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“But, as it is written, ‘What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love Him.” – 1 Corinthians 2:9		
October 3, 2021	Morning Worship	10:40 a.m.
“Because Your steadfast love is better than life my lips will praise You!”		
Welcome and Announcements		
Prelude	Amazing Grace Ms. Lisa Barry, organ	Hobby
Call to Worship		
* Responsive Praise	Psalm 145:1–9 I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate. They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds, and I will declare Your greatness. They shall pour forth the fame of Your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness. The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.	
* Hymn	Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven	LAUDA ANIMA
Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet your tribute bring; Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, His praise should sing? Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!		
Praise Him for His grace and favor to our fathers in distress; Praise Him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.		
Fatherlike, He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows; In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely as His mercy goes.		
Angels, help us to adore Him; you behold Him face to face; Sun and moon, bow down before Him, dwellers all in time and space. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.		
* Prayer of Adoration		
“MakeYour face shine on Your servant; save me in Your steadfast love.”		
First Scripture Lesson	1 John 3:1–3 This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!	

General Prayer of Confession		
Almighty and merciful God, who desires that no one perish but that all should come to repentance and salvation, please forgive our many sins. We are sorry that we have wearied You with our sins and burdened You with our offenses. Pardon our iniquity; spare us from Your wrath; turn Your anger away from us; help us live in a manner pleasing to You, and grant us full forgiveness, blessed assurance, and everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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
* Hymn	And Can It Be That I Should Gain	SAGINA
And can it be that I should gain an int’rest in the Savior’s blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?		
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He left His Father’s throne above (so free, so infinite His grace!), Humbled Himself (so great His love!), and bled for all His chosen race. ‘Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.		
Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature’s night; Thine eye diffused a quick’ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light; My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.		
No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine! Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine, Bold I approach th’ eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.		
“If riches increase, set not your heart on them.”		
God’s Tithe and Our Offerings		
Anthem	O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go	Hagenberg Stephens Valley Church Choir
O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be. O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.		

* Presentation of Gifts		THAXTED
Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, That we who know Your favor may serve You as our King; And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still: To marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways, And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.		
* Prayer of Dedication		
“The eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His steadfast love.”		
Prayer for Illumination		
Second Scripture Lesson		Romans 8:12–17
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 Spirit of Adoption	Pastor Jim Bachmann
Prayer of Supplication		
“Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.”		
Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper		
Words of Institution		
Breaking the Bread	O Love That Will Not Let Me Go	arr. Shackley
Mr. David German, piano, and Ms. Lisa Barry, organ		
Sharing the Cup		
* Hymn	Amazing Grace	AMAZING GRACE
Amazing grace!—how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.		
‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!		
Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; ‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.		
The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.		
When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’ve first begun.		
* Benediction		
* Postlude	O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High	arr. Dicke & Tryggestad
Ms. Lisa Barry, organ		
* Congregation standing		

– ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Welcome: Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We welcome everyone to our time of worship. If you are visiting today we especially welcome you and are thankful for your presence with us.

Cell Phones: Please silence all your electronic devices.

Sympathy: We express our sympathy to Tammi Hollis due to the recent death of her sister.

Debt Reduction: We continue our effort to liquidate the smaller of our two loans before converting the larger one to a long-term mortgage. If you are able to make a donation, please be sure to designate it for debt reduction.

Sunday Morning Fellowship: The Solid Rock Café is now being used for fellowship on a trial basis. Coffee and light refreshments will be available from 9:00–10:35 a.m. Please keep all food and drink in the Solid Rock Café.

Starting Point: Pastor Jim’s Starting Point class for visitors continues through October 17 in the office suite conference area, 9:30–10:15 a.m. All visitors are invited. Greeters will be happy to direct you upon your arrival.

Prayer Needs: An elder will be available each Sunday in the Rutherford Room (north entrance) following the worship service for specific prayer needs you may have.

Wednesday Night Dinner and Bible Study: Join us at 5:15 p.m. this Wednesday as Pastor Heath Cross continues his series on “How to (Actually) Love Your Neighbor.” Make your dinner reservation at stephensvalleychurch.com by tonight. The menu is barbeque, corn pudding, mashed potatoes, apple slaw, biscuit, and caramel cake.

Volunteer with SVCWomen: SVCWomen is looking for volunteers to aid in the ministry to women of SVC. If you are not at present a member of a SVCW ministry, please look for the table in the church lobby today for additional information and the opportunity to discuss the purposes and projects of each ministry. There is a place for each woman at Stephens Valley Church, no matter your physical abilities, your time, or the lack thereof. Please help us and join one of these ministries today.

SVC Women’s Fall Bible Study: Join us on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. as we study the book of Proverbs. Childcare is available with reservation. Register for childcare/study at stephensvalleychurch.com.

Early Morning Bible Study: Mike Bishop is leading a six-week men’s Bible study on the book of Ephesians on Thursdays from 6:30–7:30 a.m. in the Solid Rock Café.

SVC Men’s Bible Study: Craig Valentine is facilitating a 12-week Bible study on the book of Philippians on Fridays from 9:00–10:00 a.m. in the church lobby.

Our Daily Bread: Devotional booklets for October through December are available in the lobby. They are free and in large print.

SVC Parent’s Day Out: PDO has had a great start so far! Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our program! Now that we have started, we need some additional items that were not thought of previously. If you would like to help, please see Anita Murphy for more information.

– THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR –

Today, 9:00 a.m.	Officers’ Prayer Time
Today, 9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
Today, 10:15 a.m.	Fellowship (Solid Rock Café)
Today, 10:40 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday, 9:00 a.m.	Sabbatical Search Career Group
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.	Wednesday Night Dinner
Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.	Wednesday Night Bible Study
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, 6:30 a.m.	Early Morning Men’s Bible Study (Café)
Thursday, 10:00 a.m.	SVC Women’s Prayer Shawl Ministry (Room 201A)
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	SVC Men's Bible Study (Lobby)

Financial Update

Average Weekly Offering Needed	\$40,305
September 26 General Fund Offering	\$19,888
Total September General Fund	\$121,764
FY 21–22 General Fund Deficit	\$93,126
Retire Debt Deposited/Promised	\$268,561
Construction Loan to Refinance	\$8,650,000
Additional Construction Loan	\$334,071

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL LINEUP

Starting Point

Pastor Jim Bachmann | Office Suite Conference Room

Friends and Family Class

Bill Kenny | Room 201A

Studying Genesis 25–50

Westminster Class

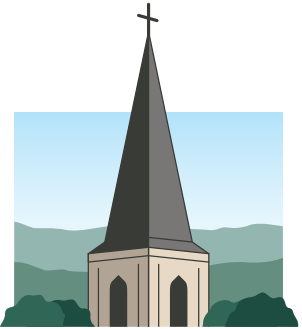
Danny Hale | Room 201B

Studying “Job: Where Shall Wisdom Be Found?”

Geneva Class

Dr. David Lawrence | Rutherford Room

Studying the Atonement



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