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**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.**

**A MINUTE FOR EDUCATION** Elder Alex McClung

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: From generation to generation,

**People: There are so many names to describe all the ways we are different.**

Leader: From GenZ, to the Millennials, Generation X, Baby Boomers, the Silent Generation, and the G.I. Generation,

**People: We are a people to come to this place with different experiences, traditions, and memories.**

Leader: Yet the beauty is that no one is left out.

**People: This church is a church for all people.**

Leader: So as we begin this Advent journey together, let us covenant to remember,

**People: That we all belong here, and above all, we all belong to God.**

**ALL: Let us worship our God who spans the generations! Amen!**

**\* HYMN** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* GTG #82

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.

Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: In God’s house, everyone is welcome – those who seem like they have it all together, and those who feel like their world is falling apart. No matter who we are, there’s room for us here. With that confidence, we turn to God in prayer, speaking the truth of our lives. Let us pray together:

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: God of today and God of tomorrow, you say, “Bring your full self. There’s room for you here.”

**People: But we say, “Our lives are too messy.”**

Leader: You say, “Bring your hopes and your dreams. There’s room for you here.”

**People: But we say, “It’s too risky to hope.”**

Leader: You say, “Bring your grief and your prayers. There’s room for you here.”

**People: But we say, “Some things are easier to forget.”**

Leader: God of today and God of tomorrow, we know in our hearts that there’s room for us here.

**People: Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you. Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best.**

Leader: Help us remember, today and tomorrow,

**People: There’s room for every story. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**RESPONSE** *On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry*  Tune #96

Then cleansed be every life from sin; make straight away for God within,

And let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: Family of faith, we who feel scattered are held together. We who have lost our way are forgiven and found. And we who are lonely are brought into the fold and are told, “There’s room for you here.”

**People: From generation to generation, this is the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are held, forgiven, found, and welcomed. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\* MUSICAL RESPONSE OF PRAISE** *Refrain from Angels We Have Heard on High* Gloria in excelsis Deo!

**\* 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 of the Ages, in Scripture we hear stories of people like us – ordinary people, people who longed to know you, people who longed to follow you, people who made mistakes, people who tried to grow – old, young, native, immigrant, new to the faith, lifelong believer. In Scripture we hear stories of people like us, so just as you walked with them, help us to hear and remember all the ways that you walk with us. We are listening. We are grateful. We are yours. Amen.

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**  *Isaiah 2:1-5*

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2 In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it. 3   Many peoples shall come and say,
‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.’ For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. 4 He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.
5 O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Matthew 1:1-17*

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. 2Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, 3and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, 4and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, 5and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, 6and Jesse the father of King David. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, 7and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, 8and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, 9and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, 10and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, 11and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. 12And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, 13and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, 14and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, 15and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, 16and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah. 17So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

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

 **All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *There’s Room for Every Story* Rev. Becca Price

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\* HYMN** *Through the Ages* (see last page of bulletin)

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in a God, who promised to Abraham, who wrestled with Jacob, who walked with Ruth, who spoke with Moses, who grieved with Bathsheba, who danced with David, who dreamed with Joseph, and who hoped like Mary. We believe in a God who has been loving, inviting, transforming, and challenging us from generation to generation. And we believe that same God is here with us now, saying, “Come on in; there’s room for you here.” Amen.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND OUR LORD’S PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*** SONG OF THANKS *As with Gladness Men of Old*  Tune #150

 As they offered gifts most rare at thy manger, rude and bare,

 So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin’s alloy,

 All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.

**\*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\* HYMN** *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night* GTG #97

Watchman, tell us of the night, what its signs of promise are.
Traveler, what a wondrous sight: see that glory-beaming star.
Watchman, does its beauteous ray news of joy or hope foretell?
Traveler, yes; it brings the day, promised day of Israel.

Watchman, tell us of the night; higher yet that star ascends.
Traveler, blessedness and light, peace and truth its course portends.
Watchman, will its beams alone gild the spot that gave them birth?
Traveler, ages are its own; see, it bursts o’er all the earth.

Watchman, tell us of the night, for the morning seems to dawn.
Traveler, shadows take their flight; doubt and terror are withdrawn.
Watchman, you may go your way; hasten to your quiet home.
Traveler, we rejoice today, for Emmanuel has come!

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: As you leave this place, may you go knowing that from generation to generation, we have been claimed and loved.

**People: From generation to generation, God has been by our side.**

Leader: From generation to generation, we are not alone.

**People: The God of yesterday and the God of tomorrow knows you by name, loves you, and calls you forth, saying, “Go be the person you are called to be, love wildly, do justice, and come back soon.”**

Leader: May it be so. Amen.

**\* UNISON AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

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

 Today 11/27 Next Week 12/4

Sunday Opener Beth Oates Ron Holmes

Ushers/Greeters Alex McClung Sharon Pappas

 Need Volunteer Bob Rogers

Lay Leader Mark Kearney Tim Oates

**Happy Birthday!** December 3 – Angle Carbaugh

 December 4 – Ryley Brown

**Happy Anniversary!** November 28 – Connie Gibbons & Cathy Marsh

November 29 – Amy & Omar Izaguirre

**Sunday, December 4, 2022 Lectionary**

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7,18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

**Announcements**

**Mask Update:** Since COVID-19 is still with us, the Session has decided that masking and social distancing is encouraged but is optional. Though it is not a mandate, we seek to love one another by keeping each other as safe as possible. Thank you for your help in this endeavor.

**Christian Education:** Our Time and Talents survey shows folks are interested in an adult bible study program, and Alex McClung is interested in leading a study group. We imagine meeting 2x/month before church, but content, format, and timing are all TBD. Please contact Alex with your suggestions, interests, and best times: akmcclungiii@gmail.com.

**Pastor-Parish Committee:** The Pastor-Parish Committee invites you to share your concerns, suggestions, and gratitude. We have a form in the Narthex and a lock-box that we will open weekly and we ask that you share your name and be specific. We look forward to reading your comments so that we can continue to grow into the body of Christ.

**Springfield Membership:** Are you interested in finding out more about our faith community and becoming a member? We would love to answer any questions you have. Please contact Pastor Becca at springfieldpastor@gmail.com for more information.

**Congregational Care / Mission & Outreach (CoCaMO):** Do you know of a member or friend of our church family who is ill, needs prayers, would like call, a visit or a card, or might benefit from meal train? If so, please contact the Church Office (410-795-6152), Cathy Marsh (410-549-6916) or Diana Steppling (862-266-2242).

**Prayers & Thanksgivings**

**~** Prayers for Craig Robinson, fully recovered from MRSA.

**~** Prayers of healing for Pastor Becca’s mother who had a fall.

**~** Continued prayers for Sue Holmes’ mom, Betty Martlew.

***Today:***

**Sunday November 27 – 1st Sunday of Advent**

10:30 am Worship

 11:30 am Fellowship

***This Week:***

**Wednesday November 30**

6:15 – 7:15 pm Bell Choir Practice

 7:30 – 8:45 pm Adult Choir Practice

 **Saturday December 3**

5:30 – 8:30 pm Laser Tag

***Looking Ahead:***

 **Sunday December 4 – 2nd Sunday of Advent**

10:30 am Worship

 11:30 am Fellowship

 **Monday December 5**

7:00 pm HeadHuggers (Manse)

 **Tuesday December 6**

7:00 pm CoCaMO Meeting (via Zoom)

 **Wednesday December 7**

6:15 – 7:15 pm Bell Choir Practice

 7:30 – 8:45 pm Adult Choir Practice

 **Thursday December 8**

7:00 pm Session Meeting (Manse)

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

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