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“Who is a God like You, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of His inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.”

– Micah 7:18

February 2, 2020 Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

God Calls Us to Worship

Welcome

Prelude Amazing Grace setting by M. Michael
Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

Call to Worship

* Hymn Praise Ye, Praise Ye the Lord COLUMBIA

**Praise ye, praise ye the Lord in yonder heav’nly height;
Ye angels, all His hosts, in joyful praise unite;
O sun and moon, declare His might, show forth His praise, ye stars of light.**

**Praise Him, ye highest heav’ns, praise Him ye clouds that roll,
Created by His pow’r and under His control,
Ye heav’ns that stand eternally, established by His firm decree.**

**Ye creatures in the sea and creatures on the earth,
Your mighty Maker praise and tell His matchless worth;
Praise Him, ye stormy winds that blow, ye fire and hail, ye rain and snow.**

**Ye hills and mountains, praise, each tree and beast and bird;
Ye kings and realms of earth, now let your praise be heard;
By high and low, by young and old, be all His praise and glory told.**

**By all let God be praised, for He alone is great;
Above the earth and heav’n He reigns in glorious state;
Praise Him, ye saints, who know His grace and ever dwell before His face.**

* Prayer of Adoration Pastor Heath Cross

God Calls Us to Repent

Old Testament Reading Zephaniah 3:14–17
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

General Prayer of Confession

Our Father in heaven, we bow before You as unworthy sinners who deserve Your wrath and displeasure. You have saved us, but we are prone to wander. You have loved us but we often forget Your love and turn from You. We desire to please and serve You, but our flesh is weak. Have mercy upon us. Cleanse us and renew us by Your Spirit. Take away our love of sinning and complete the good work You have begun in us, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

* Catechism Response Heidelberg Catechism

Q. How are you righteous before God?

A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. In spite of the fact that my conscience accuses me that I have grievously sinned against all the commandments of God, and have not kept any of them, and that I am still ever prone to all that is evil, nevertheless, God, without any merit of my own, out of pure grace, grants me the benefits of the perfect expiation of Christ, imputing to me His righteousness and holiness as if I had never committed a single sin or had ever been sinful, having fulfilled myself all the obedience which Christ has carried out in me, if only I accept such favor with a trusting heart.

* Hymn Before the Throne of God Above Bancroft/Cook

**Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great high priest Whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands; my name is written on His heart,
I know that while in heav’n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.**

**When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free,
For God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.**

**Behold Him there, the Risen Lamb. My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased with His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.**

God Calls Us to Give and Serve

God’s Tithe and Our Offerings

Anthem Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing Young
Stephens Valley Church Choir

Now let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer’s praise; that we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise. Sing alleluia! All ye servants of the Lord, praise Him forever, sing Jehovah’s mighty pow’r, praise Him forever, sing of His righteousness.

* Presentation of Gifts HAMBURG
**Were the whole realm of nature mine that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**
(Children ages 4–6 may be dismissed to Children’s Church, room #38.)

* Prayer of Dedication

God Calls Us to Study His Word

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson Luke 15:1–24
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 Alive Again Pastor Jim Bachmann

Prayer of Supplication

God Calls Us to His Table

Words of Institution

Breaking the Bread Softly and Tenderly arr. German
Mr. David German, piano

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.**

**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 Nimrod Elgar, arr. W. H. Harris
Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

* congregation standing

– ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Greetings: We welcome you to our time of worship and invite you to join us in the school cafeteria for refreshments and fellowship after the service!

Congratulations to Clarence and Susan Sutherland who celebrated 50 years of marriage on Friday, January 24!

Ukraine Mission Trip: Immediately following the service today, Alva Wolfe and Terry Warren are hosting an informational meeting about a service opportunity in Ukraine this summer. The mission will focus on ministering to unchurched teenagers. If you are even remotely interested, please come to this meeting. It will be held at the south end of the cafeteria and will be no more than 30 minutes.

“Marks of an Effective Church”: Join us as we welcome Alistair Begg March 28-29! Please note the tentative schedule:

Saturday, March 28, 7:00 p.m.–Service with refreshments to follow
Sunday, March 29, 9:30 a.m.–Combined adult Sunday School classes
10:40 a.m.–Worship service
5:30 p.m.–Casual dinner
6:30 p.m.–Service with music by Keith and Kristyn Getty

New adult Sunday School class: The critical question “Who is Jesus?” is difficult to answer properly, as it is often confused with “Who do I want Jesus to be?” It is the “whole” of Scripture that describes Him, and Revelation gives us a unique perspective. Beginning next Sunday, February 9, join Danny Hale during the Sunday School hour as he leads “Revelation: He who would be King.” The class will meet in Room 37.



Thursday, February 27

11:30 a.m. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
with Bellevue Harpeth Chamber of Commerce

Sunday, March 1

9:30 a.m. Sunday School (new time!)
10:40 a.m. Opening Worship Service (new time!)

Friday, March 6

Celebration Dinner*
6:00 p.m. Doors open
6:30 p.m. Food is served

**There is no cost for this event and nursery will be provided.*

Make your reservations on the church website or by calling the church office.

Saturday, March 7

Open House
2:00–5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 8

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:40 a.m. Dedication service

Open House volunteers: We are in need of volunteers to serve as greeters and tour guides for 1-hour shifts at our Open House. If you are willing to participate, please contact Deena Russell.

Pictures & Videos: If you have any pictures and/or videos of church activities or worship services over the last three years, please send them to Angie in the church office (angiet@stephensvalleychurch.com). Thanks in advance for your assistance!

SVC Women's Spring Bible Study: We are pleased to announce that, beginning Tuesday, March 10, our groups will permanently move to the church where Pastor Heath Cross will be leading a large group discussion after small group sessions. It's not too late to sign up for our study of 1-2 Thessalonians, Living the Gospel to the End by Kathleen Nielson, which begins this Tuesday, February 4, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. through April 7.

Ladies Night Out: All women are invited to BUNCO BASH! Please join us for fellowship, food and a Bunco tournament on Friday, February 21, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Andrea Hickok. Young women of the church ages 5 and up are encouraged to attend and fellowship with us. Our mission emphasis is Rest Stop Ministries, a non-profit organization in Nashville dedicated to restoring female survivors of domestic sex trafficking. Please bring items to stock their pantry. To RSVP, visit the table in the lobby.

Widows' Ministry: The Widows' Ministry is looking for a few more volunteers to serve on the committee. Please contact Diane Dorsa if you are interested.

SVC Women's Prayer Ministry: The Prayer Ministry team (which prays for our church members) needs a few more prayer partner volunteers. If you are interested, contact Alva Wolfe.

– 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
Monday, 9:00 a.m.	Sabbatical Search Career Group, Panera Bread at Green Hills Mall
Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.	SVC Women Bible Studies
Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.	Sweet Half Hour of Prayer, 5031 Hillsboro Pike, in the St. Paul Chapel, first floor
Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.	Building Committee meeting (6000 Pasquo Rd.)
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.	Choir rehearsal (Julia Green auditorium)
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	SVC Men's Bible Study (Corner Pub, 8058 Hwy 100)

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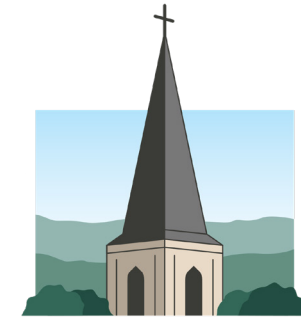
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