ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!"

- Psalm 100:4

November 22, 2020

Thanksgiving Sunday

10:40 a.m.

"Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth!"

Prelude Come, Ye Thankful People, Come Ms. Lisa Barry, organ Bullard

KREMSER

Welcome

Call to Worship

* Hymn We Gather Together

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; He chastens and hastens His will to make known; The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing: Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine; So from the beginning the fight we were winning; Thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant, And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be. Let Thy congregation endure thro' tribulation: Thy name be ever prais'd! O Lord, make us free!

"He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities."

Old Testament Lesson

Ecclesiastes 6:1–9

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

General Prayer of Confession

Our gracious Heavenly Father, we come before You as unworthy sinners. We are truly sorry that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We regret the times we have injured our fellow man and grieved Your Holy Spirit. Please forgive us of our many sins. Fill us with Your Spirit that we may be filled with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, and faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Prayer of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastor Heath Cross



"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

SVC Missions Moment

Mr. Bill Kenny

God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory

I'll Sing arr. Ijames
Stephens Valley Church Choir
Mr. Joel Treybig, trumpet; Ms. Lisa Barry, piano

I sing the mighty pow'r of God that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey. I'll sing to the Lord while I live; I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food, I'll sing. He formed the creatures with His Word and then pronounced them good. Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye, if I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky. There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes Thy glories known. And clouds arise and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne. While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in

Thy care, and ev'rywhere that man can be Thou God art present there. I'll sing to the Lord while I live, I'll sing!

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson

Mark 8:1-13

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

The God Who Satisfies

Pastor Jim Bachmann

Prayer of Supplication

"The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ?"

Words of Institution

Breaking the Bread

Hymn of Thanksgiving

arr. Setchell

Mr. David German, piano, and Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

Sharing the Cup

* Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices, Who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices; Who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way With countless gifts of love and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed, And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore; For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

* Benediction

* Postlude

Marche Triomphale on NUN DANKET Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

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^{*} Prayer of Adoration

^{*} congregation standing

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Greetings: Welcome to our time of worship on this Thanksgiving Sunday. We are thankful for your presence with us! Please silence your cell phones and any other electronic device you may have with you. We continue to encourage social distancing and wearing masks.

<u>Mask Required Room:</u> 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.

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.

End-of-the-Year Stock Gifts: The church has a licensed broker enabling us to accept gifts of stock. The church's policy is to receive the stock, immediately sell it, and add the proceeds to the church's bank account. If you wish to make a stock gift, please have your broker contact Joe D. Comer, Pinnacle Bank, 615-773-6618, or joe.comer@pnfp.com.



Advent Dinner: Our annual Advent Dinner will be held at the church on Monday, December 7, at 6:00 p.m. This festive evening will include dinner and a short program. The menu is a choice of beef tenderloin or salmon, red potatoes, roasted carrots and asparagus, yeast rolls, fresh fruit and a dessert bar. All COVID precautions will be observed. The recommended donation is \$25/person. Half portions for children ages 6 and up are available for \$9.50/child. Childcare is provided for ages 0-5 and reservations are required. (Food will not be provided for this age; feel free to pack a meal for a nut-free environment.) Reservations can be made through the church website and must be made no later than Thursday, December 3.



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, 4:00 p.m. Sweet Half Hour of Prayer (St. Paul Chapel, first floor)

Wednesday Church office closed Thursday Church office closed

Financial Report

November 15 General Fund Offering	\$23,061
Weekly Offering needed	\$35,164
YTD deficit through November 15	\$164,916
Income needed by December 31	\$375,900

SVC COUNCIL

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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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