

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD		
"You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart." – Jeremiah 29:13		
September 20, 2020	Morning Worship	10:40 a.m.

Please silence all electronic devices.

"Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing  
Your praise."

Prelude	Gabriel's Oboe Mr. Austin Wells, oboe Mr. Brent Roberts, piano, and Ms. Lisa Barry, organ	Morricone
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Welcome

\* Responsive Call to Worship Psalm 42:1–5  
As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.  
**My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.**  
My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?"  
**These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival.**  
Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?  
**Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God.**

* Hymn	And Can It Be That I Should Gain	SAGINA
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**And can it be that I should gain an int’rest in the Savior’s blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
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**He left His Father’s throne above (so free, so infinite His grace!),  
Humbled Himself (so great His love!), and bled for all His chosen race.  
’Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.  
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature’s night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick’ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.  
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

**No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th’ eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ,  
my own.  
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

\* Prayer of Adoration

"Let my prayer come before You; incline Your ear to my cry!"

Old Testament Lesson	Genesis 32:22–29
This is the word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God!</b>	

General Prayer of Confession  
**Almighty God our Heavenly Father, we confess that we are guilty sinners who deserve Your righteous wrath. Far too often we have defiled Your law, grieved Your Spirit, and injured our fellow man. We are sorry for our pride, vanity, selfishness, greed, envy, covetousness, and indifference. We regret our tendency to see the speck in our brother's eye while ignoring the log in our own. Have mercy upon us, we pray. Forgive us of our sins; cleanse us of our iniquity; purify our unrighteousness, and conform us to the image of Jesus, our blessed Savior, in whose name we pray. 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
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* Hymn	As the Hart Longs for Flowing Streams	ASTHEHART LONGS
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**As the hart longs for flowing streams, so longs my soul for Thee, O God.  
My soul does thirst for the living God; when shall I come to see Thy face?**

**My tears have fed me day and night, while men have said, "Where is your God?"  
But I recall as my soul pours dry, the days of praise within Thy house.**

**Why do I mourn and toil within, when it is mine to hope in God?  
I shall again sing praise to Him; He is my help, He is my God.**

**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship and are freed.**

"On the first day of every week, each of you is to  
put aside something..."

God's Tithe and Our Offerings		
Offertory	My Shepherd Will Supply My Need Stephens Valley Church Choir Miss Maria Manning, violin, Mr. Austin Wells, oboe	Wilberg

My shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is His Name; in pastures fresh He

makes me feed beside the living stream. He brings my wand’ring spirit back when I forsake His ways and heals me for His mercy’s sake, in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay; one word of Thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread; my cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may Thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise! There would I find a settled rest while others go and come, no more a stranger, nor a guest; but like a child at home.

"How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than  
honey to my mouth."

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson	Mark 2:1–12
All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. <b>The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.</b>	

Sermon	"Your Sins Are Forgiven"	Pastor Jim Bachmann
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Prayer of Supplication

"I am the vine and you are the branches. Whoever abides  
in me and I in Him, he it is that bears much fruit,  
for apart from Me you can do nothing."

Words of Institution

Breaking the Bread	Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring Mr. Austin Wells, oboe, and Mr. David German, piano	Bach
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Sharing the Cup

* Hymn	Jesus! What A Friend for Sinners!	HYFRYDOL
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**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	Jesus! What A Friend for Sinners! Ms. Lisa Barry, organ	arr. Manz
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\* congregation standing

**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.

**COVID Relief Fund:** The Council has established a COVID relief fund to aid those who have been adversely affected by the COVID virus. If you wish to make a donation, simply note "COVID relief" on the memo line of your check

**Elder Emeritus:** Congratulations to Jim Spann who, at his request, was recently elected Elder Emeritus by the Elder Council. We thank Jim (and Janet) for his many years of faithful, fruitful service to our Lord and His church!

**Starting Point:** Pastor Jim begins a new 6-week Starting Point class today at 9:30 a.m. This class is for visitors who are interested in learning more about the church and possibly becoming members. The class meets in the conference area of the office suite.

**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."** This week, Pastor Heath Cross will discuss the woke culture. Dinner is served at 5:15 p.m.; the Bible study will begin at 6:00 p.m. This week's menu is chicken alfredo, mixed green salad, fruit cup, artisan roll, and tiramisu. Reservations for dinner and childcare (ages 0-3) must be submitted through the church website by today. The suggested donation for dinner is \$7/person and \$25/family.

**SVC Youth:** All SVC middle and high school students are invited and encouraged to invite their friends on Wednesday nights now through October 14 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. for dinner and a fun time of games, fellowship, and discovering what God's Word has to say about today's hot topics in student culture. For more information, contact Troy Hargrave (thargrave19@gmail.com).

**SVC Prayer:** A prayer time will be held on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. in Room 201A to pray for Stephens Valley Church and the country.

**Prayer March 2020:** Make plans to join Franklin Graham this Saturday, September 26 as he leads a movement of Christians to walk and pray in and around Washington D.C. The prayers will ask God to heal the divisions in our nation, guide our leaders, protect our religious freedoms, and pour out His Spirit on America. For more information, go to [www.prayermarch2020.com](http://www.prayermarch2020.com).

**Our Daily Bread:** Devotional booklets for October–December are available in the lobby. They are free, postage paid and in large print!

**SVC Men's Bible Study:** The men's Bible study on the Sermon on the Mount continues this Friday from 9:00-10:00 a.m. This week, the discussion will be about Matthew 5:21-26. For more information, contact Craig Valentine ([craigv@entrust4.org](mailto:craigv@entrust4.org)).

**SVC Women's Bible Study:** The Tuesday morning Bible study continues through November 17 and again on January 19 through March 30. All women are invited and encouraged to attend from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Childcare is available up to age 4.

**SVC Women Schedule Changes:** Due to the ongoing COVID-19 virus, the Widows' Luncheon for October has been canceled. The SVC Women's conference with Nancy Hicks has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2021. The Christmas luncheon is now scheduled for Thursday, December 10.

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
Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.	SVC Women's Bible Study leaders meeting (Café)
Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.	SVC Women's Bible Study
Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.	Sweet Half Hour of Prayer (St. Paul Chapel, first floor)
Wednesday, 4:30 p.m.	Prayer Time (Room 201A)
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.	GriefShare (online via Zoom)
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.	SVC Youth Gathering
Wednesday, 5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner
Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.	Wednesday Night Bible Study
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	SVC Men's Bible Study (Café)

### **SVC COUNCIL**

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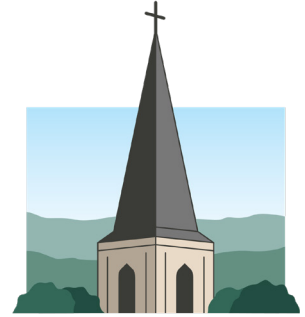
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## "Your Sins Are Forgiven"

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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.