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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



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP MARCH 21, 2021

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

[Meditation](#)

Call to Worship/Invocation

†Hymn of Praise

["Jesus, Lover of My Soul"](#)
[Trinity Hymnal #508](#)

†Scripture Reading

[Psalm 2:1-12](#)

Pastoral Prayer

†Singing Psalms

Psalm 135 (*Trinity Psalter*, p. 115)
Tune: ["Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"](#) (*TH #457*)

Confession of Faith

[Apostles' Creed](#)

†Scripture Teaching

[Acts 4:1-31](#)

Expounding the Word of God

Rev. Michael Mang

["The State's Relationship to the Church:
Not Erastianism"](#)

†Hymn of Response

["I Need Thee Every Hour"](#)
[Trinity Hymnal #674](#)

***The Lord's Supper**

†Doxology

†Benediction

Postlude

†Standing, if able

*Live stream ends before the Lord's Supper

There will not be a passing of the offering plate as part of our worship services during this time of social distancing. However, there is a tithe box on the small table near the main sanctuary doors where you may deposit offerings. In addition, there are remote payment options detailed on the "Donate" tab of the church website.

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 9 a.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

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
To all who mourn and long for comfort;
To all who struggle and desire victory;
To all who sin and need a Savior;
To all who are strangers and want fellowship;
To all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to whoever will come;
This church welcomes you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

-- Welcome, Tenth Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

PORTICO UPDATE

Thankfully, work has begun on the portico now that we have final approval of the building plans. In recent weeks, the contractor worked on the holes for the posts and scheduled several different inspections, then poured concrete footers for the posts. Hopefully, in the near future the posts will start going up. Once the footers pass inspection, the contractor will move to framing the portico. Thanks to all for your prayers and support.

CHURCH CAMPOUT

The SRPC Family Campout will be held May 20-22nd at the Deane property. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for any and/or all activities. More information to follow. If you have any questions, please see Joe Deane or Dave Dise.

RIDGE HAVEN SERVICE PROJECT

The annual SRPC youth service project at Ridge Haven, for rising 6th - 12th graders, is scheduled for July 26-31, 2021. Please see Pastor Matt for details.

This is a great opportunity for middle and high school students to enjoy a summer camp experience with all the fun activities and inspiring worship times of our regular camps while also working as a team on a service project for 3-4 hours each day. This is the perfect way for youth to not only experience the adventure of a camp, but also put their faith into action.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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 Dan Bredbenner with any questions. The items most needed according to the ACTS website (Jan 2021) are:

Canned and Dried Food

Breakfast items cereal, oatmeal, grits, etc.
 Peanut butter and jelly
 Canned or dry beans
 Honey
 Canned vegetables
 Canned fruit
 Canned meats (tuna, chicken)
 Whole-grain pasta
 Canned tomato sauce
 Brown Rice
 Milk
 Cooking oil
 Canned soup
 Coffee

General Items

Pull-ups and diapers size 5/6
 Soap
 Toothpaste
 Deodorant
 Wipes
 Shampoo
 Toilet Paper
 Laundry Soap
 Dish Soap
 Feminine Hygiene Products

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Income vs. Budget	3/14/2021	YTD
General Income	\$8,709.00	\$124,507.18
Budget Requirement	\$9,630.00	\$105,930.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$921.00)	\$18,577.18
Attendance	101	

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

3/21/2021

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: “The State’s Relationship to the Church:
Not Erastianism ”

Text: Acts 4:1-31

Theme: The Erastians of this world will almost always attempt to make the Church conform to their will. But magistrates may never set conditions on the mission of the Church. Only the King and Head of the Church may do that.

I. Comments on Acts 4:1-31

A. Peter and John Were _____ and _____
for Proclaiming _____ (1-22)

B. The Church Gathered to _____ (23-31)

II. The _____ Tendency Toward
Erastianism

CONFESSION OF SIN

Our Father in heaven, You call us to be thankful in all things, yet we confess we are often ungrateful and unsatisfied with Your providence. We acknowledge our ingratitude, and we implore You to forgive us for not being thankful.

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)

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.

III. Applications

A. We should not be _____ when the civil authorities of the world attempt to illegitimately _____ the church.

B. The Church must take _____ in the promise of _____ and the _____ of _____ in His Church.

C. If you grant that the State can set _____ on when and how the Church may _____, you reveal an _____ view of Church-State relations.

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS AT HOME OR IN SMALL GROUPS

1. What greatly irritated the leaders of the Jews (v. 2)?
2. What did the leaders do to Peter & John because they were upset with them (v. 3)?
3. When the leaders of the Jews asked Peter by what authority they were speaking to the people about Jesus, what authority did he give as the basis for his proclamation (v. 10)?
4. When Peter gave this answer, what did the leaders command John and him to do (v. 18)?
5. What was Peter and John's reply to this order (v. 19)?
6. What did Peter & John do after the authorities released them from custody (v. 23)?
7. How did the gathered church respond to the things Peter & John told them (v. 24)?
8. What text of Scripture formed the basis of the church's response in prayer to what had happened (vv. 25-26)?
9. How did the church apply this text to their situation (vv. 27-28)?
10. What did the church ask the LORD to do (vv. 29-30)?
11. How did these civil and religious leaders attempt to intrude on the sacred matters of the Church's mission?
12. What is the tendency of the magistrate in lands influenced by Protestantism towards the Church? What is a reason why this is likely the case?
13. What is Erastianism?
14. Who is credited as the founder of Erastianism? What was this man's central concern in the dispute of his day?
15. In typical Erastian thought, what is the narrow mission of the Church?
16. In typical Erastian thought, what is the State's job with respect to the Church in sacred matters?
17. In what two countries was Erastianism particularly resisted?
18. In what ways do you observe the State attempting to have control and influence in the sacred matters of the Church today?
19. How does Psalm 2 apply to the Erastian issue?
20. What would be an argument against the assertion that a health emergency voids the Church's authority in sacred matters?

THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.