

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

"The LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling places of Jacob!"
– Psalm 87:2

August 30, 2020	Morning Worship	10:40 a.m.
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Please silence all electronic devices.

"All Your saints shall bless You."

Prelude	Processional on JOANNA Ms. Lisa Barry, organ	Carlson
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Welcome

* Responsive Call to Worship

Let the peoples praise You, O God,
Let all the peoples praise You!
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy;
Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
God, our God, shall bless us.
God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear Him!

* Hymn	Though Troubles Assail Us	JOANNA
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**Though troubles assail us and dangers affright,
Though friends should all fail us and foes all unite,
Yet one thing secures us, whatever betide,
The promise assures us, "The Lord will provide."**

**The birds, without garner or storehouse, are fed;
From them let us learn to trust God for our bread.
His saints what is fitting shall ne'er be denied
So long as 'tis written, "The Lord will provide."**

**When Satan assails us to stop up our path,
And courage all fails us, we triumph by faith.
He cannot take from us, though oft he has tried,
This heart-cheering promise, "The Lord will provide."**

**No strength of our own and no goodness we claim;
Yet, since we have known of the Savior's great name,
In this our strong tower for safety we hide:
The Lord is our power, "The Lord will provide."**

* Prayer of Adoration	Pastor Heath Cross
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"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son...."

New Testament Lesson	Acts 12:6–19
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This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

General Prayer of Confession

Our gracious God and Heavenly Father, have mercy upon us. All we like sheep have gone astray; none of us is righteous, not even one. Far too often we have done what is right in our own eyes contrary to Your holy word. Forgive us for our many sins, pardon our iniquity, and cleanse us of our unrighteousness through the blood of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

Introduction of New Members

Boots Barber	Tim Graef
Joe Barnes	Jonathan Low
Grace Blair	Jake and Ana Peterson
Laurie Bouchard	Brent and Patricia Roberts
Learohn and Marilyn Caldwell	Don and Nancy Wilkes

Membership Vows

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure and without hope save for 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 has 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 worship and work of the church 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
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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 for the Church

* Hymn	Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation	REGENT SQUARE
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**Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever and her confidence alone.**

**To this temple, where we call Thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today;
With Thy wonted loving kindness hear Thy people as they pray;
And Thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always.**

**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.**

**"...whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and
whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."**

God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory	Hosanna	Herman
	Mrs. Patricia Roberts, soloist	
	Mr. Brent Roberts, piano; Mr. Eli German, cello	

Hosanna in excelsis. Hosanna in the highest.

**"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of
eternal life..."**

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Lesson	Psalms 27:1–6
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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	"Shouts of Joy"	Pastor Jim Bachmann
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Prayer of Supplication

**"May I never boast except in the cross of our
Lord Jesus Christ..."**

Words of Institution

Breaking the Bread	I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	Biery
	Ms. Lisa Barry, organ	

Sharing the Cup

* Hymn	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	LOBE DEN HERREN
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**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!**

**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.**

* Benediction

* Postlude	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Ms. Lisa Barry, organ	Walther
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* congregation standing

– ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Greetings: We welcome you to our time of worship this morning! We ask you to observe the recommended social distancing guidelines and strongly encourage everyone to wear a mask. We are excited about our steady growth but realize we are nearing social-distancing capacity in our fellowship hall. If we exceed capacity, our café will be used for overflow. Elders will be the first to move. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sympathy: We express our sympathy to Bill Hardwick in the recent passing of his sister.

Starting Point: Pastor Jim will host a new 6-week Starting Point class September 20 through October 25 for visitors who are interested in learning more about the church and possibly becoming members. To sign up, please visit the church website.

Wednesday Night Bible Study: Join us this Wednesday evening for our series called "**Hot Button: Thinking Biblically About Some of the Most Controversial Issues of Our Time.**" Pastor Heath Cross will cover "hot button" issues Christians are facing today. A dinner will be served at 5:15 p.m.; the Bible study will begin at 6:00 p.m. Full safety precautions will be in place: social distancing, servers wearing masks and gloves, etc. Dinner reservations are closed for September 2. Our menu for September 9 will include turkey and cheddar cheese sandwiches, chips, raw veggies with ranch dressing, fruit cup and dessert. Reservations for dinner and childcare (ages 0-3) must be submitted through the church website by this Wednesday, September 2. The suggested donation for dinner is \$7/ person and \$25/family.

Sing in the choir! If you have been thinking about joining the choir, now is a great time to do so! Weekly choir rehearsals begin this Wednesday, September 2.

– 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, 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)
Wednesday, 5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner
Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.	Wednesday Night Bible Study
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	Church Office Closed

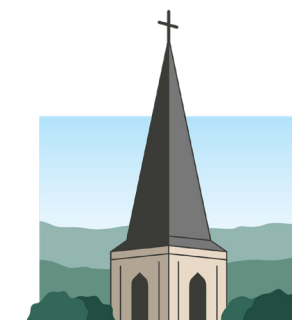
For more information, contact David German (dgerman@stephensvalleychurch.com).

SVC Women's Bible Study: Registration for the women's Bible study continues today in the lobby. We will be studying the book of Romans using John Stott's book entitled "Romans: Encountering the Gospel's Power" beginning Tuesday, September 15 through November 17 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Romans is vitally necessary for the spiritual health and insight of the Christian. Stott states, "Romans is a kind of Christian manifesto of freedom through Jesus Christ." After our small groups meet to go over the lesson, all groups will meet together and Pastor Heath Cross will teach us. Come join us for this exciting study at the church and also enjoy the fellowship of other women. We will be social distancing, encouraging the wearing of masks, and taking temperatures upon entering the church. If you are unable to attend, Pastor Heath's teaching will be streamed live through the church's YouTube channel beginning at 10:30 a.m.

SVC Men's Bible Study: Registration for the men's Bible study continues today in the lobby. We will continue our study/discussion of the Sermon on the Mount using Kent Hughes' commentary. We will meet on Fridays beginning September 11 through November 20 from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Books are available today for \$20 each. For more information, contact Craig Valentine (craigv@entrust4.org).

Bottled Water: The Nashville Rescue Mission is once again requesting donations of bottled water for the homeless and Aldi has agreed to help us meet the need. Today is the last Sunday to make a donation. Bring your check or cash donation to the table in the lobby on Sunday or mail a check to the church. Make your check to CASH or Stephens Valley Church with "bottled water donation" in the memo line. For more information, contact Prudy Nichol (prudynichol@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.



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