. Please speak to anyone on the session if you are interested in joining one.

—Each **Tuesday evening**, we have a potluck dinner at 6:30 (check your email for the weekly signup) followed by singing, prayer, and teaching at 7:00. Please come!

—**Women’s Bible Study** is studying Hebrews every 2 weeks at the church, at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays. You can attend either date/time. Please see Robin Deane or Lisa Bentley if you have any questions.

RIDGEHAVEN

The Ridgehaven Service Project is set for July 24-29 for rising 6th to 12th graders. Register by February 15 for the best price. Please see Pastor Matt Bowles if you have any questions.

TEEN NIGHT

Our next youth group (grades 6-12) will be at the Bowles’ home on Saturday, February 25, from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Watch your email for the food signup and start wondering what games Pastor Matt will have cooked up this time!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scheduled events can be found on the church's online [Calendar](#). It also can be viewed on the home page of www.spriggsroad.org.

CHILDCARE HELP FOR CROSSROADS- FEBRUARY 10, 11

Crossroads Presbyterian Church is having a marriage seminar on February 10-11 (Friday and Saturday). They need volunteers to help with childcare during the hours of the seminar to relieve their normal volunteers and enable them to attend the event. If you are able and willing, please contact Pastor Michael (michael.mang@spriggsroad.org) or Pastor Matt (matteson.bowles@spriggsroad.org).

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

The Deacons are continuing to collect non-perishable food items and general items for those in need in our community. Items can be placed in the blue bin in the hallway. Please contact the Deacons with any questions.

SENIORS' LUNCH

The next Seniors' Fellowship Lunch will be Wednesday, February 8, noon to 1:30 p.m. at the church. Just bring your lunch and beverage; desserts will be provided. Hope you can join us! Questions: John or Paula Strain.

VBS VOLUNTEERS

Praise God for providing the necessary volunteers for our VBS on June 26th-30th! Please be in prayer for this significant time of fellowship and outreach.

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

2/5/2023

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: “Things That Must Not Be Said

Text: Ephesians 5:3-14

Theme: One who bears the name “Christian,” yet lives an immoral and impure life, will not see the Kingdom of God. Rather, Christians are to reflect the light of the Gospel because we are light, not darkness.

I. _____ That the Christian Must _____
(3-5)

II. Warning Against _____ (6-7)

III. The Mandate to _____ Light and to
_____ Darkness (8-14)

CONFESSION OF SIN

O living and true God, our hearts are cold and indifferent to Your Kingdom. We take for granted the grace You lavish upon us daily.

We confess anger that our desires are frustrated, not that Your majesty is maligned, Your Word impugned, or Your glory ignored.

Forgive us for loving the world more than loving You Who gives us all good gifts to enjoy.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Purify us from our sinful desires and erring ways.

Help us to serve You in newness of the Spirit.

Enable us always to be mindful of Your providence, vigilant to do Your will, and humble to esteem others better than ourselves.

Hear our confession today as we pray in the merit and mediation of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Personal Confession

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.”

Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

— Joel 2:12-13 (ESV)

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.

IV. Applications

- A. God created human _____. It is a beautiful and wonderful thing as _____ by God. But the entrance of sin has _____ and _____ God's good _____ of sexuality.
- B. You can be very _____ to spiritual _____ through ideas that sound really good and _____ but are _____ to God's Word.
- C. Christians cannot join in _____ and _____ of _____ unions and lifestyles no matter how hard the pressure is to _____.
- D. God's people _____ the light of Christ and _____ light.
- E. The "_____ " mission of the saints comes about primarily through the _____ of the _____.
- F. Exposing the _____ makes you a _____ of those who _____ the truth.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What three behaviors are not to be named among God's people? Why? (v. 3)?
2. What other three behaviors does Paul tell Christians not to do? Why? (v. 4)
3. What is true about those who do such things (v. 5)?
4. What are Christians to watch out for so as not to be fooled (v. 6a)?
5. What is God's attitude toward those who practice these things (v. 6b)?
6. What must Christians not do if they know people who practice the behavior Paul says to avoid (v. 7)?
7. Why are Christians not to practice these behaviors (v. 8a)?
8. How does Paul describe the things that Christians who walk in light do (vv. 8b-9)?
9. What are Christians to discern (v. 10)?
10. Instead of participating in the activities Paul says to avoid, what are Christians to do about them (v. 11)?
11. What is shameful for God's people to speak about (v. 12)?
12. What is the major quality of light (vv. 13-14)?
13. How might you tell if someone is greedy?
14. How would covetousness relate to sexual immorality and impurity?
15. Is there a danger when Christians, especially preachers, speak adamantly against sexual immorality? If so, how might one deal with such danger?
16. What might be an example of "foolish talk" or "crude joking"?
17. Is Paul suggesting that Christians who fall into these behaviors lose their salvation when he says they will not inherit the Kingdom of God and that God's wrath comes on those who do these things (vv. 5-6)? How might we understand the dire warnings Paul issues to the Church?
18. What might be some current day examples of "empty words" designed to deceive Christians regarding the matters Paul says to avoid?
19. What are some contemporary situations in which Christians are expected to participate in acknowledging or celebrating immorality?
20. What is your opinion of a certain church that has recently required its members to sign a statement on "Biblical sexuality"? (see <https://www.rollingstone.com/politics/politics-news/florida-megachurch-lgbtq-pledge-1234671423/>; <https://www.foxnews.com/media/first-baptist-church-faces-backlash-biblical-sexuality-pledge-congregants>.)

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Announcement:

All are invited to the Lord's Table who have been baptized, have publicly professed (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) faith in 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.