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"If we endure, we will also reign with Him; if we deny Him, He also will deny us; if we are faithless, He remains faithful—for He cannot deny Himself."

– 2 Timothy 2:12–13

March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:40 a.m.

"The LORD is good to those who wait for Him,
to the soul who seeks Him."

Prelude

Calvary—Every Time I Think About Jesus
Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

Billingham

Welcome

* Responsive Call to Worship

Lamentations 3:22–25, 40–41

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
His mercies never come to an end;
They are new every morning;
Great is Your faithfulness.
"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in Him."
The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him.
Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the LORD!
Let us lift up our hearts and hands to God in heaven.

* Hymn of Praise

Come, Thou Almighty King

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Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise. Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend. Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy Word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour. Thou Who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

* Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q4. What is God?
A. **God is a spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth.**
Q5. Are there more gods than one?
A. **There is but one only, the living and true God.**
Q6. How many persons are there in the godhead?
A. **There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.**

Congregational Response

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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.

* Prayer of Adoration

"Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the LORD!"

Old Testament Lesson

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Job 1:6–12

General Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we are sinners. We confess that we have denied You many times in thought, speech, and action. We confess that we are prone to wander. Without the intercession of our Savior, Satan would sift us like wheat. Yet, we do not tremble before the tempter, because Jesus Christ is our Mediator. Forgive us, cleanse us, and renew us. Bind our wandering hearts to Thee. For we ask this in Christ's name. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Prayer of Intercession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastor Jim Bachmann

* Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

Oh to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy court's above.

"The LORD is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in Him.'"

God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Anthem

Honor and Glory

Bach

Stephens Valley Church Choir

Honor and glory be to God in the highest. Hallelujah! Sing praises to His name!

"The LORD has done what He purposed; He has carried out His word."

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson

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.

Mark 14:66-72

Sermon

When the Center Doesn't Hold

Pastor Heath Cross

Prayer of Supplication

"They trade their treasures for food
to revive their strength."

Words of Institution

Breaking the Bread

O Rest in the Lord

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

Setchell

Sharing the Cup

* Hymn

Arise, My Soul, Arise

LENOX

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:
Before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,
His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead;
His blood atoned for ev'ry race, His blood atoned for ev'ry race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled, His pard'ning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

* Benediction

* Postlude

Come, Thou Almighty King

Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

Carlson

* congregation standing

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.

Sign In: We ask that everyone register their attendance this morning by signing the black attendance booklets available on the tables in the vestibule. For our virtual attenders, you will find a link to our virtual attendance pad underneath the video.

Share and Subscribe: Please forward our YouTube worship service video to people who may be interested. Simply click on the word "share" under the video. You will have the option to share the video by email, Twitter, Facebook, and more. We also encourage you to subscribe to our YouTube channel if you have not already done so. Just click on the "subscribe" link.

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.

Wednesday Night Bible Study and Dinner: This Wednesday, March 24, is our last Wednesday night Bible study and dinner. Make your reservations TODAY to attend dinner 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 3/24 is BBQ chicken breast, apple coleslaw, mashed potatoes, green beans with bacon vinaigrette, biscuits, and banana pudding. The Bible study begins at 6:00 p.m.

Pictures: We have obtained a lot of new and updated pictures for our online church directory. Thank you! If you have not had your picture taken by Deena Russell, please look for her in the lobby today.

Holy Week: Make plans to join us for our special services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Both services begin at 7:00 p.m. A nursery will be provided for ages 0-3 and reservations are required in advance. Please call the church office.

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 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, but he is not eligible to vote. 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.

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.

- Today, 9:00 a.m.

Today, 9:30 a.m.

Today, 10:40 a.m.

Today, 3:00 p.m.

Today, 5:00 p.m.

Monday, 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 5:15 p.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, 9:00 a.m.
- Officers' Prayer Time

Sunday School for all ages

Worship service

DivorceCare (online via Zoom)

GriefShare (online via Zoom)

Sabbatical Search Career Group

SVC Women's Bible Study leaders (Rutherford Room)

SVC Women's Bible Study

Sweet Half Hour of Prayer (St. Paul Chapel, first floor)

Prayer Time (Room 201A)

Wednesday Night Dinner

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Choir rehearsal

SVC Men's Bible Study (Café)

Financial Update

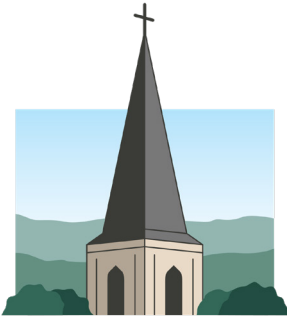
Weekly Offering Needed	\$35,164
March 14 General Fund Offering	\$121,786
Total March General Fund Offering	\$171,493
Current 2021 General Fund Surplus	\$2,268
March 14 Building Fund received	\$17,500
March Building Fund received	\$118,850

Our Missionaries

- African Christian Training Institute
- Chosen People Ministries
- Larry and Mary Warren–Leadership International
- Paul and Rachel Snider–MK2MK
- David and Robin Dillard–Servant Group International
- Peter and Gracie Rosenberger–Standing With Hope
- Trans World Radio–Multimedia evangelism
- Radooga–Ukraine
- Voice of the Martyrs–supporting persecuted Christians
- Andy and Bev Warren–Ethiopia, Africa
- Confex and Mwai Makhilira–Malawi, Africa
- Pete and Ruth Mitchell–France
- Dr. Nabil Costa–MEBO–Lebanon
- Ale and Lynn Aho–Tonga
- Matt and Deborah Stanghelle–Norway
- Perry and Betty Husemann–Southern Europe
- Guy and EJ–East Asia (sensitive area)
- Lewis and Elsbeth Codington–Korea

SVC Missions Committee

- Bill Kenny, chairman
- Dick Speece, vice-chairman
- Dick Baxter
- Lisa Hanley
- Tammi Hollis
- Tom Smith
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