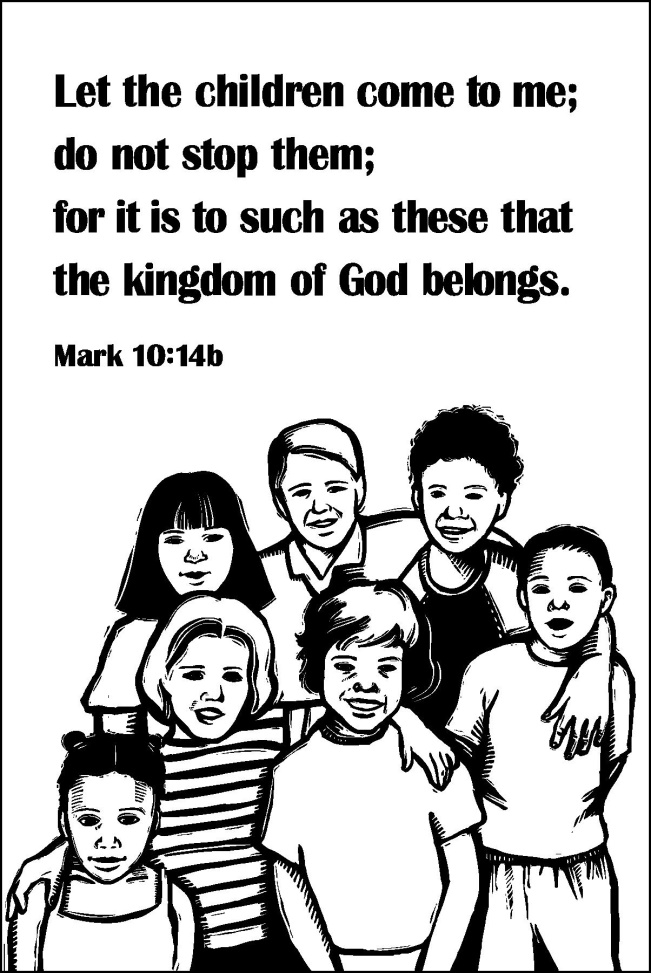
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**Springfield Presbyterian Church (USA)**

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**October 7, 2018 - 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. A head set is available upon request.

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)

***Please prepare for worship by listening to the music of the Prelude.***

**PRELUDE**

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE**

The Lord be with you! **And also with you!** (Greeting)

**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** *[Interpretation of Psalm 26 NRSV]*

Leader: We wash our hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O Lord.

**People: We sing aloud a song of thanksgiving, telling of all your wondrous deeds.**

Leader: O Lord, we love the house in which you dwell, and the place where your glory abides.

**People: Do not sweep us away with sinners, nor our lives with the bloodthirsty.**

Leader: But as for us, we will walk in integrity;

**People: We ask that you redeem us and be gracious to us.**

Leader: Put our feet on level ground,

**People: And in this great congregation, we bless you and worship you, O Lord.**

**\* HYMN** *What A Friend We Have in Jesus*

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry, everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what need-les pain we bear.

All because we do not carry, everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged: Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge - take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In His arms He’ll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**RESPONSE** *Have Mercy on Us, Living Lord*  Tune #195

Have mercy on us, living Lord, remember not our sin.

According to your steadfast love, come, cleanse us deep within.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, a new life has begun.

**People: We are a forgiven people! Let us praise God and be at peace. Amen.**

**\* MUSICAL RESPONSE OF PRAISE** *Let Us with a Gladsome Mind*

Let us with a gladsome mind, praise the Lord who is so kind:

For God’s mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

**\* 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**

Lord, open our hearts and mind by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**  *Psalm 8*

1 O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. 2 Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. 3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;   
4 what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? 5 Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. 6 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, 7 all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, 8 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. 9 O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Mark 10:2-16*

2Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, ‘Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?’ 3He answered them, ‘What did Moses command you?’ 4They said, ‘Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.’ 5But Jesus said to them, ‘Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. 6But from the beginning of creation, “God made them male and female.” 7“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, 8and the two shall become one flesh.” So they are no longer two, but one flesh. 9Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.’ 10Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. 11He said to them, ‘Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; 12and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.’ 13People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. 14But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. 15Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.’ 16And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**TIME WITH YOUNG PEOPLE**

**SERMON** *The Blended Family of Christ* Rev. Becca Crate

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\* HYMN** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

## 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 #581

**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… “and all creation might be restored.”]

**IN PRAISE OF CHRIST** Tune #582

**Dying, you destroyed our death; rising, you restored our life.**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

“For this I pray to God.” / “For this I give thanks to God.”

**Congregational Response: “Hear our prayer, O God.”**

**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 *The Voice of God*

**\*** SONG OF THANKS *My Gratitude Now Accept, O God* STF #2044 All that is living belongs to you; all that I am in your hands kept. From the abundance of your hand, gifts from the heart accept.

**\*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\* HYMN** *Do Not Turn Away the Children*

By Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

(sung to the tune of *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* #422)

“Do not turn away the children; let them come to me instead.  
For to them belongs the kingdom. Make them welcome!" Christ, you said.

As we hear your words of blessing that you spoke when they drew near,  
Can we hear your love addressing needs of children we see here?

Do not turn your back on children who know violence, pain and war.  
Give them justice, food and welcome, make their homes and lives secure.  
Don't neglect the world of children who have AIDS and HIV,  
For to them belongs the kingdom. Give them health care that they need.

Do not tell the nation's children, "schools are what we can't afford.”  
Give them all good education; teach them well, both rich and poor.  
Do not hurry past the children longing for your love this day;  
For to them belongs the kingdom; give them time, don't turn away.

Do not miss the faith of children who have questions deep inside,  
For to them belongs the kingdom wonder with them, be their guide.  
Jesus, as we hear your blessing for those ones you welcomed in,  
May our deeds reflect your caring as we welcome them again!

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: Let your Kingdom come,

**People: So that earth looks a little more like heaven.**

Leader: Let your Kingdom come,

**People: So that diversity, in all its beauty, is glorified.**

Leader: Let your Kingdom come,

**People: So that we may be people of love, glorifying you each and every day.**

**\* UNISON AMEN POSTLUDE**

**Sunday October 14 Lectionary**

Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

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

Today 10/7 Next Week 10/14

Sunday Opener Bob Rogers Ron Holmes

Greeters & Ushers Amy Vasbinder & Sharon Pappas &

Elizabeth Meirowitz Jim Wise

Lay Leader Bob Steppling Elizabeth Meirowitz

Sunday School Connie Robinson Connie Robinson

Fellowship Linda Caviglia

**Communion Servers Today:**

1. Barbara Cornell 4. Kathy Russ

2. Tim Doyle 5. Beth Oates

3. Sharon Pappas

**Church Attendance:** September 23 - 44 September 30 - 47

**Church Cleaning:** October 19, 20 or 21 - The Oates Family

**Happy Birthday!** October 12 - Jim Nickell

October 13 - Joy Barwick

October 13 - Ron Holmes

**Announcements**

**World Communion Sunday:** The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday each year. **TODAY** we celebrate communion with churches around the world in all different cultures and traditions. To help us remember that we are a small part of a worldwide celebration, we have a variety of breads to offer, representing the many and varied places in the world, all worshiping the same God!

**Dakota Presbytery:** On **October 21**, Chrystie Adams, the Chair of the Baltimore Dakota Steering Committee will be making a presentation about the unique relationship between Baltimore Presbytery and the Dakota Presbytery. The Dakota Presbytery is comprised of all Native American congregations representing the Eastern Sioux (Dakota) and the Western Sioux (Lakota) Nations. Chrystie will have slides and be available to answer any questions arising from her presentation during fellowship.

**Needed:**  New volunteers for Ushers/Greeters for the following dates: March 10, 2019, April 28, 2019, May 19, 2019, August 4, 2019, Oct. 6, 2019, Dec. 24, 2019 (8 pm service). If you are able to serve any or all of these dates, please contact Kathy Russ at 410-795-2587 before the end of November. Many thanks!

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance:** Presbyterian Disaster Assistance programs are responding to Hurricane Florence relief efforts and are still working in older areas like the California mudslides, Guatemala volcano, and many other events. See their website at <https://pda.pcusa.org/situations/national/> for updates on their work. If you are able, make a note on your donation check and it will be sent along to PDA. There is a line item in our Church budget for PDA and congregational donations will be added to that.

**Weekly Announcements:** If you have an announcement to include with next week’s bulletin, please call the Office at 410-795-6152 or email to [spc.office@verizon.net](mailto:spc.office@verizon.net) by **Wednesday** each week.

**Prayers & Thanksgivings**

~ Prayers of strength and healing for Leah Halvorson’s brother, Carl, whose cancer has become very aggressive.

~ “Prayers of thanksgiving to all of the Springfield Church members who have said prayers and helped in many ways with my Dad.”

~ Becky LaBrosse

~ Prayers of strength and healing for Charlie Sperling’s mom and dad and Deb’s dad who are all facing health issues.

~ Prayers of strength and comfort for Joy Barwick and her grandson, Dylan, while Dylan’s medical problems are addressed.

~ Prayers for Brenda McClung’s mom, Liz Old, as she transitions to memory care at Copper Ridge. Also prayers for Alex McClung’s mom, Sandy, who is struggling with memory issues. She is at Broadmead in Hunt Valley and will be transitioning from independent living to assisted living in the next few months.

~ Prayers of healing for Dr. Elwood LaBrosse, permanently moved to Room 222 in the Fairhaven Health Unit. He would love to have visitors!

~ Prayers for *Mt. Paran Presbyterian* from our Ministry Group.

***The Congregational Care team wants to know what YOU or someone you know needs...****a visit...a call...a meal. Please contact Kay Freas or Connie Robinson.*

***Today:***

**Sunday October 7**

9:00 am Red Sea Parting Practice

10:30 am Worship & Sunday School

11:30 am Fellowship

6:30 pm Youth Movie Night (Manse)

***This Week:***

**Monday October 8**

7:00 pm Headhuggers (Manse)

**Tuesday October 9**

1:30 am Prayer Group (Manse)

7:00 pm ESCAPE Lunch Packing (Manse)

**Wednesday October 10**

6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice

7:45 pm Adult Choir Practice

**Thursday October 11**

7:00 pm Session Meeting (Manse)

***Looking Ahead:***

**Sunday October 14**

10:30 am Worship & Sunday School

11:30 am Fellowship

3:00 pm Concert - Beatrice Gilbert, Lyric Soprano

**Monday October 15**

9:30 am Feed My Sheep (Wesley Freedom)

4:30 pm C.I.A. Meeting (Manse)

**Wednesday October 17**

6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice

7:45 pm Adult Choir Practice

**Friday October 19**

7:00 pm Game Night (Fellowship Room)

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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