**Springfield Presbyterian Church (USA)**

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**October 19, 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 100)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God’s presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.

**People: It is God that made us, and we belong to God. We are God’s people, and the sheep of God’s pasture.**

Leader: Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving,

**People: And God’s courts with praise.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

**\* HYMN** *God Is Here!* GTG #409

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;  
Here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,  
Here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
Here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore  
What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt   
Keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive:  
We, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and all unrighteousness. In humility and in faith, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: For failing to love others as you have loved us…. God of grace,

**People: Forgive us.**

Leader: For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods… God of grace,

**People: Forgive us.**

Leader: For fearing those who are strange to us and ignoring those in need…God of grace,

**People: Forgive us.**

Leader: For losing heart and abandoning hope…. God of grace,

**People: Forgive us.**

Leader: For all the ways we turn from you…. God of grace,

**People: Forgive us.**

Leader: We offer our prayers in the name of the One who saves us, Jesus Christ.

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**RESPONSE** *Hear the Good News of Salvation* GTG #441 (v. 2)

All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring.

I bow down with ears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing:

Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!

How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism.

Believe this good news and give thanks:

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**\* MUSICAL RESPONSE OF PRAISE** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

GTG #611 (v. 2)

All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;

Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,

Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

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

(You may greet those around you.)

**\* RESPONSE** *Here I Am, Lord* GTG #69

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 FOR ILLUMINATION**

Speak to us, living God, as you spoke to our ancestors: Through the voices of your prophets and poets, the breath of your Spirit, and the life of your Son, so that we may live according to your word; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON *Psalm 138* OT page 545

1I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; 2I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything. 3On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul. 4All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth. 5They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord. 6For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away. 7Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me. 8The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Colossians 3:12-16* NT page 190

12As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. 13Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. 16Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *How Can We Keep from Singing* By Kenneth Kovacs

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\* HYMN**  *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* GTG #641

When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride,  
It is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!

How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound, as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!

So has the church, in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong, borne witness to the truth in every tongue: Alleluia!

And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night when utmost evil strove against the light? Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: Alleluia!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!

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

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY *Write Your Word Upon My Heart* Parker/Larson

**\*** SONG OF THANKS  *Take My Life* GTG #697 (v. 4)

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;

Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,

Every power as thou shalt choose.

**\*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\* HYMN** *O Day of Peace* GTG #373

O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
Guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes.  
May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release,  
Till by God’s grace our warring world shall see Christ’s promised reign of peace.

Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small;  
As beasts and cattle calmly graze, a little child shall lead them all.  
Then enemies shall learn to love, all creatures find their true accord;  
The hope of peace shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: With gratitude in our hearts, with psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs on our lips, let us go from here to love and serve the Lord. May whatever we do, in word and deed, may we do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. May the blessing of the Triune God walk with us and lead the way, the way of peace.

**All: Amen.**

**\* UNISON AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

**Sunday October 26, 2025 Lectionary**

Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

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

**Today 10/19** **Next Week 10/26**

Sunday Opener: Linda Caviglia Barbara Cornell

Ushers/Greeters: Don Vasbinder Bob Rogers

Connie Gibbons Beth Oates

Lay Leader: Elizabeth Meirowitz Tim Oates

Pulpit Supply: Linda Caviglia Kathy Welsh Smith

Fellowship Hosts: Linda Caviglia Rebekah Schermer

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

**Happy Birthday!** October 23 – Connie Robinson

**Announcements**

**Rincon Chat & Chew:** It’s time for our annual Rincon gathering. Come join in an afternoon of fellowship and delicious food on Sunday **October 26** at 12:30 pm. The restaurant is located about 5 minutes from our church:

Rincon Italian Grill

577 Johnsville Road

Sykesville, MD 21784

We look forward to this special event and hope you can join us. As always, separate checks are available. If you have any questions, contact Sue Holmes or the CoCaMO Committee. Be sure to come hungry!

**Zoom Link for Worship Services:** The Zoom link for church services is on the SPC website, not on the Facebook page. The Bulletin is also available on the website as well.

**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](mailto:amycarlson@mthebronpc.org).

**Collecting Pill Bottles:** Have you wondered what's the best way to recycle/re-purpose plastic pill bottles? An organization called Matthew 25: Ministries ([m25m.org](http://m25m.org)) collects them to send along with donations of medical supplies.

We will have a collection box at Fellowship for several weeks or until we fill it up!

~ Thanks, Barbara Cornell 

**Congregational Care:**  If you know of someone who would benefit from a card or a phone call, please text or call Connie Gibbons at 410-935-3467.

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***Today:***

**Sunday October 19**

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Fellowship

***This Week:***

**Tuesday October 21**

7:00 pm CoCaMO Meeting (Manse)

**Wednesday October 22**

6:15 – 7:15 pm Bell Choir Practice

7:30 – 8:45 pm Adult Choir Practice

**Saturday October 25**

7:00 pm Family Game Night (Fellowship Room)

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10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Fellowship

12:30 pm Rincon Grill Lunch

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

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