

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD		
“Come now, let us reason together,’ says the LORD, ‘though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall become like wool.” – Isaiah 1:18		
August 22, 2021	Morning Worship	10:40 a.m.

“Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord!”		
Welcome and Announcements		
Prelude	I Sing the Almighty Power of God Ms. Lisa Barry, organ	Phillips
Call to Worship		
* Responsive Praise	Psalm 19:1–6, 14 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork. <b>Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.</b> There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. <b>Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.</b> In them He has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. <b>Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.</b> <b>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.</b>	
* Hymn	I Sing the Almighty Power of God	FOREST GREEN
<b>I sing th’ almighty pow’r of God that made the mountains rise, That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; The moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey.</b>		
<b>I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food; He formed the creatures with His word and then pronounced them good. Lord, how Your wonders are displayed where’er I turn my eye, If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!</b>		
<b>There’s not a plant or flow’r below but makes Your glories known; And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Your throne. While all that borrows life from You is ever in Your care, And everywhere that man can be, You, God, are present there.</b>		
* Prayer of Adoration	Pastor Heath Cross	
<b>“The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save.”</b>		
Gospel Lesson	Luke 19:1–10 This is the word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God!</b>	
Catechism Lesson	Heidelberg Catechism Q. How are you righteous before God? <b>A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. In spite of the fact that my conscience</b>	

**accuses me that I have grievously sinned against all the commandments of God, and have not kept any one of them, and that I am still ever prone to all that is evil, nevertheless, God, without any merit of my own, out of pure grace, grants me the perfect expiation of Christ, imputing to me His righteousness and holiness as if I had never committed a single sin or had ever been sinful, having fulfilled myself all the obedience which Christ has carried out for me, if only I accept such favor with a trusting heart.**

General Prayer of Confession  
**Lord God our Father, we confess that we have grievously sinned against all Your commandments and are still prone to wander from Your ways and waste Your gifts. Have mercy on us and cleanse us in the blood of Your Son. Fill us with Your Spirit that we may henceforth serve You wholeheartedly and love our neighbors as ourselves, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

\* Hymn  
Arise, My Soul, Arise  
LENOX  
**Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;  
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:  
Before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands,  
My name is written on His hands.**

**He ever lives above, for me to intercede,  
His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead;  
His blood atoned for ev’ry race, His blood atoned for ev’ry race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.**

**Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.  
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry, “forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,  
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die!”**

**My God is reconciled; His pard’ning voice I hear;  
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear;  
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,  
And “Father, Abba, Father!” cry.**

**“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.”**

Treasurer’s Report  
Elder Dale Lewelling

God’s Tithe and Our Offerings

Anthem  
O Jesus, Grant Me Hope and Comfort  
Franck  
Stephens Valley Church Choir  
  
O Jesus, grant me hope and comfort; O let me ne’er in sorrow pine, my heart and soul, yea, all my being, O Jesus, trust alone in Thee. Thou Prince of Peace, Thou Pearl from heaven, True God, true Man, My Morning Star! O come Thou precious Sun most radiant, Thy beams illuminate my heart and soul. O Jesus, with Thy advent quiet my restless soul and anxious mind. In true humility I welcome Thee,

Jesus Christ, my Joy divine. My thoughts, desires, and all my longings I dedicate, O Christ, to Thee.

\* Presentation of Gifts  
OLD HUNDRETH  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* 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 32  
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  
The Blessing of Forgiveness  
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  
I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord  
Ms. Lisa Barry, organ  
Cherwien  
  
Sharing the Cup  
  
\* Hymn  
Before the Throne of God Above  
Bancroft & Cook

**Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a perfect plea,  
A great high priest Whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands; my name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heav’n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.**

**When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
For God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.**

**Behold Him there, the Risen Lamb. My perfect, spotless, righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace.  
One with Himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased with His blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,  
With Christ my Savior and my God.**

- \* Benediction
- \* Postlude

The Rejoicing *from* Fireworks Suite

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. Visitors are encouraged to stop by and meet our pastors in the lobby after the service.

**Cell Phones:** Please silence all your electronic devices.

**Congratulations** to Michael and Debby Fleming (nee McMillin) who were married yesterday, August 21.

**Wednesday Night Bible Study:** Join us Wednesday night as Dr. David Lawrence begins a two-week series on “Paradise Lost/Paradise Regained.” For the following six weeks, Pastor Heath will teach a series on “How to (Actually) Love Your Neighbor.” Dinner is served from 5:15–6:00 p.m., and Bible study begins at 6:00 p.m. This week’s menu is chicken tenders, baked beans, coleslaw, fresh mixed fruit, corn bread, and chocolate layer cake. Reservations for dinner must be submitted through [stephensvalleychurch.com](http://stephensvalleychurch.com) by tonight. The cost for dinner is \$10 per person (including children) with a cap of \$30 per family.

**Fun Fest:** Invite your friends to join us for our worship service Sunday, August 29, featuring 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 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. Register at [stephensvalleychurch.com](http://stephensvalleychurch.com).

**Catechism Class Meeting:** Parents of 6th graders are reminded of your meeting in the Solid Rock Café at 9:00 a.m. next Sunday, August 29.

**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](mailto:anitam@stephensvalleychurch.com).

**The SVC Men’s Bible Study** will resume on Friday, September 3, at 9:00 a.m. in the Solid Rock Café. All men are invited to join us.

**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, sign up in the lobby or contact Mike Bishop or the church office.

**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](http://stephensvalleychurch.com). Study books on Proverbs will be available for \$10 in the lobby today.

**New Sunday School Series:** Danny Hale is now teaching an eight-week series on the Book of Job. The class meets in the Solid Rock Café.

– THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR –

- Today, 9:00 a.m.

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Monday, 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 5:15 p.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
- Officers’ Prayer Time

Sunday School for all ages

Worship Service

Sabbatical Search Career Group

Sweet Half Hour of Prayer (St. Paul Chapel, first floor)

Wednesday Night Dinner

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Choir Rehearsal

IN MEMORIAM

Wendy Williams Beasley

November 9, 1948—August 17, 2021

**Sympathy:** We express our sympathy to Tom Beasley due to the passing of his wife, Wendy. The service for Wendy will take place at 2:00 p.m. today at Taylor Funeral Home, 214 N. Main Street, Dickson, TN 37055.

Financial Update

Average Weekly Offering Needed	\$40,305
August 15 General Fund Offering	\$31,537
Total August General Fund	\$121,310
FY 21–22 General Fund Deficit	\$35,779
Construction Loan to Refinance	\$8,650,000
Additional Construction Loan	\$1,091,172

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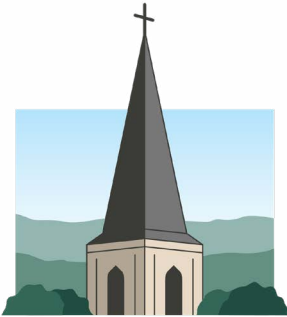
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