#### ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."

- Isaiah 55:1

Fauré

November 15, 2020 Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.

# **God Calls Us to Worship**

Prelude *In Paradisum* (from *Reauiem*) Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

**Prayer of Intercession** 

**General Prayer of Confession** 

Silent Prayers of Confession

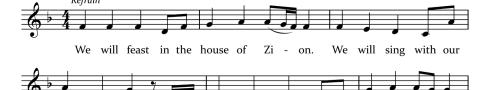
we will feast and

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor Jim Bachmann

\* Hymn

We Will Feast in the House of Zion McCracken, Moore



Almighty Father, we confess that we are sinners before You. We are

beggars before Your throne of grace, seeking crumbs of mercy, knowing

that crumbs from Your table are a greater feast than any delicacy the

world can offer. So grant us the grace of forgiveness and acceptance that

we may enjoy Your great feast, which You set before us this day in Word

and sacrament. For we ask this in Christ's name. Amen.

He has done great things we will say to - ge - ther hearts re-stored.

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weep no

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the fire, He night be - fore the dawn my soul be not bro ken and be - trayed, You the faith ful are God; con - sumed the flood up fraid, ning, the pro-mised mor O how long? O den to the grave bind and. the one: from gar

held, ed, pro - tect gath ered up. God be Ja cob my strength us ge ther, bring sha lom

## God Calls Us to Give and Serve

God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory Sanctus (from Requiem) Fauré Stephens Valley Church Choir Ms. Maria Manning, violin, Mr. Brent Roberts, piano, Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth

Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory, O Lord **God Feeds Us with His Word** 

Prayer for Illumination

Hosanna in excelsis Deo

Hosanna in the highest

Gospel Lesson Mark 7:24-37

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. When Jesus Challenges You

**Prayer of Supplication** 

Sermon

#### **God Feeds Us at His Table**

Words of Institution

Breaking the Bread **Near the Cross** arr. Ijames Ms. Maria Manning, violin, and Mr. David German, piano

Jesus, keep me near the cross—there a precious fountain, free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calv'ry's mountain. In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever, 'till my raptured soul shall find rest, beyond the river.

Sharing the Cup

\* Hymn

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

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**Pastor Heath Cross** 

How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors, While everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast, Each of us cries, with thankful tongue, "Lord, why was I a guest?

"Why was I made to hear Your voice, and enter while there's room, When thousands make a wretched choice, and rather starve than come?"

'Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in; Else we had still refused to taste, and perished in our sin.

We long to see Your churches full, that all the chosen race May, with one voice and heart and soul, sing Your redeeming grace.

\* Benediction

\* Postlude Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

arr. Noble

Holy is the Lord God of hosts

Welcome

Call to Worship

\* Hymn

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder **ALL SAINTS OLD** 

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name! He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has guenched Mount Sinai's flame: He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies, Called us by His grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes: He has washed us with His blood, He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down! For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqu'ror's crown: He who washed us with His blood soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store; When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more: He who washed us with His blood has secured our way to God.

\* Affirmation of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism

**ALL SAINTS OLD** 

Q 60. How are you righteous before God?

A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. In spite of the fact that my conscience accuses me that I have grievously sinned against all the commandments of God, and have not kept anyone one of them, and that I am still ever prone to all that is evil, nevertheless, God, without any merit of my own, out of pure grace, grant me the benefits of the perfect expiation of Christ, imputing to me His righteousness and holiness as if I had never committed a single sin or had ever been sinful, having fulfilled myself all the obedience which Christ has carried out for me, if only I accept such favor with a trusting heart.

\* Hymn

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high; Here they trusted Him before us, now their praises fill the sky: "You have washed us with Your blood; You are worthy, Lamb of God!"

\* Prayer of Adoration

# God Calls Us to Confess our Sins and Assures Us with His Gospel

Old Testament Lesson This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Isaiah 25:1-9

\* 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. Additionally, we ask everyone to silence cell phones and other electronic devices. May the Lord be glorified by our time together.

Mask Required Room: The elders have designated the Solid Rock Café as a room where masks must be worn during the worship service. Masks are strongly recommended but not required in the Fellowship Hall and Rutherford Room.

Operation Christmas Child: If you were unable to pack a box, there is an option to build a shoebox online via the Samaritan's Purse website. Contact Amber Cross (amberc@stephensvalleychurch.com) if you have any questions.

Congregational Meeting: The Elder Council has called a congregational meeting for Sunday morning, December 13, immediately following the worship service for the purpose of voting upon the following officer nominees: Elder—Dave Jones and Mike Miller; Deacons—Scott Parnell, Jerry Raymer, and Mark Thomas.

**Starting Point:** Join Pastor Jim in the conference area of the office suite at 9:30 a.m. for the next five Sundays to learn more about our church and what it means to be a Christian. All visitors are invited and encouraged to attend.



**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.



**SVC Women's "Each One Bring One" Christmas Breakfast:** Join us on Thursday, December 10 at 9:30 a.m. and bring a friend to our delicious breakfast and time of fellowship featuring SVC member and speaker Annette Valentine. The cost is \$15/person but guests eat free. Childcare is provided for ages 0-5 but requires a reservation. Register and pay online via the church website or with a SVC Women's volunteer in the lobby today.

# - 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, 5:15 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner and Communion service

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. GriefShare (online via Zoom)

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal

Friday, 9:00 a.m. SVC Men's Bible Study (Café)

# **Financial Report**

November 8 General Offering	\$21,050.11
Weekly Offering Needed	\$35,164
YTD deficit through October 31	\$494,777
November 8 Building Fund	\$4,350

#### **Our Missionaries**

African Christian Training Institute **Chosen People Ministries** Larry and Mary Warren-Leadership International Paul and Rachel Snider-MK2MK David and Robin Dillard-Servant Group International Peter and Gracie Rosenberger-Standing With Hope Trans World Radio-Multimedia evangelism Radooga-Ukraine Voice of the Martyrs-supporting persecuted Christians Andy and Bev Warren-Ethiopia, Africa Confex and Mwai Makhilira-Malawi, Africa Pete and Ruth Mitchell-France Dr. Nabil Costa-MEBO-Lebanon Ale and Lynn Aho-Tonga Matt and Deborah Stanghelle-Norway Perry and Betty Husemann-Southern Europe Guy and EJ-East Asia (sensitive area) Lewis and Elsbeth Codington-Korea

### **SVC Missions Committee**

Bill Kenny, chairman Dick Speece, vice-chairman Dick Baxter Lisa Hanley Tammi Hollis Tom Smith Susan Sutherland Terry Warren Alva Wolfe

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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# When Jesus Challenges You

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