

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

"Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God."

– Psalm 62:11

January 3, 2021	Epiphany Sunday	10:40 a.m.
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"Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!"

Prelude O God, Our Help in Ages Past arr. Culli
Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

Welcome

* Responsive Call to Worship from Psalm 90

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.

You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"

For a thousand years in Your sight are but as yesterday when it is past or as a watch in the night.

The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

Who considers the power of Your anger, and Your wrath according to the fear of You?

So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Let Your work be shown to Your servants, and Your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!

* Hymn Our God, Our Help In Ages Past ST. ANNE

**Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home!**

**Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone and our defense is sure.**

**A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.**

**Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.**

* Prayer of Adoration

"The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance."

New Testament Lesson Revelation 12:7-12

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

General Prayer of Confession

Almighty Father, have mercy upon us. We acknowledge that we are sinners who have broken Your law. Apart from Your grace we are lost and undone. Bless us, O God, for You are our health and strength; You are our hope and our eternal salvation. Deliver us from our many sins and cleanse us of iniquity. Have mercy upon us this day and throughout this new year that we may honor You, worship You, and serve You in reverence and awe, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession Pastor Heath Cross

* 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

* 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.**

"In all these things I have shown you that by working hard we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

God's Tithe and Our Offerings

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness."

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson Mark 9:14-32

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 "If You Can!" Pastor Jim Bachmann

Prayer of Supplication

"Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup."

Words of Institution

Breaking the Bread How Brightly Shines the Morning Star Bednall
Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

Sharing the Cup

* Hymn Before Jehovah's Awesome Throne PARK STREET

**Before Jehovah's awesome throne, all nations bow with sacred joy;
Know that the Lord is God alone, He can create and He destroy—
He can create and He destroy.**

**His sov'reign power, without our aid, made us of dust and formed us men;
And when like wand'ring sheep we strayed, He brought us to His
fold again—
He brought us to His fold again.**

**We are His people, we His care; our souls and all our mortal frame;
What lasting honors shall we rear, almighty Maker to Your name?—
Almighty Maker, to Your name?**

**We'll crowd Your gates with thankful songs, high as the heav'ns our
voices raise
And earth, with her ten thousand tongues, shall fill Your courts with
sounding praise—
Shall fill Your courts with sounding praise.**

**Wide as the world is Your command, vast as eternity Your love;
Firm as a rock Your truth must stand, when rolling years shall cease
to move—
When rolling years shall cease to move.**

* Benediction

* Postlude A Mighty Fortress Is Our God arr. Hobby
Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

* congregation standing

– ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Greetings: We warmly welcome everyone to our service this morning. Please register your attendance at one of the entrances. If you are a visitor, we are especially pleased to have you among us!

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 come forward by rows at the appropriate time and maintain social distancing. Take one pair of stacked cups from the communion tray and move forward toward the side aisle. The bread is in the bottom cup. Partake of the bread and cup near the trash receptacles and then dispose of the plastic cups. Return to your seat via the side aisle. A gluten-free option for communion is available at both entrances to the fellowship hall.

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.

SVC Men's Bible Study: The men's Bible study on The Sermon on the Mount resumes this Friday, January 8, at 9:00 a.m. in the Cafe. For more information, please contact Craig Valentine.

Starting Point: All visitors and prospective new members are invited to Pastor Jim's 6-week series called Starting Point beginning Sunday, January 17, at 9:30 a.m. The class takes place in the conference area of the office suite.

SVC Women: Mark your calendars. Bible study of the book of Romans continues Tuesday, January 19, at 10:00 a.m. Vistors and newcomers are welcome. Childcare is available.

Greeters Needed: If you are looking for an easy way to serve the church, consider being a greeter. We are in need of greeters on Sunday mornings. If you are available and interested, please contact Rebecca Moore.

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

Financial Report

December 27 General Fund Offering	\$49,804
Weekly Offering needed	\$35,164
YTD deficit through November 30	\$144,247
Offering needed by December 31	\$103,858
December 27 Building Fund received	\$131,092
December Building Fund received	\$175,931

– 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 Committee meeting
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)

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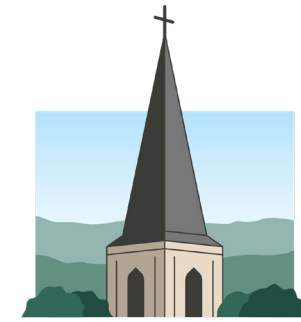
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Stephens Valley Church (SVC) cleans regularly with products designed specifically to neutralize COVID-19, including weekly cleaning of all public spaces used during worship, and more frequent cleaning of common areas used intermittently during the 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.