

"Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!"

Prelude	Ah, Dearest Jesus Ms. Lisa Barry, organ	Held
Welcome		
Call to Worship		
* Hymn of Praise	Holy, Holy, Holy!	NICAEA
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!		
Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.		
Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see, Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.		
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.		

* Prayer of Adoration

"...but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more."

Old Testament Lesson	Exodus 3:7-15
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!	
General Prayer of Confession Almighty God our Heavenly Father, in Whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts, cleanse us, we beseech You, from all our offenses and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with lowliness and meekness we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	
Silent Prayers of Confession	

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	Though Troubles Assail Us JOANNA
Though troubles assail us and dangers affright, Though friends should all fail us and foes all unite, Yet one thing secures us, whatever betide, The promise assures us, “The Lord will provide.”	
The birds, without garner or storehouse, are fed; From them let us learn to trust God for our bread. His saints what is fitting shall ne’er be denied So long as ’tis written, “The Lord will provide.”	
When Satan assails us to stop up our path, And courage all fails us, we triumph by faith. He cannot take from us, though oft he has tried, This heart-cheering promise, “The Lord will provide.”	
No strength of our own and no goodness we claim; Yet, since we have known of the Savior’s great name, In this our strong tower for safety we hide: The Lord is our power, “The Lord will provide.”	

Introduction of New Members
Deryl and Phyllis Bauman
Linda Faulkner
Solana Taylor

Membership Vows
Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure and without hope save for His sovereign mercy?
Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the gospel?
Do you resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
Do you promise to support the worship and work of the church to the best of your ability?
Do you respect the government and discipline of the church and promise to promote its purity and peace?

* 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 Thanksgiving and Intercession

"Honor the Lord with your wealth..."

God's Tithe and Our Offerings		
Anthem	Be Still, My Soul	arr. German
Stephens Valley Church Choir		
Ms. Ana Manning, piano, and Ms. Lisa Barry, organ		
Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain. Leave to your God to order and provide; in ev'ry change He faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end. Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart, and all is darkened in the vale of tears, then shall you better know His love, His heart, who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears. Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay from His own fullness all He takes away. Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on when we shall be forever with the Lord, when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.		

"For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword..."

Prayer for Illumination		
Gospel Lesson		Mark 14:53-65
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	"Are You the Christ?"	Pastor Jim Bachmann
Prayer of Supplication		

"The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?"

Words of Institution		
Breaking the Bread	Land of Rest Ms. Lisa Barry, organ	Proulx
Sharing the Cup		
* Hymn	O Love of God, How Strong and True	JERUSALEM (PARRY)
O love of God, how strong and true, eternal and yet ever new, Uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought! O love of God, how deep and great, far deeper than man's deepest hate; Self-fed, self-kindled like the light, changeless, eternal, infinite.		

**We read You best in Him who came to bear for us the cross of shame;
Sent by the Father from on high, our life to live, our death to die.
We read Your pow'r to bless and save, e'en in the darkness of the grave;
Still more in resurrection light we read the fullness of Your might.**

**O love of God, our shield and stay through all the perils of our way!
Eternal love, in You we rest, forever safe, forever blest.
We will exalt You, God and King, and we will ever praise Your name;
We will extol You ev'ry day, and evermore Your praise proclaim.**

* Benediction

* Postlude

Jerusalem
Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

Parry

* congregation standing

– ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Welcome: We warmly welcome everyone to our service this morning. If you are visiting today, you are encouraged to stop by and meet one of our pastors in the lobby after the service.

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.

IN MEMORIAM

Alan Jackson McCracken

December 20, 1945—March 8, 2021

Sympathy: We express our sympathy to Jean McCracken in the loss of her husband, and to Karen Gordon due to the recent passing of her father.

Wednesday Night Bible Study and Dinner: Make your reservations TODAY to attend dinner and Bible study this Wednesday, March 17, at 5:15 p.m. The cost is \$10/person with a cap of \$30/family. Reservations are required and can be made through the church website. The menu for 3/17 is marinated sliced pork loin, mashed potatoes, green beans, Southwestern green salad, cornbread, and banana pudding.

Pictures: In order to populate the online church directory, we need to take your picture. Look for Deena Russell in the lobby over the next several weeks. She will take your picture and the church office will upload it to the directory. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Holy Week: Make plans now to join us for our special Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services, April 1 and 2. Both services will begin at 7:00 p.m. Nursery will be provided.

The Council has called a corporation meeting for Sunday, April 11, immediately following the worship service to amend Article IV, Section 3 of our by-laws in the following manner: "The terms of the members of the Council shall be staggered. There shall be three (3) relatively equal classes serving three (3) years each. The

– THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR –

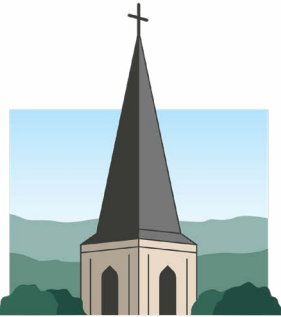
Today, 9:00 a.m.	Officers' Prayer Time
Today, 9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
Today, 10:40 a.m.	Worship service
Today, 3:00 p.m.	Joint Elder/Deacon meeting (Café)
Today, 3:00 p.m.	DivorceCare (online via Zoom)
Today, 5:00 p.m.	GriefShare (online via Zoom)
Monday, 9:00 a.m.	Sabbatical Search Career Group
Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.	SVC Women's Bible Study leaders (Rutherford Room)
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, 4:30 p.m.	Prayer Time (Room 201A)
Wednesday, 5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner
Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.	Wednesday Night Bible Study
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	SVC Men's Bible Study (Café)

classes will be ordered in such a way that one third of the Council membership completes a term of service each year. *Elders in their first year of service are not eligible to serve on the Council.* Following a completed term of service on the Council the members of that class will ~~take a one (1) year sabbatical.~~ During ~~the sabbatical year the Elder will~~ be in reserve and will not be required to attend Council meetings although he may attend Council meetings and be heard regarding any item of business or discussion. He may, however, continue service on Council committees *while in reserve during his sabbatical year* as may be mutually agreed upon between the Elder and the Council." Please speak to one of our pastors or your shepherding elder if you have any questions.

Financial Update

Weekly Offering Needed	\$35,164
March 7 General Fund Offering	\$49,707
Total March General Fund Offering	\$49,707
Current 2021 General Fund Deficit	\$98,897
March 7 Building Fund received	\$101,350
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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.



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