

WORSHIPING THE GOD OF GRACE

September 16, 2018 - 10:30 AM

Please silence all communication devices. Hearing Assistance Devices and Large Print Bibles are available; please ask an Usher. Children's Bulletins and "Quiet Bags" are available at the Welcome Table.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP *My Faith Has Found A Resting Place* Arr. Don Wyrzten

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

But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

1 Peter 3:14-16 (ESV)

*CALL TO WORSHIP **Isaiah 40:1-5, 16 (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: I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

People: **He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.**

Leader: Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!

People: **You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.**

Leader: But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually,

ALL: "Great is the LORD!"

*HYMN OF PRAISE #499 (stanzas 1-2) *Rock Of Ages, Cleft For Me*

*PRAYER OF ADORATION Elder Joe Blanner

*WORSHIP IN SONG *From the Depths Of Woe Good Good Father*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

O Righteous Father, You summon me to look upon the beauty and glory of Your Son, but I have turned my gaze to the temporary and created splendor of this world. I have secretly cherished visions of earthly wealth, beauty and power and have sought after them instead of the kingdom, the power, and the glory of Jesus. Forgive the wandering eyes of my heart and enable me by faith to fix my gaze upon the One who alone is worthy of all my focused attention and deepest affection.

*HYMN OF CONFESSION #500 (stanzas 3-4) *Rock Of Ages, Cleft For Me*

COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL **Jeremiah 33:8 (ESV)**

*I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me,
and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.*

*For those who are able, please stand.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #731**

Doxology

***GREETING OF PEACE**

Ephesians 2:13-14 (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.

*But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near
by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace.*

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.

*Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!*

Psalms 96:7-9 (ESV)

OFFERTORY

Hills And Valleys

By T. Wells, C. Butler, J. Smith

SCRIPTURE READING (page 914 in blue pew Bible)

Acts 7:1-53

SERMON

"Stephen's Defense Of The Faith"

Rev. Dave Stain

Pastor, Spring Hills Presbyterian Church

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #570** (stanzas 1-2, 4) *Faith Of Our Fathers!*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

The God of Abraham Praise

Arr. Don Wyrzten

Personal Prayer and Counsel

*"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Be joyful in hope,
patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."*

Romans 12:10, 12, 13 (NIV)

We want so much to come alongside you in brotherly love and hospitality by your allowing us to be in prayer for your salvation or any need you may have. Please see Pastor Stain or one of our Elders at the back of the church following the worship service where we are available and eager to meet with you and pray with you in complete confidence.

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.