

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

"My God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."
– Philippians 4:19

October 25, 2020	Reformation Sunday	10:40 a.m.
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Please silence all electronic devices.

"Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of His praise be heard."

Prelude	Variations on "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Mr. Darryl Miller, guest organist	arr. Kee
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Welcome

* Responsive Call to Worship Psalm 46:1–7
God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; He utters His voice, the earth melts.
The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

* Hymn A Mighty Fortress Is Our God EIN' FESTE BURG

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing,
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not His equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing,
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.**

**And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.**

**That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.**

* Affirmation 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,

and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* Prayer of Adoration

"He does not retain His anger forever because He delights in steadfast love."

Old Testament Lesson	Genesis 28:10–22
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This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

General Prayer of Confession

Holy Father, we have sinned and broken Your law. We are all unprofitable servants who are undeserving of Your grace and favor. Nevertheless, because You delight to show mercy, we humbly seek Your grace and forgiveness. Pardon our sins, forgive our negligence, cleanse our unrighteousness, purify our hearts, and grant us everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness	Pastor Heath Cross
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* Hymn Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me NEW CITY FELLOWSHIP

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**

**Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save and Thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.**

**While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.**

"Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom He has redeemed from trouble."

Deacon Nominee Testimony	Mr. Jerry Raymer
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God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory	What Wondrous Love Is This	Funderburk
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Miss Maria Manning, violin, and Miss Ana Manning, piano

"For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword..."

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson	Mark 6:30-44
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All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.

Sermon	"Supper Is Ready!"	Pastor Jim Bachmann
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Prayer of Supplication

"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst."

Words of Institution

Breaking the Bread	There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood Mr. David German, piano	arr. Hayes
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Sharing the Cup

* Hymn Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness GERMANY

**Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness, my beauty are, my glorious dress;
'Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.**

**Bold shall I stand in Thy great day; for who ought to my charge shall lay?
Fully absolved through these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.**

**When from the dust of death I rise to claim my mansion in the skies,
Ev'n then this shall be all my plea, Jesus hath lived, hath died, for me.**

**Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, whose boundless mercy hath for me—
For me a full atonement made, an everlasting ransom paid.**

**O let the dead now hear Thy voice; now bid Thy banished ones rejoice;
Their beauty this, their glorious dress, Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness.**

* Benediction

* Postlude A Mighty Fortress Is Our God arr. Held
Mr. Darryl Miller, guest organist

* congregation standing

– ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Greetings: We welcome you to our time of worship this morning! We ask you to observe the recommended social distancing guidelines and strongly encourage everyone to wear a mask.

Communion: Please note that a gluten-free option for communion is available at both entrances to the fellowship hall.

IN MEMORIAM

Louis Calvin Wallace

August 25, 1940—October 15, 2020

Operation Christmas Child: Be sure to pick up a box in the lobby today. Please return your packed boxes by Sunday, November 15. Remember to place a check for \$9 (made to Samaritan's Purse) inside your box to cover the cost of shipping. Contact Amber Cross (amberc@stephensvalleychurch.com) if you have any questions.

Next Sunday: Dr. Dominic Aquila will be preaching in our worship service next Sunday. Dr. Aquila is president of New Geneva Theological Seminary in Colorado Springs, CO. At the present time, he is also serving as an interim pastor of Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church in Fort Pierce, FL. Dr. Aquila is the editor of The Aquila Report, an independent web magazine for and about evangelicals in the Reformed and Presbyterian family of churches.

New Sunday School Class: Pastor Heath Cross will teach a new class beginning next Sunday called "Exploring Reformed Theology: The Solas, the Doctrines of Grace, and Cultural Engagement." The class will meet in the Solid Rock Café.

Starting Point: Pastor Jim's next six-week cycle of Starting Point classes will begin on Sunday, November 8. All visitors are invited and encouraged to gather in the conference area of the office suite at 9:30 a.m.

Mission Project: For the next several months, we are collecting used and new Bibles for distribution to missionaries. We will also accept Bible references, dictionaries, commentaries, maps, CDs, DVDs, non-fiction paperbacks, Bible study books, out-of-date devotionals, gospel tracts, teacher packets and teaching pictures, but Bibles are the greatest need. All materials need to be evangelistic in nature to bring the Gospel message to unbelievers as opposed to "how to be a better Christian". Please leave your donation in the foyer at the south entrance of the church. Contact Prudy Nichol (prudynichol@gmail.com) for more information.



Thanksgiving Dinner and Communion Service: Make plans to attend our Thanksgiving Dinner and communion service on Wednesday, November 18, at 5:15 p.m. More details coming soon!

– THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR –

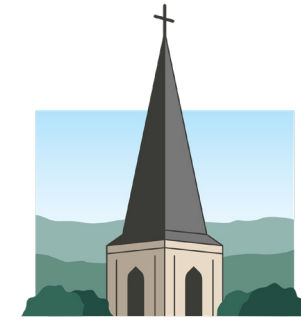
- Today, 9:00 a.m. Officers' Prayer Time
- Today, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- Today, 10:40 a.m. Worship service
- Today, 5:00 p.m. DivorceCare (online via Zoom)
- Monday, 9:00 a.m. Sabbatical Search Career Group
- Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. SVC Women's Bible Study leaders meeting (Café)
- Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. SVC Women's Bible Study
- Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. Sweet Half Hour of Prayer (St. Paul Chapel, first floor)
- Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. GriefShare (online via Zoom)
- Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Friday, 9:00 a.m. SVC Men's Bible Study (Café)

ADVENT
Dinner

Advent Dinner: Our annual Advent Dinner will be held at the church on Monday, December 7, at 6:00 p.m. More details coming soon!



Save the Date: The SVC Women's Christmas event will be breakfast on Thursday, December 10 at 9:30 a.m. at the church. More details coming soon!



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"Supper Is Ready!"

October 25, 2020

Stephens Valley Church (SVC) cleans regularly with products designed specifically to neutralize COVID-19, including weekly cleaning of all public spaces used during worship, and more frequent cleaning of common areas used intermittently during the week. In addition, SVC conducts temperature checks upon entry, provides hand sanitizer and masks, and encourages social distancing, handwashing, and other means of personal protection. We have also restructured our communion, offering, and attendance pad process to avoid person to person handling. Davidson County lists an exception to its mandatory mask requirements when attending a worship service by referring to Governor Lee's voluntary guidelines. Based on the Governor's recommendation to wear a face covering, we recommend wearing a mask as well, but this is a recommendation for voluntary compliance, which is a decision to be made by each individual. Despite these efforts, an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place or meeting where people are present as well as other inherent risks and dangers associated with public meetings. By your presence at SVC, you knowingly and voluntarily, accept, and assume responsibility for, each of these risks and dangers, including but not limited to COVID-19, and all other risks and dangers that could arise out of, or occur during, your use of the facilities at Stephens Valley Church.

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