

## ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."

– Hebrews 12:1

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November 1, 2020	All Saints Sunday	10:40 a.m.
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William Otto Pearman	May 17,1937–October 18, 2019
Virgil Walter Francis III	May 3, 1938–December 12, 2019
Thomas Maurice Gossett	June 9, 1943–January 3, 2020
Peggy (Ruth) Marion Thomas	April 5, 1938–January 10, 2020
Christine Binkley Dozier	June 11, 1937–May 7, 2020
Richard (Dick) DuMosch	June 4,1929–July 16, 2020
Robert Harvey Edwards, Sr.	April 29, 1935–September 22, 2020
Louis Calvin Wallace	August 25, 1940–October 15, 2020
Ted Ross Potter	January 30, 1937–October 27, 2020

### "I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth."

Prelude	Day by Day	arr. Farlee
	Ms. Lisa Barry, organist	

Welcome

Call to Worship

* Hymn	For All the Saints	SINE NOMINE
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**For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might,  
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O may Thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on His way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

* Prayer of Adoration	Pastor Heath Cross
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### "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

New Testament Lesson	2 Corinthians 4:1–18
This is the word of the Lord.	
<b>Thanks be to God!</b>	

General Prayer of Confession

**Our gracious God, so often we have failed to set our affection on things above and have instead embraced the transient idols of this world. Forgive us for our covetous desires and vain endeavors that are contrary to Your will. May we henceforth seek first Your kingom and Your righteousness as we anticipate inheriting an eternal weight of glory in the age to come, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness	Pastor Jim Bachmann
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* Hymn	Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment	BLOTT EN DAG
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**Day by day and with each passing moment, strength I find to meet  
my trials here;  
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment I've no cause for worry or for fear.  
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure gives unto each day what  
He deems best—  
Lovingly, it's part of pain and pleasure, mingling toil with peace and rest.**

**Every day the Lord Himself is near me with a special mercy for each hour;  
All my cares He fain would bear and cheer me, He whose name is  
Counselor and Pow'r.  
The protection of His child and treasure is a charge that on Himself He laid;  
"As your days, your strength will be in measure," this the pledge to me  
He made.**

**Help me then in every tribulation so to trust Your promises, O Lord,  
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation offered me within Your holy Word.  
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting e'er to take, as from  
a father's hand,  
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting, till I reach the promised land.**

### "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal..."

God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory	Stone on Stone	Chapell/German
	Stephens Valley Church Choir	

Walking in the garden splendid, our Creator knelt in love;  
Pow'r and kindness, condescended through the presence of our God.  
Through sin's pain our Eden ended, help was promised from above.

Yahweh dwelt amidst His nation, tent and temple were His place;  
Cherubim in adoration, bowed before His holy face.  
Ark and altar for salvation long foreshadowed greater grace.

Then in flesh we saw God faithful, Christ, our Lord, Immanuel  
Tabernacled with His people, showed His face for all to tell.  
God, our Maker, serves the humble, with His blood redeems our world.

Now within His church abiding, Christ our head and Cornerstone.  
In our hearts for ere residing makes of us His Spirit's home.  
We as living stones arising build for God our Savior's throne.

When in glory ev'ry nation bows before God's risen Son,  
Ev'ry tongue in proclamation, shall declare His kingdom come.  
Stone on stone in jubilation, joining heav'n and earth as one.

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

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson	Ecclesiastes 3:1–17
All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field.	
<b>The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.</b>	

Sermon	Living with the Backdrop of Eternity	Dr. Dominic Aquila
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Prayer of Supplication

### "What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me? I will take the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD."

Words of Institution

Breaking the Bread	What Wondrous Love Is This	arr. Funderburk
	Miss Maria Manning, violin, and Miss Ana Manning, piano	

Sharing the Cup

* Hymn	Praise the Savior, Ye Who Know Him!	GERMANY
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**Praise the Savior, ye who know Him! Who can tell how much we owe Him?  
Gladly let us render to Him all we are and have.**

**Jesus is the name that charms us; He for conflict fits and arms us;  
Nothing moves and nothing harms us while we trust in Him.**

**Trust in Him, ye saints, forever; He is faithful, changing never;  
Neither force nor guile can sever those He loves from Him.**

**Keep us, Lord, O keep us cleaving to Thyself and still believing,  
Till the hour of our receiving promised joys with Thee.**

**Then we shall be where we would be, then we shall be what we should be;  
Things that are not now, nor could be, soon shall be our own.**

\* Benediction

* Postlude	For All the Saints	arr. Has
	Ms. Lisa Barry, 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.

**Sympathy:** We express our sympathy to Patsy Potter in the passing of her husband, Ted. A memorial service will be held at Stephens Valley Church next Sunday, November 8, at 2:30 p.m.

**IN MEMORIAM**

Ted Ross Potter

January 30, 1937—October 27, 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.

**New Sunday School Class:** Pastor Heath Cross begins a new class today 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 next Sunday, November 8. All visitors are invited and encouraged to gather in the conference area of the office suite at 9:30 a.m.



**Thanksgiving Dinner and Communion Service:** Make plans to attend our Thanksgiving Dinner and communion service on Wednesday, November 18, at 5:15 p.m. The menu includes turkey with dressing and gravy, cranberry sauce, sweet potato casserole, green beans, pecan pie tarts and pumpkin pie tarts. After dinner we will have a short service that will include communion. Dinner is \$10/person and reservations are required to attend. Go to the church website to place your reservation no later than Sunday, November 15.



**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!

– 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
- Monday, 2:30 p.m. SVC Missions meeting (Rutherford Room)
- 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)

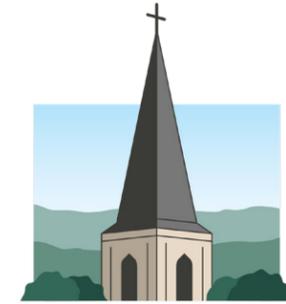


**Save the Date:** The SVC Women's Christmas event will be breakfast on Thursday, December 10 at 9:30 a.m. at the church. More details coming soon!



**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. You may also consider making a monetary donation in honor of a deceased individual or for a special occasion. To learn more, contact Prudy Nichol (prudynichol@gmail.com).

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 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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## Living with the Backdrop of Eternity

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