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**Springfield Presbyterian Church (USA)**

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**![chrch7c[1]]()November 11, 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 note there will be a tolling of the bell at 11:00 am in unity with Americans across the country to mark and remember those who served in WWI.***

**PRELUDE** *For the Beauty of the Earth* arr. J.D. Frizzell

**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**  *[© Rev. Sarah E. Weaver]*

Leader: Friends, we gathered together this morning to proclaim the ways in which God is working within our midst.

**People: We have been blessed by God!**

Leader: We gather together to give thanks for the ways in which God is working within our midst.

**People: We are being blessed by God!**

Leader: We gather together to open our eyes to the ways God is using us to work within our midst.

**People: We will continue to be blessed by God!**

Leader: Dear ones, God has given us so much and is very much alive, at work and still speaking among us. We are called to give back.

**People: We are called to be good stewards; good stewards of our time, of our resources, and of our money.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to our God of blessings and affirm our commitment to the ministry God is calling us into.

**People: Let us give thanks to God! Let us proclaim our faith in God! Let us worship God!**

**INTROIT** *God’s Simple Gifts* arr. Anna Laura Page

 (Stephanie Izaguirre on Cymbells)

**\* HYMN** *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

May we Thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive,
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our firstfruits give.

To comfort and to bless, to find a balm for woe,
To tend the lonely in distress, is angels’ work below.

The captive to release, to God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Generous God, though we live in a fast paced world, we know that you are the one who gives us time; time to breathe, be, and see. We do not always use that time wisely, in service to you. We know that you give us gifts and talents, called to use to build your mission and kingdom here on earth. But we can take our talents and gifts and hoard them, for our own pleasure, our own ego, and our own pride. You give us more than we need, in money and resources, but we do not elect to use those gifts wisely. Forgive us and help us, in our time, talents, and resources, to refocus and renew our hearts in service to you. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**RESPONSE** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

 Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,

 Until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

**People: Let us declare, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Praise be to God! Amen.**

**\* MUSICAL RESPONSE OF PRAISE** *O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer*

 Bless your Maker, all you creatures, ever under God’s control.

 All throughout God’s vast dominion; bless the Lord of all, my soul!

**\* 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 minds 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** *Matthew 6:19-21*

19 ‘Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; 20but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** *1 Peter 4:8-11*

8Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. 9Be hospitable to one another without complaining. 10Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 11Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

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

 **All: Thanks be to God.**

**TIME WITH YOUNG PEOPLE**

**SERMON**  *The Place of the Heart*  Rev. Becca Crate

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\* HYMN** *In the Bleak Midwinter*

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him: Give my heart.

**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.”**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

 OFFERTORY *Joyful, Joyful* arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

 **\*** SONG OF THANKS *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

 We give Thee but Thine own, whate’er the gift may be;

 All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

 **\*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\* HYMN** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

God, whose giving knows no ending, from Your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, Costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Gifted by You, we turn to You, offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing, toward the goals of Christ, your Son: All at peace in health and freedom,
Races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;
Born with talents, make us servants, fit to answer at Your throne.

Treasure too You have entrusted,
Gain through powers Your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel Word.
Open wide our hands, in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving You by loving all.

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: Our heart is here, in service to Christ.

**People: So we will be thoughtful stewards of our time.**

Leader: Our heart is here, in service to Christ.

**People: So we will use our resources and talents wisely.**

Leader: Our heart is here, in service to Christ.

**People: So we will use our money to further Christ’s will into the world. Amen.**

**\* UNISON AMEN**

**POSTLUDE** *A Patriotic Salute* arr. Margaret R. Tucker

*[All are invited to stay and listen, but feel free to leave after the Unison Amen if you prefer.]*

**Sunday November 18 Lectionary**

1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

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

 Today 11/11 Next Week 11/18

Sunday Opener Bob Rogers Sandy Newsome

Greeters & Ushers Ed & Sandy Connie Robinson &

 Newsome Martha Streaker

Lay Leader Ron Holmes Barbara Cornell

Sunday School Connie Robinson Connie Robinson

Fellowship Barbara Cornell Jim & Mary Rhodes

Soup Luncheon

**Church Attendance:** October 28 - 37 November 4 - 31

**Church Cleaning:** November 16, 17 or 18 - Sharon Pappas &

 Belle Vasbinder

**Happy Anniversary!** November 17 - Shona & Albert Klein

**Happy Birthday!** November 12 - Kay Freas

**Announcements**

**Stewardship Sunday:** Stewardship Sunday is **TODAY.** Individual letters have gone out to members and friends. If you haven’t received your letter by now, please contact the office at spc.office@verizon.net or 410-795-6152 for a copy. Join us immediately after Worship for a soup and bread luncheon to celebrate all that God has given us!

**Called Meeting of the Congregation** will be held on Sunday, **November 18**, immediately following our 10:30 am Worship service.  The meeting is called for the purpose of approving Terms of Call for Rev. Crate.  A change is being made from our usual February meeting date in order to streamline our tax reporting and bookkeeping procedures. Copies of the proposed Terms of Call will be available at the meeting.

**Bible Study:** Bible study with Sarah Lantz, reading Brave--Honest Questions Women Ask by Angela Thomas-Pharr, will meet at Panera in Eldersburg on **November 13** at 7:00 pm.

**Christmas Flowers:** Believe it or not, it’s time to place your order for Christmas flowers! If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary for Christmas, please complete the red form, attach your check and return it to the Office or offering plate before **November 18.**

**Newsletter Deadline:** The deadline for submitting info for the December newsletter is **November 18.** Please forward your info to spc.office@verizon.net.

**Congratulations:** After 40 years of competing in Tournament of Bands, the Liberty High School Lions’ Pride Marching Band won 1st place in Group 3 Open Class at the Atlantic Coast Championships held on November 4, 2018, in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Congratulations to Stephanie Izaguirre!

**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 of these dates, please contact Kathy Russ at 410-795-2587 before the end of November. Many thanks!

**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 by **Wednesday** each week.

**Prayers & Thanksgivings**

~ Prayers of comfort for Leah Halvorson and family on the passing of Leah’s brother, Carl on Oct. 27.

~ Prayers of comfort and strength for Kay Freas, whose cancer has spread.

~ Prayers for *Catonsville 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 November 11 - Stewardship Sunday**

10:30 am Worship & Sunday School

 11:30 am Soup Luncheon

 4:00 pm Confirmation Class (Manse)

***This Week:***

**Monday November 12**

7:00 pm Headhuggers (Manse)

 **Tuesday November 13**

10:30 am Prayer Group (Manse)

 7:00 pm Bible Study (Panera)

 **Wednesday November 14**

6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice

 7:45 pm Adult Choir Practice

 **Friday November 16**

7:00 pm Game Night (Fellowship Room)

***Looking Ahead:***

 **Sunday November 18**

9:00 am Red Sea Parting Practice

 10:30 am Worship & Sunday School

 11:30 am Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)

 7:30 pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service

 (Gaither United Methodist Church)

 **Monday November 19**

9:30 am Feed My Sheep (Wesley Freedom)

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

 **Wednesday November 21**

No Choir or Bell Practice

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

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10:30 am Worship & Sunday School

11:30 am Fellowship

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