

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

"For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere."
– Psalm 84:10

July 18, 2021 Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.

"Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord!"

Welcome

Prelude Zadok the Priest Handel
Ms. Angie Thomas, piano, and Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

Call to Worship

* Responsive Reading 1 Chronicles 16:8–10

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name;
Make known His deeds among the peoples!
Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;
Tell of all His wondrous works!
Glory in His holy name;
Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

* Hymn Sing Praise to the Lord! LAUDATE DOMINUM

**Sing praise to the Lord! Praise Him in the height;
Rejoice in His word, you angels of light.
You heavens, adore Him by whom you were made,
And worship before Him in brightness arrayed.**

**Sing praise to the Lord! Praise Him on the earth
In tuneful accord, you saints of new birth.
Praise Him who has brought you His grace from above;
Praise Him who has taught you to sing of His love.**

**Sing praise to the Lord! All things that give sound,
Each jubilant chord, re-echo around.
Loud organs, His glory tell forth in deep tone,
And trumpets, the story of what He has done.**

* 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.**

* Congregational Response

**Sing praise to the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
To Him be outpoured all ages along!
For love in creation, for heaven restored,
For grace of salvation, sing praise to the Lord!**

* Prayer of Adoration

Pastor Heath Cross

"The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save."

Gospel Lesson John 4:7–15

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

General Prayer of Confession

**Our gracious Heavenly Father, please forgive us of our many sins. We
regret our impure thoughts, words, deeds, and motives. We are sorry
for the times we have done what is right in our own eyes and grieved
Your Spirit. Take away our love of sinning and grant us zeal for Your
kingdom and passion for Your righteousness, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior. Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

* Hymn Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death Kauflin, Papa, Getty

**What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His
command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.**

**O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.**

**What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?**

**Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives! Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.**

**"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure pressed down,
shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For
with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."**

Missions Report Mr. Larry Warren
President, Leadership International

God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory Trust His Heart arr. Mason
Mrs. Mica Copeland, soloist, and Ms. Angie Thomas, piano

All things work for our good though sometimes we can't see how they could.
Troubles that break our hearts in two sometimes blind us to the truth.

Our Father knows what's best for us. His ways are not our own.
So when your pathway grows dim and you just can't see Him, remember He's still
on the throne.

God is too wise to be mistaken. God is too good to be unkind.
So when you don't understand, when you don't see His plan, when you can't
trace His hand, trust His heart.

He sees the master plan. He holds the future in His hand.
Don't live as those who have no hope. All our hope is found in Him.

We see the present clearly. He sees the first and last.
And like a tapestry, He's weaving you and me to someday be just like Him.

He alone is faithful and true. He alone knows what's best for you.

* Presentation of Gifts OLD HUNDREDT
**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.**

* Prayer of Dedication

**"Man does not live by bread alone but man lives by every
word that comes from the mouth of God."**

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 63:1–11
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 Soaring in the Sanctuary Pastor Jim Bachmann

Prayer of Supplication

**"Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of
the Lamb."**

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Words of Institution

Breaking the Bread On Eagle's Wings Joncas arr. Raabe
Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

Sharing the Cup

* Hymn O God Beyond All Praising THAXTED

**O God beyond all praising, we worship You today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word,
We honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.**

**Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know Your favor may serve You as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still:
To marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.**

* Benediction

* Postlude March from Scipio Handel
Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

* Congregation standing

– ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Welcome: Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We welcome everyone to our time of worship this morning. May the joy of the Lord be your strength as we sing our Lord's praises today. Visitors are encouraged to stop by and meet our pastors in the lobby after the service.

Cell Phones: Please silence all your electronic devices.

Sympathy: We express our deepest sympathy to Wendell and Lucy Goodman due to the recent passing of their daughter, Terry. A Celebration of Life service will be held next Saturday, July 24 at the Community Church in Hendersonville at 1:00 p.m. Following the service, everyone is invited to a reception at the Goodmans' home, 4630 Grays Point Road, Joelton, TN 37080.

SVC Parent's Day Out: Register your preschoolers, ages 1–4, for two days per week, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. E-mail Anita Murphy, SVC Director of Preschool Ministry, at anitam@stephensvalleychurch.com.

Starting Point: Visitors are invited and encouraged to attend Pastor Jim's Starting Point class in the office suite conference room through August 15. The class meets from 9:30–10:15 a.m. Greeters will be happy to direct you when you arrive.

Food, Fun, and Worship: Invite your friends to join us for a great time of food and fun following our worship service on Sunday, August 29. Our worship will again feature special music from our choir accompanied by brass, timpani, organ, and piano. Immediately afterward we will enjoy a delicious meal of fried or grilled catfish, hush puppies, slaw, and white beans. The church will provide free iced tea, lemonade, and water as well as ice cream and watermelon for dessert. A water slide, a slip and slide, and two bounce houses will be on the premises for the children and youth to enjoy! Kids should bring play clothes/swimsuit.

Early Morning Bible Study: Beginning Thursday, September 9, Mike Bishop will lead a Bible study on the book of Ephesians. The class will use a John Stott study guide as a reference but will focus on direct study and application of the Scripture. The group will meet from 6:30–7:30 a.m., and the study will last six weeks. If you are interested in attending, sign up in the lobby or contact Mike Bishop or the church office.

– THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR –

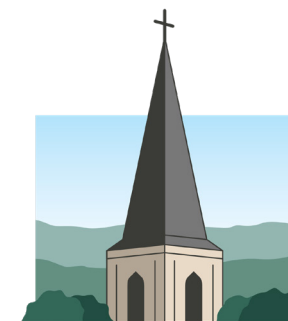
Today, 9:00 a.m.	Officers' Prayer Time
Today, 9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
Today, 10:40 a.m.	Worship Service
Today, 12:00 p.m.	SVC Missions Meeting
Today, 3:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Monday, 9:00 a.m.	Sabbatical Search Career Group
Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.	SVC Women's Bible Study
Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.	Sweet Half Hour of Prayer (St. Paul Chapel, first floor)
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	SVC Men's Bible Study (Café)

Financial Update

Average Weekly Offering Needed	\$40,305
July 11 General Fund Offering	\$38,125
Total July General Fund	\$64,256
FY 21–22 General Fund Deficit	\$18,354
Construction Loan to Refinance	\$8,650,000
Additional Construction Loan	\$1,091,172

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