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"And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the LORD, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another."

– 2 Corinthians 3:18

December 27, 2020

Morning Worship

10:40 a.m.

"Come, behold the works of the LORD."

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship Psalm 16:8-11

I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your holy one see corruption.

You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

* Hymn Angels, from the Realms of Glory REGENT SQUARE

**Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:**

**Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

**Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light:**

**Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen His natal star:**

**Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in His temple shall appear:**

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;
Evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One:**

* Prayer of Adoration

* 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.

"Woe is me! For I am undone...for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Old Testament Lesson Exodus 34:29-35

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

General Prayer of Confession

Almighty Father, You call us to hear Your Word and behold Your glory. Yet, because of our sin, we are often hard of hearing and partially blind. In our sin, we are like those of whom our Lord said, "Having eyes they do not see. And having ears, they do not hear." Forgive us of our sins and open our eyes that we may behold wondrous things in Your gospel. For we ask this in Christ's name. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Prayer of Intercession

Assurance of Pardon Pastor Jim Bachmann

* Hymn Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus LEMMEL

**O soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior, and life more abundant and free!**

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face;
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.**

**Through death into life everlasting He passed, and we follow Him there;
Over us sin no more hath dominion—for more than conqu'rors we are!**

**His Word shall not fail you—He promised; believe Him and all will be well;
Then go to a world that is dying, His perfect salvation to tell!**

**"Though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor,
so that you by His poverty might become rich."**

God's Tithe and Our Offerings

"Before your eyes...Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified."

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson Mark 8:22-26

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 How We Grow Pastor Heath Cross

Prayer of Supplication

"As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes."

Words of Institution

Breaking the Bread

Sharing the Cup

* Hymn Be Thou My Vision SLANE

**Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.**

**High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

* Benediction

* Postlude

* congregation standing

– ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Greetings: Welcome to our time of worship. Please register your attendance at one of the entrances as you arrive or depart. Remember to share our worship service by clicking the "share" icon below the YouTube video of our service. This is an easy and effective way to spread the good news and expand our ministry.

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.

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

Sympathy: We extend our love and sympathy to Brenda Ferrell in the recent passing of her father, and to Wayne and Joy Crim due to the recent passing of their daughter, Nan.

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.

Our Daily Bread: Devotional booklets for January through March are available in the lobby. They are free, postage paid and in large print!

SVC Care: DivorceCare meets on Sundays at 3:00 p.m. GriefShare meets on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. with the addition of a new class on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. All classes take place via Zoom. For more information, please contact Jan Evett or Vernon Prevatt.

Volunteers Needed: Communion Preparation Committee 2021. If interested, please contact Roy Pearson at roypearson@ajzpearson.com.

Financial Report

December 20 General Fund Offering	\$41,754
Weekly Offering needed	\$35,164
YTD deficit through November 30	\$144,247
Offering needed by December 31	\$173,927
December 20 Building Fund received	\$16,600
December Building Fund received	\$44,679

– 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)
Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.	Sweet Half Hour of Prayer (St. Paul Chapel, first floor)
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.	GriefShare (online via Zoom)
Thursday	Church office closed

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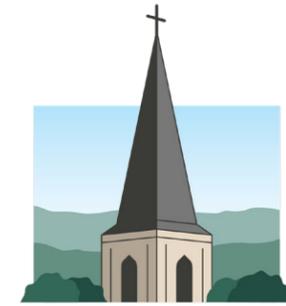
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How We Grow

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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.