#### ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

"Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments."

– Joel 2:12–13a

May 22, 2022 Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.

# "And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing."

**Welcome and Announcements** 

Prelude What a Friend We Have in Jesus Hobby
Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

Call to Worship

\* Hymn #45 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven ANDREWS

## "Consider all my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins."

New Testament Lesson

2 Corinthians 7:5–10

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

#### **General Prayer of Confession**

Gracious Lord, we humbly seek Your forgiveness of our many sins. We regret that we have too often done what is right in our own eyes. We are sorry for the times we have lightly regarded our sin and profaned Your holiness. Have mercy upon us. Grant us deep repentance that we may mourn our sins and hereafter earnestly endeavor to do Your will and live according to Your word, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness Pastor Heath Cross

## "I will build My church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

**Introduction of New Members** 

## Membership Vows

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in 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 becometh the followers of Christ?

Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work 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

\* Hymn #324 O Church, Arise O CHURCH, ARISE

## "Bring an offering and come into His courts."

Missions Report Mr. Lee Ziady

God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory Lord, My Weak Thought in Vain Would Climb Palmer/arr. Lamb Mr. Travis Lamb, soloist

Lord, my weak thought in vain would climb to search the starry vault profound; In vain would wing her flight sublime to find creation's utmost bound. But weaker yet that thought must prove to search Thy great eternal plan, Thy sov'reign counsels, born of love long ages ere the world began.

Be this my joy, that evermore Thou rulest all things at Thy will; Thy sov'reign wisdom I adore, and calmly, sweetly, trust Thee still.

When my dim reason would demand why that, or this, Thou dost ordain, By some vast deep I seem to stand, whose secrets I must ask in vain.

When doubts disturb my troubled breast, and all is dark as night to me, Here, as on solid rock, I rest that so it seemeth good to Thee.

Presentation of Gifts

**REGENT SQUARE** 

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One, One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

\* Prayer of Dedication

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom..."

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

1 Kings 22:29-40

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 Random Shot

Pastor Jim Bachmann

Prayer of Supplication

## "I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord."

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Words of Institution

Breaking the Bread At the Name of Jesus Burkhardt
Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

Sharing the Cup

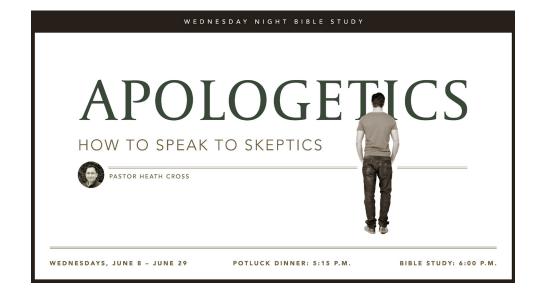
\* Hymn #265 Arise, My Soul, Arise LENOX

\* Benediction

\* Postlude Kingsfold Trumpet Fedak

Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

**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.



Wednesday Night Potluck Dinner and Bible Study: Join us Wednesdays,

June 8–29 for a potluck dinner and Bible study. Pastor Heath Cross will lead a study on "Apologetics: How To Speak to Skeptics." Dinner will be served from 5:15–6:00 p.m., and Bible study begins at 6:00. The church is providing the main entrée and drinks, and you are asked to bring a salad, side dish or dessert.

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

<sup>\*</sup> Congregation standing

#### - ANNOUNCEMENTS -

<u>Welcome</u> to our worship service this morning! We are glad to have you here as we lift our voices in praise to our Savior. Our pastors are available in the church lobby after the service if you would like to talk with them. An elder is available in the Rutherford Room after the service if you desire prayer.

**Thank You!** I want to thank all those who have sent me cards and e-mails and all manner of encouraging words! It has helped so much to hear that prayers have been spoken for me and my condition and offers have been made to help. I feel Stephens Valley must have the most loving and friendly congregation around. In Christian love,

#### **Connie Forehand**

**Ukraine Relief Offering:** We conclude our special offering for Ukraine relief today. If you want to make a donation, make your checks payable to Stephens Valley Church and place them in the baskets at the Information Desk. Our collection will then be forwarded to Oleg Vasilevsky/Radooga/Ukraine, Larry Warren/Leadership International/Africa, and Franklin Graham/Samaritan's Purse.

**Journeys with Dr. David Lawrence:** David has a new website to document his travels. David and his family are taking an upcoming cruise along the rivers of Europe, and he will share pictures and brief commentary from his trip. If you would like to get these updates emailed to you, you can subscribe to his blog at jdltn.com. Simply type your email address in the box on the homepage and click Subscribe.

**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 Community (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.

Knitting Class for Teens and Preteens: Come have some fun and learn to knit with your friends. Join us as we make squares for a Stephens Valley Church community prayer shawl. Make new friends and learn how God uses our creative talents to spread His Gospel. Class will be from 9:00–11:00 a.m. on June 6, 7, and 8 in the Café. Register in the lobby today or online at stephensvalleychurch.com.

### **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 Tuesday, May 24 from 10:00–11:00 a.m. as Krin Valentine concludes a study of Titus. Come early and meet in the Café for coffee, snacks, and fellowship at 9:45 a.m. and then remain in the Café as one group for lecture and discussion beginning at 10:15 a.m. On Tuesdays, June 7–July 26 join us from 10:00–11:30 a.m. for a study of The Beatitudes by John Stott. There is no registration for the Titus study; register for The Beatitudes study at stephensvalleychurch.com. Childcare available for both studies with online reservation.

**SVC Men's Bible Study:** Craig Valentine is facilitating a six-week Bible study on *The Strategy of Satan: How To Detect & Defeat Him* on Fridays from 9:00–10:00 a.m. in the church lobby.

#### - 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

Tuesday, 6:30 a.m. Stephens Valley Men's Breakfast and Bible Study (Café)

Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. SVC Women's Summer Bible Study: Titus

Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. Sweet Hour of Prayer (St. Paul Chapel, first floor)

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

## **Financial Update**

Average Weekly Offering Needed	\$43,374
May 15 General Fund Offering	\$23,133
Total May General Fund	\$116,855
FY 21–22 General Fund Surplus	+ \$35,797
Outstanding Loan Amount	\$8,519,644
Ukraine Relief Offering	\$5,434

#### **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 Life and Gospel of the Apostle John



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