

WORSHIPING THE GOD OF GRACE

September 23, 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 *It Is Well With My Soul*

Arr. Lori Line

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

Yes, and I will rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Philippians 1:18b-21 (ESV)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 91

INTROIT

My Dwelling Place

by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Kelly Minter, Chris Eaton and Stuart Townend

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 47:1-8 (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: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

People: **For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth. He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

Leader: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

People: **Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

Leader: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

ALL: **God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #296 (stanzas 1-3, 5) *All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name!*

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Seminary Intern Jeff Kuebler

*WORSHIP IN SONG

On Jordan's Stormy Banks *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Valley of Vision Puritan Prayers

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

O Holy Father, my heart is small and my affections cold. I have loved neither you nor my neighbor. Point me to the cross, that I might see the Savior. He was all anguish that I might be joy, cast off that I might be brought in, endured Hell's worst that I might have Heavens best. He was stripped that I might be clothed, wounded that I might be healed, tormented that I might be comforted. Your Son entered unspeakable darkness that I might have eternal light, and wept bitter tears that he might wipe away every tear. In his groan, He gave me a song and bore the thorns that I might wear a crown. Open my lips that I may confess my sin, and my heart, that I may receive your grace.

COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL

John 6:37-39 (ESV)

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.

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

***GREETING OF PEACE**

Philippians 6:7 (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.

*And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

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.

*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights
with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.*

James 1:17 (ESV)

OFFERTORY

When Amidst The Storm I'm Shaken

By LaPointe

SCRIPTURE READING (page 916 in blue pew Bible)

Acts 7:54-8:1a

SERMON

"The First Christian Martyr"

Rev. Dave Stain

Pastor, Spring Hills Presbyterian Church

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #691**

It Is Well With My Soul

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Arr. by Larry Shackley

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.