

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD		
“May I never boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.”		
– Galatians 6:14		
August 15, 2021	Morning Worship	10:40 a.m.

“Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord!”		
Welcome and Announcements		
Prelude	My Faith Look up to Thee Ms. Lisa Barry, organ	Osterland
Call to Worship		
* Hymn	Great Is Thy Faithfulness	FAITHFULNESS
Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.		
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided– Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.		
Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above, Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.		
Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!		
* Prayer of Adoration	Pastor Heath Cross	
“The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save.”		
Gospel Lesson	Luke 18:9–14	
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!		
Catechism Lesson	Shorter Catechism	
Q. What is repentance unto life? A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.		
General Prayer of Confession		
Our Father in heaven, we confess that we have sinned against You and are not worthy of Your grace and favor. Too often we have forgotten		

You and broken Your holy laws. Many times we have been wayward and disobedient, selfish and unkind. For the sake of Your dear Son, our Savior, we beseech You to pardon our sins, cleanse our hearts, save our souls, and grant us Your peace. Amen.		
Silent Prayers of Confession		
Assurance of Forgiveness		
* Hymn	There Is Power in the Blood	POWER IN THE BLOOD
Would you be free from the burden of sin? There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood; Would you o'er evil a victory win? There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.		
There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder-working pow'r In the blood of the Lamb; There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder-working pow'r In the precious blood of the Lamb.		
Would you be free from your passion and pride? There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood; Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide? There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.		
Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow? There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood; Sin-stains are lost in its life-giving flow; There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.		
Would you do service for Jesus your King? There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood; Would you live daily His praises to sing? There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.		
"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."		
God's Tithe and Our Offerings		
Anthem	There's a Wideness in God's Mercy Stephens Valley Church Choir	Bevan
There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in His justice which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heav'n; there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgement giv'n. For the love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. But we make His love too narrow by false limits of our own; and we magnify His strictness with a zeal He will not own. There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head. There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this; there is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss. If our love were but more simple, we should take Him at His word; and our lives would be all gladness in the joy of Christ our Lord.		
* Presentation of Gifts	HAMBURG	

* 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 51:1–19	
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	What the World Needs Now	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	Be Still My Soul	Sibelius arr. Setchell
Mr. David German, piano, and Ms. Lisa Barry, organ		
Sharing the Cup		
* Hymn	Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!	HYFRYDOL
Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul; Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.		
Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.		
Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him; Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my vict’ry wins.		
Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find; He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine.		
* Benediction		
* Postlude	Though Troubles Assail Us	Callahan
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. Visitors are encouraged to stop by and meet our pastors in the lobby after the service.

Cell Phones: Please silence all your electronic devices.

Road Improvements: Asphalt has been poured on the south end of Pasquo Road and will continue non-stop this week weather permitting. Please be advised that we may be required to detour from Sneed Road to Stephens Valley Drive to the south end of Pasquo for one or two Sundays. If that happens our north parking lot entrance will be closed, and all traffic must use the south parking lot entrance. We regret the possible inconvenience, but it will be well worth it in the very near future!

New Sunday School Series: Danny Hale is now teaching an eight-week series on the Book of Job entitled “Job: Where Shall Wisdom Be Found?” All are invited. The class meets in the Solid Rock Café.

Fun Fest: 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 (chicken tenders, barbecue dipping sauce, and applesauce for children 10 & under). 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. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children with a family cap of \$25. Register at stephensvalleychurch.com.

Wednesday Nights This Fall: Mark your calendars! August 25–October 13 we will meet in the Fellowship Hall for supper and Bible study. The Bible study series will begin with Dr. David Lawrence teaching two weeks on “Paradise Lost/Paradise Regained.” For the following six weeks, Pastor Heath will teach a series on the subject of “How to (Actually) Love Your Neighbor.” The meals will be catered and can be purchased through online registration at stephensvalleychurch.com.

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.

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

Ladies, the SVCWomen Fellowship event planned for September 10 has been cancelled.

SVC Women’s Fall Bible Study: Begins Tuesday, September 14, at 10:00 a.m. Childcare will be available with reservation. Register for childcare and study at stephensvalleychurch.com. Study books on Proverbs will be available for \$10 on August 22.

Chrismon Ornaments: All women are invited to bring a sack lunch and join us on Tuesday, September 28 immediately after Women’s Bible Study for an organizational meeting as we prepare to make Chrismon ornaments to decorate a church Christmas tree. All materials will be furnished, and no previous experience is needed.

– 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
Monday, 9:00 a.m.	Sabbatical Search Career Group
Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.	Sweet Half Hour of Prayer (St. Paul Chapel, first floor)
Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, 10:00 a.m.	SVC Women’s Prayer Shawl Ministry (Room 201A)
Friday, 4:30 p.m.	Michael Fleming & Debby McMillin Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday, 4:00 p.m.	Michael Fleming & Debby McMillin Wedding

Financial Update

Average Weekly Offering Needed	\$40,305
August 8 General Fund Offering	\$24,969
Total August General Fund	\$89,773
FY 21–22 General Fund Deficit	\$27,010
Construction Loan to Refinance	\$8,650,000
Additional Construction Loan	\$1,091,172

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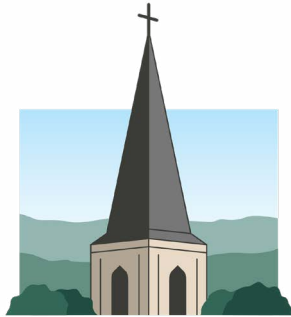
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