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“When you go to war against your enemies, and see horses and chariots and an army larger than your own, you shall not be afraid of them, for the LORD your God is with you, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.” —Deuteronomy 20:1		
November 17, 2019	Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.

# God Calls Us to Worship

Welcome

Prelude

Thanks Be to God

Handel/Setchell

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

Call to Worship

\* Hymn

Rejoice, the Lord is King

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Rejoice, the Lord is King; your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love:

When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o’er earth and heav’n;

The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv’n.

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,

And take His servants up to their eternal home.

\* Psalter Lesson

Psalms 2

Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together,

against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, “Let us burst their

bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.”

He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

Then He will speak to them in His wrath, and terrify them in His fury,

saying, “As for Me, I have set My King on Zion, My holy hill.”

I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, “You are My Son; today I have

begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will make the nations Your heritage, and the

ends of the earth Your possession.

“You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a

potter’s vessel.”

Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be

angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.

\* Congregational Response

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He sits at God’s right hand till all His foes submit,

And bow to His command, and fall beneath His feet.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

\* Prayer of Adoration

God Calls Us to Confess Our Sin		
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 16:13–20	
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!		
General Prayer of Confession		
Gracious God, our Heavenly Father, have mercy upon us. We have sinned and broken Your law. We have grieved Your Spirit and injured our fellow man. Please cleanse us of our iniquity and renew us through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.		
Silent Prayers of Confession		
Prayer of Intercession		
Assurance of Forgiveness	Pastor Heath Cross	
* Hymn	How Firm a Foundation	FOUNDATION
How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He has said, To You who for refuge to Jesus have fled?  “When through the deep waters I call you to go, The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; For I will be with you, your troubles to bless, And sanctify to you your deepest distress.  “When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply; The flame shall not hurt you; I only design Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.  “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”		
God Calls Us to Give and Serve		
Elder Candidate Testimony	Mr. Tom Smith	
God’s Tithe and Our Offerings		
Anthem	Psalm 150 Stephens Valley Church Choir	Franck
Hallelujah. O praise ye the Lord, praise God in His temple, praise ye the Lord in the firmament of His pow’r. O praise Him for His might, praise ye Him for His mighty acts. O praise Him according to His majesty. Praise ye Him with the sound of the trumpet, with the lute and the harp, with the timbrel, with the dance, with the organ and stringed instruments. Praise ye Him upon the loud cymbals. Let everything that hath breath praise ye the Lord.		
* Presentation of Gifts and Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes	MORESTEAD	
Lord of all good, we bring our gifts to You, Pledges of love and off’rings of our skill: Through them fulfill Your purpose ever true As our whole life is offered to Your will.		

Father, whose bounty all creation shows; Christ, by whose sacrifice our lives are new; Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows; We give ourselves in gratitude to You. (Children ages 4–6 may be dismissed to Children’s Church, room #38.)		
* Prayer of Dedication	Miss Stella Whitfield	
God Calls Us to Study His Word		
Prayer for Illumination		
Old Testament Lesson	Joshua 11:1–23	
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 Gospel for Underdogs	Pastor Jim Bachmann
Prayer of Supplication		
God Calls Us to His Table		
Words of Institution		
Breaking the Bread	Now Thank We All Our God Ms. Lisa Barry, organ	Honoré
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	Awake, Awake to Love and Work Ms. Lisa Barry, organ	Held
* congregation standing		

– ANNOUNCEMENTS –

**Greetings** in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We warmly welcome you here and rejoice in our time of worship and fellowship. Everyone is invited to the cafeteria following the service for refreshments and fellowship.

**Building Update:** Construction crews are working overtime to hang and finish drywall in the fellowship hall. The kitchen hood has been installed and the metal roofing on the fellowship hall is complete; floor tile, vanities and countertops are installed in the second floor restrooms and ongoing in the first floor restrooms; the window frames are in and waiting for the glass panes; the ceiling tile grid work has started; the elevator installation will take place this week. Please continue to pray for the people who work diligently in the planning, administration and construction of our building.

**Surviving the Holidays:** Join us today for a special session of GriefShare from 2:00–4:00 p.m. at the home of Vernon Prevatt. For more information, please contact Jan Evett (svccare@stephensvalleychurch.com).

**SVC Women:** All women are encouraged to participate in one or more ministry committees in the new year. Please visit the table in the lobby in order to sign up. There are six options: Grief & Mercy, Prayer, New Members, Widows, Fellowship, and Meals to New Moms. Please prayerfully consider which ministry you would like to serve—you will definitely be blessed!



**SVC Women:** Our annual Christmas Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 3, at 11:30 a.m. at the Junior League of Nashville (2202 Crestmoor Road). Candy Christmas, founder of The Bridge Ministry, will be our guest speaker. She will be accompanied by her daughter, Jasmine Sunshine Brady, who will be our musical guest. Our mission emphasis for this event will be The Bridge Ministry which serves the homeless. Each woman is invited to bring a new, unwrapped toy for the children that Candy serves. Lunch will be provided by The Calypso Cafe for \$12/person. Sign up in the lobby or on the church website. Please RSVP by Monday, November 25.



**Advent Dinner:** Make plans to be with us on Thursday, December 12, at 6:00 p.m. for our annual Advent Dinner at the Richland Country Club. We look forward to excellent food, delightful fellowship, and the ministry of the Nashville Singers at this happy celebration. The suggested donation is \$55 per person. Please make your reservation on the church website.

– THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR –

Today, 8:20 a.m.	Officers’ prayer meeting, Room 18
Today, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
Today, 10:00 a.m.	Worship service
Today, 2:00 p.m.	GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays (at the home of Vernon Prevatt)
Monday, 9:00 a.m.	Sabbatical Search Career Group, Panera Bread at Green Hills Mall
Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.	Sweet Half Hour of Prayer, 5031 Hillsboro Pike, in the St. Paul Chapel, first floor
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.	Choir rehearsal (Julia Green auditorium)

**ELDERS**

<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Emeritus</u>
*Mike Bishop	*John Avery	*Keith Day	Joe Eades
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		William Tice	
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*\* denotes Council member*

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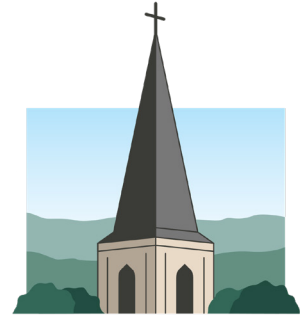
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