

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD		
"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." <div>– Galatians 6:9</div>		
April 18, 2021	Morning Worship	10:40 a.m.
God Calls Us to Worship		
Prelude	Faithfulness Ms. Lisa Barry, organ	Carlson
Welcome		
Call to Worship		
* Responsive Call to Worship	Psalm 103:1-4,19, 22 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy. The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all. Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!	
* Hymn of Praise	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	LOBE DEN HERREN
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near, Join me in glad adoration.		
Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth, Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e’er have been Granted in what He ordaineth?		
Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee! Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee; Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, If with His love He befriend thee.		
Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee, Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not He brought thee relief, Spreading His wings to o’ershade thee!		
* Affirmation of Faith	Heidelberg Catechism Q27. What do you understand by the providence of God? A. The almighty and ever present power of God by which God upholds, as with His hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but by His fatherly hand.	

* Congregational Response		LOBE DEN HERREN
Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him! Let the amen sound from His people again; Gladly fore'er we adore Him.		
* Prayer of Adoration		
We Confess Our Sins		
New Testament Lesson	Revelation 14:12-13	
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!		
General Prayer of Confession		
Our God and our Father, while You call us to endure in faith and obedience, our weakness and sin often makes us feel that we cannot. While You promise that our good deeds will follow us, our consciences often feel that it is our bad deeds that follow us. We confess our weakness and sin. We ask that You would forgive us, cleanse us, renew us, and strengthen us so that we may endure in faith and good deeds. We ask this in Christ's name. Amen.		
Silent Prayers of Confession		
Assurance of Pardon		Mr. David German
* Hymn	God Moves in a Mysterious Way	DUNDEE
God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform. He plants His footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm.		
Deep in unfathomable mines of never-failing skill, He treasures up His bright designs, and works His sovereign will.		
Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds ye so much dread Are big with mercy, and shall break in blessings on your head.		
Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust Him for His grace; Behind a frowning providence He hides a smiling face.		
His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding ev'ry hour; The bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flow'r.		
Blind unbelief is sure to err and scan His work in vain; God is His own interpreter and He will make it plain.		
God Calls Us to Give and Serve		
God's Tithe and Our Offerings		
Anthem	Awake, My Soul, Give Thanks and Sing	Boersma, Courtney Stephens Valley Church Choir
Awake, my soul, give thanks and sing hymns of praise to God the King. With voice and instrument declare that God will hear our fervent prayer. Alleluia. Great God of wisdom, pow'r and might, of boundless love and glory bright. O God, of everlasting grace, tune my heart to sing Your praise. Beneath the shadow of His wings, my soul is safe, my spirit sings; for from His throne exalted high, God has heard His servant's cry.		

The Word of God Is Proclaimed		
Prayer for Illumination		
Old Testament 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.		
Sermon	A Child's Greatest Fear	Pastor Heath Cross
Prayer of Supplication		
God Invites Us to His Table and Dismisses Us in Peace		
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Words of Institution		
Breaking the Bread	I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light Ms. Lisa Barry, organ	Biery
Sharing the Cup		
* Hymn	Jesus Is Lord	Getty & Townend
		
* Benediction		
* Postlude	Praise to the Lord the Almighty Ms. Lisa Barry, organ	arr. Micheelsen
* congregation standing		

– ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Welcome: We warmly welcome everyone to our service this morning and wish you a joyful time of worship! In particular we welcome our visitors and encourage you to stop by and meet our pastors if you have not already done so. The pastors will be greeting in the lobby and available to answer any questions you may have.

COVID protocol: Please be advised that the Rutherford Room is a “mask required” room. Worshipers who prefer to sit in the Rutherford Room or the Solid Rock Café will not pass offering plates, attendance pads, or communion trays. The plates and pads will be available in the room and communion will be served by an usher. If you need assistance or directions, please speak to one of our ushers.

Thank You: "The warm expressions of condolence and encouragement from our Stephens Valley Church family during my mom's illness late last year, and following her death February 24th, were a heavenly comfort for our family. Thank you all for your love and support during a difficult time. The Lord's tenderness expressed through His people has truly been a soothing balm for our souls."—John and Sarah Avery

Thank You: "Thank you for your prayers and cards with such beautiful messages. You are the angels that the Lord sent to help me through such a difficult period of my life. Love and blessings."—Patsy Potter

Starting Point: All visitors are invited and encouraged to attend our Starting Point class taught by Pastor Jim. The class will meet for the next five weeks through May 16 at 9:30 a.m. in the conference area of the office suite. Greeters will be happy to direct you when you arrive.

Choir: Spring is a wonderful time to add your voice to our growing choir. We have plenty of room for more singers and invite you to check us out on Wednesday evening from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the choir room. It's a great place to serve the Lord and make some new friends. For more information, contact David German.

SVC Nursery needs: We have assembled a list of items that would be useful in building our ministry to the children who attend SVC. Please consider purchasing an item from our Amazon Gift List, making a contribution with a Visa gift card, or with a gift card to Amazon or Target. For more information, contact Anita Murphy (anitam@stephensvalleychurch.com).

Mediterranean Study Cruise: Ligonier Ministries is sponsoring a study cruise of Greece, Turkey, Israel, and Cyprus aboard the Celebrity Apex October 17-29, 2022. Speakers include Steven Lawson, Robert Godfrey, and Burk Parsons. For further information, contact the church office.

Financial Update

Weekly Offering Needed	\$35,164
April 11 General Fund Offering	\$63,619
Total April General Fund Offering	\$104,139
Current 2021 General Fund Deficit	\$1,288
April 11 Building Fund received	\$3,315
April Building Fund received	\$7,175

– 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
Monday, 9:00 a.m.	Sabbatical Search Career Group
Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.	Sweet Half Hour of Prayer (St. Paul Chapel, first floor)
Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Thursday, 10:00 a.m.	SVC Women's Prayer Shawl meeting (Rutherford Room)

SVC COUNCIL

Pastor Jim Bachmann, Moderator
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Terry Warren		Tom Smith

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Mike Miller, William Tice

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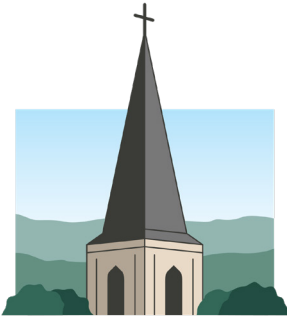
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Stephens Valley Church (SVC) cleans regularly with products designed specifically to neutralize COVID-19, including weekly cleaning of all public spaces used during worship, and more frequent cleaning of common areas used intermittently during the 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.