**(Large Print)**

**Springfield Presbyterian Church (USA)**

7300 Spout Hill Road, Sykesville, MD 21784 410-795-6152



**August 25, 2019 - 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!** (Greeting)

**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 71:1-6]*

Leader: In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

**People: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.**

Leader: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

**People: Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

Leader: For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

**People: Upon you I have learned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother’s womb. My praise is continually of you.**

**ALL: Let us gather together as the people of God to praise our divine and loving God! Alleluia, amen!**

**\* HYMN** *There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord;

There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

**Refrain:**

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us,

Filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive till you know him in his fullness and believe;

You’re the one to profit when you say, “I am going to walk with Jesus all the way.” **[Refrain]**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

**Gracious God, you call us to proclaim the Gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near. Forgive us, O Lord, reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**RESPONSE** *Remember Not, O God*

O Lord, our Savior, help, and glorify your name;

Deliver us from all our sins and take away our shame.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith.

**People: Beloved people of God, believe the good news: through the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia, amen!**

**\* MUSICAL RESPONSE OF PRAISE** *Great Is Thy 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.

**\* 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**

Leader: God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds that as the scriptures are read and your word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**  *Psalm 103:1-8*

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—   
3 who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, 4 who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, 5 who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s. 6 The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. 7 He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. 8 The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**  *Luke 13:10-17*

10Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. 11And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. 12When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, ‘Woman, you are set free from your ailment.’ 13When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. 14But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, ‘There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.’ 15But the Lord answered him and said, ‘You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? 16And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?’ 17When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**TIME WITH YOUNG PEOPLE**

**SERMON** *Redefining Sabbath* Rev. Becca Crate

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\* HYMN** *We Cannot Measure How You Heal*

We cannot measure how you heal or answer every sufferer’s prayer,

Yet we believe your grace responds where faith and doubt unite to care. Your hands, though bloodied on the cross, survive to hold and heal and warn, to carry all through death to life and cradle children yet unborn.

The pain that will not go away, the guilt that clings from things long past,

The fear of what the future holds, are present as if meant to last.

But present too is love which tends the hurt we never hoped to find,

The private agonies inside, the memories that haunt the mind.

So some have come who need your help and some have come to make amends,

As hands which shaped and saved the world are present in the touch of friends.

Lord, let your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind and soul,

To disentangle peace from pain, and make your broken people whole.

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

“For this I pray to God.” / “For this I give thanks to God.”

**Congregational Response: “Hear our prayer, O God.”**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY *Signe* by Eric Clapton

Henry Halvorson – Guitar, Aaron Thacker - Piano

**\*** SONG OF THANKS *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought*

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,

To serve your cause and share your love with all along life’s way.

O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,

Help us to give ourselves each day until life’s work is done.

**\*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\* HYMN** *Christ Be Beside Me*

Christ be beside me; Christ be before me; Christ be behind me, King of my heart. Christ be within me; Christ be below me; Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising, Light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me; Christ be on all tongues telling of me. Christ be the vision in eyes that see me; in ears that hear me Christ ever be.

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: We are called to rest in you,

**People: To live out the call of Sabbath.**

Leader: Help us by your spirit to live out Sabbath,

**People: So we may live the life you call us to,**

Leader: By rest, reading, healing, listening, and learning,

**People: May we renew our sense of Sabbath.**

**\* UNISON AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

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

Today 8/25 Next Week 9/1

Sunday Opener Jennifer Wise Ron Holmes

Greeters & Ushers Kathy Russ & Steve & Donna

Barbara Nickell Mazer

Lay Leader Sharon Pappas Ron Holmes

Children’s Activity Connie Robinson Connie Robinson

Fellowship Brittany & Danny

Rachin

**Sunday September 1 Lectionary**

Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16;

Luke 14:1, 7-14

**Church Attendance:** August 11 – 43 Concert - 38

**Church Cleaning:** September 6, 7 or 8 – Martha & Davis Streaker

**Happy Birthday!** August 27 - Aaron Wise

August 27 – Connie Gibbons

August 28 – Bob Rogers

August 31 – Bridget Doyle

**Happy Anniversary!** September 1 – Charlie & Deb Sperling

**Announcements**

**Choir and Bell Choir:** If anyone is interested in joining us for choir, there are no auditions!  If you'll let Linda Caviglia know before the first practice, she will make sure to have a folder with all the music for you.

**Wednesday, August 28**

**Adult Choir Practice - 6:30 - 9:00**  As usual, we will try to read through all the music up to the end of the calendar year... and have a 1/2 hour for snacks and fellowship from 7:30 - 8:00pm.

**Wednesday, September 4**

**Presbytones Bell Choir Practice 6:30 - 7:30 pm**

**Adult Choir Practice 7:45 - 9:00 pm**

**Blessing Bags** are in the Narthex. Please feel free to pick up a few. Handing one out to someone in need gives you a very real way to meet their immediate needs by providing them with some basic supplies.

**Weekly Announcements:** If you have an announcement to include with next week’s bulletin, please call the Office at 410-795-6152 or email to [spc.office@verizon.net](mailto:spc.office@verizon.net) by **Wednesday** each week.

**Prayers & Thanksgivings**

~ Continued prayers of comfort and healing for Barbara Nickell who broke her wrist.

~ Prayers for *First of Howard County* from our Ministry Group.

***The Congregational Care team wants to know what YOU or someone you know needs...****a visit...a call...a meal. Please contact Diana Steppling or Connie Robinson. If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Becca at 410-795-6152 or springfieldpastor@gmail.com.*

***Today:***

**Sunday August 25**

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Fellowship

12:00 noon Session Meeting (Library)

***This Week:***

**Wednesday August 28**

6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice

***Looking Ahead:***

**Sunday September 1**

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Fellowship

**Wednesday September 4**

6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice

7:45 pm Adult Choir Practice

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Springfield Presbyterian Church**

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Fellowship

**Website:** [*www.springfield-church.org*](http://www.springfield-church.org)**Church Office**: 410-795-6152

**Like us on Facebook:** www.facebook.com/SpringfieldPresbyterianChurch

**Pastor:** Rev. Becca Crate

**Email:** springfieldpastor@gmail.com

**Clerk of Session:** Sharon Pappas

**Minister of Music:** Linda Caviglia

**Accompanist:** Aaron Thacker **Organist:** Jennifer Wise

**Youth Group Coordinators:** Charles & Deb Sperling

**Sunday School Coordinator:** Connie Robinson

**Administrative Assistant:**Donna Mazer

**e-mail:**[*spc.office@verizon.net*](mailto:spc.office@verizon.net)