#### ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

"There are six things that the LORD hates, seven that are an abomination to Him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers."

– Proverbs 6:16–19

Lovelace

April 24, 2022 Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.

## "I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord forever; with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations."

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude When I Survey

Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

Call to Worship

\* Hymn #92 When Morning Gilds the Skies LAUDES DOMINI

# "For You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon You."

**New Testament Lesson** 

James 1:12-15

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Catechism Lesson Heidelberg Catechism

Q. What is required in the 9th commandment?

- A. That I do not bear false witness against anyone, twist anyone's words, be a gossip or a slanderer, or condemn anyone lightly without a hearing. Rather, I am required to avoid, under penalty of God's wrath, all lying and deceit as the works of the devil himself. In judicial and all other matters I am to love the truth, and to speak and confess it honestly. Indeed, insofar as I am able, I am to defend and promote my neighbor's good name.
- Q. What is required in the tenth commandment?
- A. That there should never enter our heart even the least inclination or thought contrary to any commandment of God, but that we should always hate sin with our whole heart and find satisfaction and joy in all righteousness.

### General Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we humbly seek Your mercy for our many sins. Forgive us for every thought, word, deed, desire, or motive that has been contrary to Your will, dishonored Your name, and injured our fellow man. We confess that we are unworthy of Your grace and favor. But we also know, O Lord, that You delight to show mercy and abundantly pardon contrite sinners. Grant us the full measure of Your love, mercy, peace, and contentment that we may be pardoned of our many sins and henceforth eagerly pursue that which glorifies You and edifies our neighbor, through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness Pastor Heath Cross

\* Hymn #66 This Is My Father's World TERRA BEATA

## "I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God that cost me nothing."

God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Anthem When I Survey the Wondrous Cross arr. Martin
Stephens Valley Church Choir

Dr. Dan Russell, Director

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood. See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? 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! Amen!

\* Presentation of Gifts

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Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One, O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\* Prayer of Dedication

## "I have stored up Your word in my heart, that I might not sin against You."

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

1 Kings 21:1–16

Pastor Jim Bachmann

All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field.

All for a Garden

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.

Prayer of Supplication

Sermon

# "Let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price."

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Words of Institution

Breaking the Bread I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say Bolduc

Miss Ana Manning, solo and piano

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon My breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found Him in a resting place, and He has made me glad. I will rest, I will rest in, I will rest in You. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him. I will rest, I will rest in, I will rest in You.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; look unto Me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done. I will rest, I will rest in, I will rest in You.

Sharing the Cup

\* Hymn #429 The Solid Rock SOLID ROCK

\* Benediction

\* Postlude When Morning Gilds the Skies Lind Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

\* Congregation standing

**YouTube:** All of our services, women's Bible studies, and choral music are posted on YouTube. Go to stephensvalleychurch.com and click on "Watch our Sunday worship service." This will take you to the church's YouTube channel. Once there, click on "Uploads" underneath the video of Pastor Heath.

## Weekly Bible Studies

**Stephens Valley Men's Breakfast and Bible Study:** Mike Bishop and John Avery lead this study on Romans on Tuesdays from 6:30–7:30 a.m. in the Solid Rock Café. Breakfast is provided. We finish promptly at 7:30 so you can make it to work on time.



**SVC Women's Summer Bible Study:** Join us Tuesdays, May 3–24 from 10:00–11:00 a.m. as Krin Valentine leads a study of Titus and Tuesdays, June 7–July 26 from 10:00–11:30 a.m. for a study of The Beatitudes by John Stott. There is no registration for the Titus study; online registration for The Beatitudes study opens next week. Childcare available for both studies with reservation at stephensvalleychurch.com.

**SVC Men's Bible Study:** Craig Valentine facilitates a Bible study on the Ten Commandments on Fridays from 9:00–10:00 a.m. in the church lobby.

<sup>\*</sup> Prayer of Adoration

#### - ANNOUNCEMENTS -

**Welcome** to our time of worship today! We gladly welcome everyone and give thanks for our time together as we glorify our risen King. If you are a visitor and have any questions about the church, our pastors will be available in the lobby after the service. If anyone desires prayer for personal or family needs, an elder will be available in the Rutherford Room at the conclusion of our worship. May the joy of the Lord be our strength!

**Thank You!** Heartfelt thanks from the Children's Ministry staff for the many member volunteers, elders, and deacons of Stephens Valley Church who participated in our inaugural Easter Egg Hunt. More than 200 visitors, children, and members of our church family attended this fun event and were the recipients of your gifts of Easter eggs, prizes, food, and fellowship. Acts 2:47 — **Denise Daniels** 

New Sunday School Series, The Christ of the Covenants, Starts Today: In this series, Pastor Heath will use O. Palmer Robertson's book, *The Christ of the Covenants*, as a guide for exploring covenant theology, the gospel, and counterclaims to covenant theology. The series will also focus on practical applications for life that rise from God's dealing with His people through covenants.

**Starting Point:** Pastor Jim's Starting Point class for visitors continues on Sundays through May 8 in the office suite conference area, 9:30–10:15 a.m.

**Sweet Hour of Prayer:** Join us for prayer for our church, nation, and world on Tuesdays from 4:00–5:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Senior Living (5031 Hillsboro Pike, Nashville, 37215); led by Elder Dick Speece. Whether you prefer to pray aloud or silently, you are invited to join us for this special time of prayer.



**SVC Women's Fellowship Game Night:** All women are invited to join us on Thursday, April 28, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. at Adair Shanks's house (4206 Estes Road, Nashville, 37215). Bring a friend and come for supper, fellowship, and games. Register in the lobby today or online at stephensvalleychurch.com. A box supper is being catered, so we need you to register as soon as possible. Each lady is asked to bring an item for donation to Servant Group International who ministers to refugees in our community. This includes items such as dish soap, laundry soap, paper towels, toilet paper, personal items, etc. If you have any questions contact Vickie Cummings, Linda Lamb, Peggy Shackleford, or Pam Day.

#### - THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR -

Today, 9:00 a.m. Officers' Prayer Time
Today, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
Today, 10:15 a.m. Fellowship (Solid Rock Café)

Today, 10:40 a.m. Worship Service

Today, 12:00 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 6:30 a.m. Stephens Valley Men's Breakfast and Bible Study (Café) Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. Sweet Hour of Prayer (St. Paul Chapel, first floor)

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 6:00 p.m. SVC Women's Fellowship Game Night

Friday, 9:00 a.m. SVC Men's Bible Study (Lobby)

## **Financial Update**

Average Weekly Offering Needed	\$40,305
April 17 General Fund Offering	\$46,244
Total April General Fund	\$117,008
FY 21–22 General Fund Surplus	+ \$69,768
Outstanding Loan Amount	\$8,557,391

#### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Birth-3 Years Old

Room 133

4 Years Old-1st Grade

**Room 131** 

2nd-5th Grade

Room 203

Studying the book of John

**6th Grade Catechism** 

Choir Room Office

Studying the Westminster Shorter Catechism

7th-12th Grade

Room 204

## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL LINEUP**

**Starting Point** 

Pastor Jim Bachmann | Office Suite Conference Room

Friends and Family Class

Bill Kenny | Room 201A Studying Colossians

Westminster Class

Pastor Heath Cross | Room 201B The Christ of the Covenants

**Geneva Class** 

Dr. David Lawrence | Rutherford Room
The Great Confrontation, Part I: The Woman, The Light, and The Law (John 7:53–8:20)



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