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"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

– Isaiah 41:10

August 9, 2020	Morning Worship	10:40 a.m.
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"Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart."

Prelude	Christ is Made the Sure Foundation Ms. Lisa Barry, organ	Archer
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Welcome

Call to Worship

* Hymn	Come Thou Fount	NETTLETON
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**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, oh take and seal it, seal it for Thy court's above.**

* Prayer of Adoration

"The promise is for you and for your children..."

Sacrament of Baptism	Emma Peterson Manuel de Villena
Parental Vows	Jake and Ana Peterson

Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God's covenant promises on her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do your own?

Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with her and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive by all means of God's appointment to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Congregational Vows

Do you undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of their child?

Sprinkling of Water

Congregational Ministry	Give Thanks	Henry Smith
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**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son;
Repeat**

**And now, let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us."**

Repeat

Give thanks.

* Prayer of the Covenant

"Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him, and He will act. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday."

Gospel Lesson	Matthew 14:22–33
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!	

General Prayer of Confession

Almighty Father, we confess that, like Peter, we take our eyes off Christ when we need Him the most. We confess that when the storms are strongest our faith is sometimes weakest. We are prone to wander. Help us to trust Christ's promise that He will never leave us nor forsake us. Help us to believe that His hand is guiding us even when we feel alone. Help us to trust that behind every frowning providence, You hide a smiling face. For we ask this in Christ's name. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Prayer of Intercession

Assurance of Pardon	Pastor Jim Bachmann
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* Hymn	He Will Hold Me Fast	Merker
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**When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.**

**He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.**

**Those He saves are his delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.**

**For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight when He comes at last!**

"The righteous person gives generously."

God's Tithe and Our Offerings

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

"The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks justice."

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Lesson	Psalms 37:23–24
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	Getting Up When You Fall	Pastor Heath Cross
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Prayer of Supplication

"Mark the blameless and behold the upright, for there is a future for the man of peace."

Words of Institution

Breaking the Bread	The Lord's My Shepherd	Tambling
Ms. Lisa Barry, organ		

Sharing the Cup

* Hymn	How Firm a Foundation	FOUNDATION
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**How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
To You who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;**

**The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.**

**“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”**

* Benediction

* Postlude	Eternal Father, Strong to Save Ms. Lisa Barry, organ	Wold
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* congregation standing

– ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Greetings: We welcome you to our time of worship this morning! Please be sure to sign the fellowship pad while you are here or the virtual attendance pad later today by clicking on our YouTube service. We continue to observe the recommended social distancing guidelines and encourage everyone to wear a mask as a way of loving your neighbor.

Communion Protocol: At the appointed time, please approach the table down the center aisle. Two elders will be stationed in the cross aisle, in the middle of the fellowship hall to serve those sitting in the back. Two more will be stationed beside the communion table to serve those sitting in the front half. Communion trays will be half filled. Please do not touch any cup other than the one you select. Each "cup" will actually be two cups: one on the bottom with a bread wafer; the one on the top with juice. Take a pair, move toward the trash receptacles near the side aisle, partake of the elements there, and then dispose of your cups. Return to your seat down the side aisles where an offering plate will be available if you wish to make an offering. Plates are also available in the vestibules as you enter and exit the fellowship hall. If you are unable to come forward for communion, we will gladly bring the elements to you once everyone has been served.

Baptism: Here for the baptism of Emma Peterson Manuel de Villena, we welcome the following visitors: Antonio and Alicia Cerro (Spain), Garner and Stacy Cagle, Katy Peterson, Lorraine Peterson, Loukas Peterson, Paul Peterson, Rosemarie Peterson, and Darren Spann.

SVC Flower Guild: SVC now has a Flower Guild to oversee the placing of flowers for the worship service. If you wish to donate money to the Flower Guild, please indicate it in the memo line in your check. You may also choose to donate online. Be sure to select the Flower Guild fund. If you wish to donate flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, please contact Jerolyn Smith (jerolynsmith@gmail.com).

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. We have also restructured our communion, offering, and attendance pad process to avoid person to person handling. 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.

– THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR –

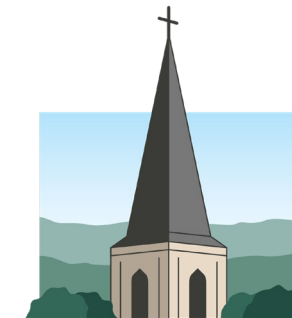
Today, 8:45 a.m.	Officers' Prayer Time
Today, 9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
Today, 10:40 a.m.	Worship service
Today, 3:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Today, 5:00 p.m.	DivorceCare (online via Zoom)
Monday, 9:00 a.m.	Sabbatical Search Career Group (Panera Bread on White Bridge Road)
Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.	Sweet Half Hour of Prayer (5031 Hillsboro Pike, in the St. Paul Chapel, first floor)
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.	GriefShare (online via Zoom)

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)
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