

WORSHIPING THE GOD OF GRACE

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* Arr. by Stephen Nielson

Please take this time to quietly meditate on the following Scripture passage as you prepare your heart to worship the Lord.

And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Ezekiel 36:26-28 (ESV)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ephesians 2:17-22 (ESV)

As God's Word calls us to worship, let's shout these words to one another recognizing that our worship is a response to God's gracious call.

Leader: And [Christ Jesus] came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.

People: **For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.**

Leader: So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

ALL: **In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #338 *Spirit Of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Elder Jeff Cunningham

*WORSHIP IN SONG

You Are So Good To Me

Abide With Me

CALL TO CONFESSION

Proverbs 28:13 (ESV)

*Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

After the public confession below, you are encouraged to confess your sins silently to God.

Jesus, who sat at the table with outcasts and sinners, we confess that too often our words and actions are not consistent with our beliefs. Often we ignore the needy, show indifference to the lonely, and reject those who seem different from us. Forgive us, we pray. Empower us to reach out in love and acceptance through your name, Amen.

COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL

Romans 8:1-4 (ESV)

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

**For those who are able, please stand.*

***GREETING OF PEACE**

I Thessalonians 5:13 (ESV)

Please take this opportunity to greet those around you, offering them the right hand of fellowship and the peace which is only found in Christ.

Esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Ephesians 6:18 (ESV)

[Pray] *at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.*

To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.

WORSHIPING THE LORD WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Please take a moment to sign our "Fellowship Pad" and pass it along to those worshiping with you. Thank you!

The offering is a vital part of our response to God and God's Word. It helps us connect our adoration for God with our life of discipleship.

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:19-21 (ESV)

OFFERTORY

Holy Spirit

By Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

Holy Spirit living Breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul
Let the presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart and make me whole
Cause Your word to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

Holy Spirit come abide within
May Your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my strivings into works of grace
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

Holy Spirit from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see

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SCRIPTURE READING (page 762 in blue pew Bible)

Joel 2:28-32

SERMON

"The Pouring Out Of The Holy Spirit"

Rev. David Stain

Pastor, Spring Hills Presbyterian Church

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #341** *O Breath Of Life, Come Sweeping Through Us*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Arr. by Marilyn Ham

Spring Hills Presbyterian Church is committed to:

CHANGED HEARTS through the transforming power of the Gospel of Grace,

CHANGED LIVES through Biblical preaching, teaching, fellowship and discipleship, and a

CHANGED COMMUNITY, where the community is so transformed by the power of the Gospel that it becomes predominately Christian and committed to the worship and service of our Triune God.