**Springfield Presbyterian Church (USA)**

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**July 20, 2025 - 10:30 am**

**WELCOME VISITORS!**

We're glad you are here! Cards at the ends of each pew are for you to fill out and drop in the Offering Plate. Please let us know you are visiting and join us for refreshments and fellowship following the service. The Sanctuary has an induction loop system to assist the hearing impaired. The system will also work on the telephone setting of hearing aids.

Springfield Presbyterian Church is rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ, led by the Holy Spirit, and called to loving relationships through vibrant worship and service. Valuing all people, we are committed to developing disciples and fostering stewardship.

**PREPARATION FOR THE WORD**

(**\*** those who are able are invited to stand)

**PRELUDE**

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE**

The Lord be with you! **And also with you!** (Greetings and Announcements)

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

Leader: Whenever we light this candle we proclaim:

**People: Christ is the Light of the world and the center of our lives.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *Psalm 15* (MSG)

Leader: God, who gets invited to dinner at your place? How do we get on your guest list?

**People:“Walk straight, act right, tell the truth.**

Leader:“Don’t hurt your friend, don’t blame your neighbor; despise the despicable.”

**People:**“Keep your word even when it costs you, make an honest living, never take a bribe.”

**All:** “You’ll never get blacklisted if you live like this.”

**\* HYMN** *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* GTG #385

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell. Come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk; he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise; approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good; his mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us, again and again. Let us together confess our sin, and our need of God’s transforming power:

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Source of all life, we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and see the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**RESPONSE** *Create in Me a Clean Heart* GTG #422

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: God hears us, always. And the Spirit is with us to teach us, and to help us change, and to empower our lives in the world. Remember the cross, remember your baptism; and know that in Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. God’s love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God’s people made new, to take up our cross each day as He did.

**People: God’s mercies are new every morning. In Jesus Christ, I am forgiven. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Praise be to God!**

**\* MUSICAL RESPONSE OF PRAISE** *We Are Forgiven* GTG 447

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

**\* THE PEACE** The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

 (You may greet those around you.)

**\* RESPONSE** *Here I Am, Lord*

 Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

 I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

God, open our eyes to see one another as you see each of us, then as now--unceasing spiritual beings, each with a sacred story of grace, and an eternal destiny in your great universe. Open our ears to the past, to hear even something small. May that small word grow bigger in our holy imaginations and together we know your Word is present to us in this community of grace. For what you teach us, we are grateful beyond compare for the loving way you give to us. We listen for your Word to us now. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Colossians 1:15-28*NT page 188

15He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 16for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him. 17He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.
19For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. 21And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, to as to present you holy blameless and irreproachable before him – 23provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. 24I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. 25I became its

servant according to God’s commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, 26the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. 27To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. 28It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

 **All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *Glory Be It’s a Mystery*By Rev. Andrea Taylor

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\* HYMN** *Come, Great God of All the Ages* GTG #309

Come, great God of all the ages; make your earthly mission known; Speak through every deed and person; let your way and will be shown.

Guide the church to true commitment; give direction now, we ask; Fit us for the work of building; dedicate us to the task.

Come, Christ Jesus, flesh and spirit, sure foundation, cornerstone;

Help us form the church eternal; may your vision be our own.

Send a message to each follower; lead all people to your way;

Urge us to strong faith and action as we build the church today.

Come, great Spirit, in and with us, tune our ears to hear your call;

Through the moving of your presence, let redeeming love recall

Ministry in dedication, love embodied in our deeds;

Challenge us to do your bidding, see your purpose, fill all needs.

Come, O come, in celebration, household of the one true God;

In commitment and rejoicing let us go where Christ has trod;

As we act in faith and reverence, let us, Lord, the future see;

Place us in the church triumphant, now and for eternity.

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

 OFFERTORY

 **\*** SONG OF THANKS  *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* GTG #606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

 **\*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\* HYMN** *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* GTG #547

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son’s story; here you touched him, saw his glory.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit’s power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** *Jude 24-25*

24To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—25to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

**\* UNISON AMEN POSTLUDE**

**Sunday July 27, 2025 Lectionary**

Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19); Luke 11:1-13

**Assisting in Worship: We appreciate those who serve:**

 **Today 7/20** **Next Week 7/27**

Sunday Opener: Linda Caviglia Bob Rogers

Ushers/Greeters: Cynthia Smith Bob Rogers

 Barbara Nickell Elizabeth Meirowitz

Lay Leader: Max Carroll Don Vasbinder

Pulpit Supply: Rev. Andrea Taylor Elder

Fellowship Host: Belle & Don Vasbinder Linda Caviglia

Offering Count: Andrea Kwako & Linda C. Andrea Kwako & Mark C.

**Announcements**

**Welcome!** We welcome Rev. Andrea Taylor to our pulpit today! An ordained-recovering-Baptist, Andrea & Scott have two young adult bicoastal daughters, in CA and Sykesville. When there is time, and even sometimes not, she walks outside, bakes inside, reads voraciously, and streams mysteries from ‘across the pond.’ She and her husband worship regularly at 1st Presbyterian of Howard County.

**Bible Study - "Together on Tuesday":** Rev. Amy Carlson, Mt. Hebron, has offered the zoom link to her Tuesday, 7:30 pm study T*he Word Became Flesh*, a study of John's Gospel. You can email her to be added to the mailing, which she usually emails out on Monday or Tuesday, at amycarlson@mthebronpc.org.

**Electronic Giving:** Below is a QR code you can scan to make your contribution a new way! The page you get will ask for your name, e-mail and phone number. You can choose from a dropdown menu for selecting where the donation should go: General Fund, Capital Fund, Concert, Memorial. There is a fee for using a credit card, and you will be given the option to pay that fee along with your donation, but you don’t have to include it in your donation if you don’t want to.

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***Today:***

 **Sunday July 20**

10:30 am Worship

 11:30 am Fellowship

***This Week:***

**Saturday July 26**

11:00 am Westminster Pride Booth

 7:00 pm Family Game Night (Fellowship Room)

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10:30 am Worship

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**Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 am – 3 pm**

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