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“Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is.” – 1 John 3:2		
October 10, 2021	Morning Worship	10:40 a.m.

# God Calls Us to Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Come Thou Almighty King

Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

arr. Carlson

\* Responsive Call to Worship

from 1 Chronicles 16

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!

Sing to Him; sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works!

Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually!

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

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for He comes to judge the earth.

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!

\* Hymn

Come, We That Love the Lord

ST. THOMAS

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;

Join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne.

Let those refuse to sing that never knew our God;

But children of the heav'nly King may speak their joys abroad.

The men of grace have found glory begun below;

Celestial fruits on earthly ground from faith and hope may grow.

The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets,

Before we reach the heav'nly fields or walk the golden streets.

Then let our songs abound, and ev'ry tear be dry;

We're marching through Immanuel's ground to fairer worlds on high.

\* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\* Prayer of Adoration

We Confess Our Sins and Receive God's Forgiveness

First Scripture Lesson

Mark 7:31-37

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

General Prayer of Confession		
<b>Gracious God, we confess that we are sinners who have not only sinned against Your law, but also against Your grace. Forgive our sins and hear our groans as we bring our guilt and shame before You. Set us free from the shame of past sins that we cannot change. Liberate us from the guilt of present temptations which seek to conquer us. And give us hope for a future in which we can, and will, be changed into the glorious likeness of Your Son, Jesus Christ. We ask this in His name. Amen.</b>		
Silent Prayers of Confession		
Prayer of Intercession		
Assurance of Pardon		Pastor Jim Bachmann
* Hymn	Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me	Robinson, Farren, Thompson
<b>What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give. He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom. My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.</b>		
<b>To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, For my life is wholly bound to His. Oh how strange and divine, I can sing, “All is mine.” Yet not I, but through Christ in me.</b>		
<b>The night is dark but I am not forsaken. For by my side, the Savior He will stay. I labor on in weakness and rejoicing For in my need, His power is displayed.</b>		
<b>To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley He will lead. Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.</b>		
<b>No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven. The future sure, the price it has been paid. For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, And He was raised to overthrow the grave.</b>		
<b>To this I hold, my sin has been defeated. Jesus now and ever is my plea. Oh the chains are released, I can sing, “I am free.” Yet not I, but through Christ in me.</b>		
<b>With every breath I long to follow Jesus. For He has said that He will bring me home. And day by day I know He will renew me, Until I stand with joy before the throne.</b>		
<b>To this I hold, my only hope is Jesus. All the glory evermore to Him. When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat, Yet not I, but through Christ in me.</b>		

God Calls Us to Give and Serve		
God’s Tithe and Our Offerings		
Anthem	It Is Not Death to Die	Malan, Bethune, Kauflin
Stephens Valley Church Choir		
It is not death to die, to leave this weary road, and join the saints who dwell on high, who’ve found their home with God. It is not death to close the eyes long dimmed by tears, and wake in joy before Your throne, delivered from our fears. Oh, Jesus, conquering the grave; Your precious blood has pow’r, pow’r to save. Those who trust in You will in Your mercy find that it is not death to die. It is not death to fling aside this earthly dust, and rise with strong and noble wing, to live among the just. It is not death to hear the key unlock the door that sets us free from mortal years to praise You evermore.		
* Presentation of Gifts	TRINITY	
<b>To the great One in Three eternal praises be, Hence evermore. His sovereign majesty may we in glory see, And to eternity love and adore.</b>		
* Prayer of Dedication		
<b>The Word of God Is Read and Preached</b>		
Prayer for Illumination		
Second Scripture Lesson	Romans 8:18–25	
All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. <b>The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.</b>		
Sermon	The Answer to Our Groans	Pastor Heath Cross
Prayer of Supplication		
<b>God Offers Us a Sign and Seal of His Covenant of Grace</b>		
Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper		
Words of Institution		
Breaking the Bread	Assurance	Near
Ms. Lisa Barry, organ		
Sharing the Cup		
* Hymn	Blessed Assurance	ASSURANCE
<b>Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.</b>		
<b>This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.</b>		
<b>Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; Angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.</b>		
<b>Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest; Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.</b>		

\* Benediction

\* Postlude                      Come We That Love the Lord                      Dirksen  
   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.

**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.

**Sunday Morning Volunteers:** Volunteers are needed to help one Sunday per month with coffee setup or cleanup. Contact Joan Guthrey, joanguthrey@yahoo.com.

**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 concludes his series on “How to (Actually) Love Your Neighbor.” Make your dinner reservation at [stephensvalleychurch.com](http://stephensvalleychurch.com) by tonight. The menu is lasagna, cranberry orange salad with creamy Italian or balsamic vinaigrette dressing, mixed fresh fruit, roll, and chocolate layer 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](http://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.

**Nursery Workers:** We are in great need of an additional nursery worker or two. Contact Anita Murphy, [anitam@stephensvalleychurch.com](mailto:anitam@stephensvalleychurch.com).

– 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
Today, 3:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Monday, 9:00 a.m.	Sabbatical Search Career Group
Monday, 10:00 a.m.	SVC Women’s Board Meeting
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)
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	SVC Men's Bible Study (Lobby)

**Congregational Meeting:** The Elder Council has called a congregational meeting Sunday, November 14, at 11:50 a.m. for the purpose of voting upon the following nominees to the Council and also to the committee of deacons: Elders: Dave Jones, Louis Joseph, Dale Lewelling, Mike Miller; Deacons: Bill Clark and Vernon Prevatt.

Financial Update

Average Weekly Offering Needed	\$40,305
October 3 General Fund Offering	\$35,314
Total October General Fund	\$35,314
FY 21–22 General Fund Deficit	\$98,117
Retire Debt Deposited/Promised	\$289,707
Construction Loan to Refinance	\$8,650,000
Additional Construction Loan	\$312,925

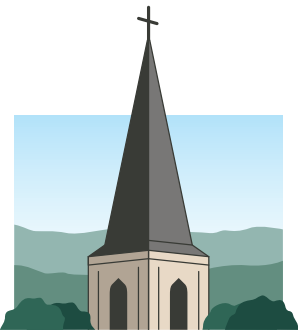
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL LINEUP

**Starting Point**  
Pastor Jim Bachmann | Office Suite Conference Room

**Friends and Family Class**  
Bill Kenny | Room 201A  
Studying Genesis 25–50

**Westminster Class**  
Fred Schumpert | Room 201B  
The Rise and Pending Decline of Evangelicalism

**Geneva Class**  
Dr. David Lawrence | Rutherford Room  
Studying the Atonement



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