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“We know that we have passed from death to life because we love the brothers.”
– 1 John 3:14”

September 12, 2021 Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.

“Because Your steadfast love is better than life my lips will praise You!”

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude When Morning Gilds the Skies Lind
Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

Call to Worship

* Hymn When Morning Gilds the Skies LAUDES DOMINI

**When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair;
May Jesus Christ be praised.**

**Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised.**

**In heav’n’s eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
The pow’rs of darkness fear, when this sweet chant they hear:
May Jesus Christ be praised.**

**Let earth’s wide circle round in joyful notes resound:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
Let air and sea and sky, from depth to height, reply:
May Jesus Christ be praised.**

**Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
Be this th’ eternal song, through all the ages on:
May Jesus Christ be praised.**

* Prayer of Adoration

**“Make Your face shine on Your servant;
save me in Your steadfast love.”**

Old Testament Lesson Exodus 5:1–9
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

General Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our Heavenly Father, have mercy on us. We have broken Your law and are unworthy of Your grace and favor. Deliver us from our offenses and cleanse us of our impurity. Forgive us of all that has offended Your holiness and grant us everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness Pastor Heath Cross

* Hymn Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me NEW CITY FELLOWSHIP

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.**

**Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy law’s demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.**

**While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.**

“If riches increase, set not your heart on them.”

Introduction of New Members

Garner and Stacy Cagle
Bob and Laska Darling
Thomas Driver
Greg and Julie Mangus (Elizabeth)
John and Joy Mathews
Dane Nichols

Membership Vows

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure and without hope save in 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 is 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 Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?

Do you respect the government and discipline of the Church and promise to promote its purity and peace?

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

God’s Tithe and Our Offerings

Anthem More Love to Thee, O Christ Prentiss
Stephens Valley Church Choir

More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee! Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee; this is my earnest plea, more love, O Christ, to Thee, more love to Thee, more love to Thee! Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest; now Thee alone I seek; give what is best: this all my prayer shall be, more love, O Christ, to Thee, more love to Thee, more love to Thee. Then shall my latest breath whisper Thy praise; this be the parting cry my heart shall raise, this still its prayer shall be, more love, O Christ, to Thee, more love to Thee, more love to Thee.

* Presentation of Gifts FAITHFULNESS

**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!**

* Prayer of Dedication

**“The eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him,
on those who hope in His steadfast love.”**

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Lesson Romans 8:1–4
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 No Condemnation 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 Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart Utterback
Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

Sharing the Cup

* Hymn O, to See the Dawn (The Power of the Cross) Getty/Townend

**O, to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.
This the pow’r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; We stand forgiven at the cross.**

**O, to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev’ry bitter thought, ev’ry evil deed crowning Your blood-stained brow.
This the pow’r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; We stand forgiven at the cross.**

Now the daylight flees; Now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life— “Finished!” the victory cry.
This the pow’r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; We stand forgiven at the cross.

O, to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suff’ring I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love!
This the pow’r of the cross: Son of God slain for us.
What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

* Benediction

* Postlude *Laus Deo* – Praise the Lord Thomas
 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. If you are visiting today and would like to meet one of our pastors, drop by the Solid Rock Café as you exit the fellowship hall.

Cell Phones: Please silence all your electronic devices.

Sympathy: We express our sympathy to Peggy Shackelford due to the recent passing of her sister.

Starting Point: Pastor Jim’s Starting Point class for visitors began today and continues through October 17 in the office suite conference area, 9:30–10:15 a.m. All visitors are invited. Greeters will be happy to direct you upon your arrival.

From Grace and Bill Blair: “We would like to thank everyone for the cards, expressions of comfort, prayers, and meals that were brought to us after my daughter’s passing into eternity. The Grief and Mercy Ministry did an amazing job of providing a delicious meal for out-of-town company. We are so grateful for all of your support. We love you all. We are thankful for God’s love and presence in this difficult time of loss.”

Prayer Needs: An elder will be available each Sunday in the Rutherford Room (north entrance) following the worship service for specific prayer needs you may have.

Wednesday Night Dinner and Bible Study: Join us at 5:15 p.m. this Wednesday as Pastor Heath Cross continues his series on “How to (Actually) Love Your Neighbor.” Make your dinner reservation at stephensvalleychurch.com by tonight. The menu is marinated pork loin, mashed potatoes, broccoli with lemon butter, Caesar salad, biscuit, and Mississippi mud cake.

SVC Women’s Fall Bible Study: Begins Tuesday, September 14, at 10:00 a.m. Childcare available with reservation. Register for childcare/study at stephensvalleychurch.com. Study books on Proverbs are available for \$10 in the lobby today.

Early Morning Bible Study: Mike Bishop is leading a six-week men’s Bible study on the book of Ephesians on Thursdays from 6:30–7:30 a.m. in the Solid Rock Café.

SVC Men’s Bible Study: Craig Valentine is facilitating a 12-week Bible study on the book of Philippians on Fridays from 9:00–10:00 a.m. in the church lobby.

Sunday Morning Fellowship: The Solid Rock Café is now being used for fellowship on a trial basis. Coffee will be available at 9:00 a.m. Doughnuts will be available between Sunday school and worship. Teachers are reminded to begin their classes promptly at 9:30 and dismiss at 10:15 to afford everyone ample time for fellowship. The Café will close at 10:35.

– THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR –

Today, 9:00 a.m.	Officers' Prayer Time
Today, 9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
Today, 10:15 a.m.	Fellowship (Solid Rock Café)
Today, 10:40 a.m.	Worship Service
Today, 3:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Monday, 9:00 a.m.	Sabbatical Search Career Group
Monday, 10:00 a.m.	SVC Women’s Board Meeting
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, 5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner
Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.	Wednesday Night Bible Study
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, 6:30 a.m.	Early Morning Men’s Bible Study (Café)
Thursday, 10:00 a.m.	SVC Women's Prayer Shawl Ministry (Room 201A)
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	SVC Men's Bible Study (Lobby)

Love Packages: We continue to collect new and used Bibles, devotionals, Bible study books, reference books, dictionaries, commentaries, teaching material, CDs/DVDs, gospel tracts, magazines (*Decision Magazine*, *Table Talk*, etc.). Drop off is just inside at the south entrance (by playground) on the table behind the screen. Materials are shipped by Love Packages to missionaries in many countries. Questions? Call Prudy Nichol, (615) 394-6548

Financial Update

Average Weekly Offering Needed	\$40,305
September 5 General Fund Offering	\$33,904
Total September General Fund	\$33,904
FY 21–22 General Fund Deficit	\$60,073
Retire Debt Deposited/Promised	\$207,283
Construction Loan to Refinance	\$8,650,000
Additional Construction Loan	\$591,172

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL LINEUP

Starting Point

Pastor Jim Bachmann | Office Suite Conference Room

Friends and Family Class

Bill Kenny | Room 201A
 Studying Genesis 25–50

Westminster Class

Danny Hale | Room 201B
 Studying “Job: Where Shall Wisdom Be Found?”

Geneva Class

Dr. David Lawrence | Rutherford Room
 Studying the Atonement



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