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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

JANUARY 22, 2023

10:45 A.M.

Prelude "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"
TPH 239; TH 76

Welcome and Announcements

Meditation

Call to Worship and Invocation

†**Hymn of Worship** "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" *TPH 356*
Tune: "Come, Ye, Thankful People, Come" *TPH 552; TH 715*

Greeting

†**Song of Praise** "My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone (Psalm 62)"
(Handout)

†**Confession of Faith**

[The Nicene Creed](#)

Pastoral Prayer

†**Scripture Reading** [Isaiah 63:7-14](#) [Seat Bibles, p. 622]

†**Singing Psalms** Psalm 9 - "Wholehearted Thanksgiving" *TPH 9B*

Tithes & Offerings "Blessed is the Man (Psalm 1)" *TH 564*

†**Gloria Patri**

TPH 572; TH 735

Sermon Text

[Ephesians 4:25-5:2](#) [Seat Bibles, p. 978]

Expounding the Word of God

Pastor Michael Mang

"The New-Person-In-Christ Speaks with Grace"

†**Hymn of Response** "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak" *TPH 501*

The Lord's Supper

†**Doxology**

†**Benediction**

Postlude

"May the Mind of Christ, My Savior" *TPH 488; TH 644*

†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

Oh what a constant companion, what a tyrannical commander, what a sly and subtle insinuating enemy, is this sin of pride! ... Is not pride the sin of devils--the first born of hell? Is it not that wherein Satan's image doth much consist? And is it to be tolerated in men who are so engaged against him and his kingdom as we are? The very design of the gospel is to abase us; and the work of Grace is begun and carried on in humiliation. Humility is not a mere ornament of a Christian, but an essential part of the new creature. It is a contradiction in terms, to be a Christian, and not be humble.

– *The Reformed Pastor* (1656); abridged edition (1829)

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 Ortlund. 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is set for June 26-30, 2023!

If you are able to volunteer in any capacity, please tell Naomi Petko, and watch for information about upcoming planning meetings.

CHURCH FINANCES

Our format for financial updates is changing to a monthly summary. Stay tuned for details!

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) by Wednesday, February 1.

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

We still have a need for 4 adults and 3 teens to fill out our chaperone pairs that travel with and direct each age group for our VBS on June 26th-30th. Please let Naomi Petko know if you are able to serve in this capacity.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

SERMON NOTES

1/22/2023

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: "The New-Person-in-Christ Speaks with Grace"

Text: Ephesians 4:29-30

Theme: Unedifying talk does not contribute to the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Every one of us needs grace to be built up in our walk with Christ so that we live worthy of God's

I. Christians Are Not to Use _____ and
_____ (29a)

II. Christians Are Instead to _____ in a Way
That _____ Others Up and Does Not Leave
Them _____ Down (29b)

III. The _____ Is to Help Others _____
in Their _____ in Christ (29c)

IV. _____ and _____ Speech
_____ the Holy Spirit (30)

CONFESSION OF SIN

O God of unsearchable greatness, before You [we are] nothing but vanity, iniquity, perishing.

Sin has forfeited Your favor, [marred in us] Your image, banished [us] from Your presence, exposed [us] to the curse of Your law. [We] cannot deliver [ourselves], and [are] in despair.

But a resource is found in You, for You did devise an everlasting plan in Christ. May His shed blood make [us]:

more thankful for Your mercies,

more humble under Your correction,

more zealous in Your service,

more watchful against temptation,

more contented in [our] circumstances,

and more useful to others.

Amen.

—Excerpt from *The Valley of Vision*, ed. by Arthur Bennett; Banner of Truth.

Personal Confession

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Because of the LORD's great love, we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself,

"The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."

The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

— Lamentations 3:22-26 (NIV, 1984)

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.

V. Applications

- A. Christians are to _____ with one another in such a way that it meets the need of _____ in the body of Christ as God intends, that is, as _____ members of one another.
- B. Giving _____ to others when we talk means we don't _____ in kind but give a _____ instead of a _____.
- C. Giving grace to others when you speak means imparting a _____ and a _____ to the heart.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are Christians to put away in their lives (v. 25a)?
2. What does Paul single out as essential in how Christians are to interact and relate to one another (v. 25b)? Why is this important (v. 25c)?
3. How are Christians to handle anger (v. 26a)?
4. What is important when a Christian becomes angry (v. 26b)?
5. What is a potentially serious problem when a Christian gets angry (v. 27)?
6. What is Paul's command for those who came to Christ who had the practice and habit of stealing (v. 28)?
7. How are Christians not to speak to others (v. 29a)? How are Christians supposed to speak to others (v. 29b, c)?
8. Whom are Christians not to grieve (v. 30)?
9. What negative harmful actions and attitudes are not to be found among the people of God (v. 31)?
10. What positive actions and attitudes are to characterize Christians (v. 32)?
11. What kind of speech do you consider to be foul?
12. What determines whether a certain word or phrase is foul or rotten?
13. Has another Christian ever spoken to you in a way that was corrupt, foul, or unedifying? How did you respond?
14. Have you ever spoken to another brother or sister in Christ in a foul or corrupt manner? Why do you think you did so?
15. What might you say to another member of the Body of Christ today that would edify him or her?
16. Do you think that the words and speech of people in our culture have improved, stayed the same, or degenerated over time? Why?
17. What does it mean to curse someone? What does it mean to bless someone?
18. Is there ever a place for vulgarity or coarseness in public or private discourse?
19. What particular words or speech particularly strike you as corrupt, foul, or rotten? Why?
20. What does it mean to "give grace to those who hear"?

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.