

## ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

"You believe that God is one; you do well! Even the demons believe—and shudder!"  
– James 2:19

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September 6, 2020	Morning Worship	10:40 a.m.
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*Please silence all electronic devices.*

### "Oh come, let us worship and bow down..."

Prelude I Sing the Almighty Power of God arr. Kerr  
Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

Welcome

\* Responsive Call to Worship from Psalm 103 and 147

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!  
**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits,**  
Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,  
**Who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast  
love and mercy.**

The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel.  
**He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.**  
He determines the number of the stars; He gives to all of them their names.  
**Great is our LORD, and abundant in power; His understanding is  
beyond measure.**

\* Hymn I Sing the Almighty Power of God ELLACOMBE

**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.**

**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!**

**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.**

\* Prayer of Adoration

**"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the  
forgiveness of sins...."**

Old Testament Lesson Ecclesiastes 1:12–18  
This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

General Prayer of Confession

**Our gracious God and Father, please forgive us of our many sins. We  
regret our pride and vanity, our selfishness and stubbornness, our  
defiance and indifference. Grant us soft, teachable, tender, repentant  
hearts, that we may love You wholeheartedly, serve You faithfully, and  
worship You passionately, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Prayer of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom  
come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our  
daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us  
not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness Pastor Heath Cross

\* Hymn My Song Is Love Unknown ST. JOHN

**My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.  
O who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?**

**He came from His blest throne, salvation to bestow;  
But men cared not, and none the longed-for Christ would know.  
But oh, my Friend, my Friend indeed, Who at my need His life did spend!**

**Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries! Yet all His deeds their hatred feeds; they 'gainst Him rise.**

**Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine;  
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like Thine.  
This is my Friend, in Whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.**

**"...God loves a cheerful giver."**

God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory With All My Heart Mason  
Mrs. Mica Copeland, soloist; Mr. David German, piano

In this quiet place with You I bow before Your throne; I bear the deepest part  
of me to You and You alone. I keep no secrets for there is no thought You have  
not known. I bring my best and all the rest to You and lay them down. With all  
my heart, I want to love You, Lord, and live my life each day to know You more.  
All that is in me is Yours completely; I'll serve You only with all my heart. You  
faithfully supply my needs according to Your plans, so help me, Lord, to seek  
Your face before I seek Your hand and trust You know what's best for me when I  
don't understand; then follow in obedience in every circumstance.

### "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson Mark 1:21–34  
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 Signs of the Kingdom Pastor Jim Bachmann

Prayer of Supplication

**"I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the  
name of the LORD."**

Words of Institution

Breaking the Bread Give Thanks arr. Biery  
Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

Sharing the Cup

\* Hymn Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA

**Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy pow'rful hand;  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,  
Feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;  
Strong Deliver'r, strong Deliver'r, be Thou still my strength and shield,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's Destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;  
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee,  
I will ever give to Thee.**

\* Benediction

\* Postlude Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah arr. Manz  
Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

\* 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.

**Thank you** for your generosity! Your contributions, combined with Andrea Hickok's leadership at Aldi, enabled us to purchase 13,464 bottles of water for the Nashville Rescue Mission!

**Starting Point:** Pastor Jim will host a new 6-week Starting Point class on Sundays beginning September 20 through October 25 for visitors who are interested in learning more about the church and possibly becoming members. The class will meet in the conference area of the office suite. To sign up, please visit the church website.

**Wednesday Night Bible Study:** Join us Wednesday evening for our series called **"Hot Button: Thinking Biblically About Some of the Most Controversial Issues of Our Time."** Pastor Heath Cross continues to discuss some of the "hot button" issues Christians are facing today. Activities are also available for the children and youth. 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 9. Reservations for September 16 dinner and childcare (ages 0-3) must be submitted through the church website by this Wednesday, September 9. The suggested donation for dinner is \$7/person and \$25/family.

**Volunteers are needed** to help with Wednesday night food preparation. Plan to arrive at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays to cut fruit, plate desserts and help with the plating of meals. Please sign up with Joan Guthrey (joanguthrey@yahoo.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 next Tuesday, September 15, through November 17 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. 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 begin this Friday, September 11, and continue 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).

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, 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	Church Office closed
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, 10:00 a.m.	SVC Women's Board Meeting (Café)
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
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	SVC Men's Bible Study (Café)

**Our Missionaries**

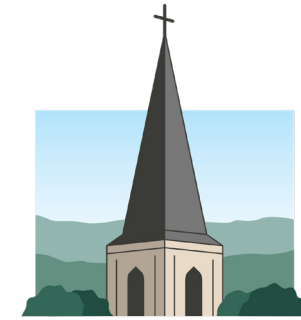
African Christian Training Institute  
Chosen People Ministries  
Larry and Mary Warren—Leadership International  
Paul and Rachel Snider—MK2MK  
David and Robin Dillard—Servant Group International  
Peter and Gracie Rosenberger—Standing With Hope  
Trans World Radio—Multimedia evangelism  
Radooga—Ukraine  
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)  
Lewis and Elsbeth Codington—Korea

**SVC Missions Committee**

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## Signs of the Kingdom

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