

WORSHIPING THE GOD OF GRACE

November 11, 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 *The Lord's My Shepherd*

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.

1 Peter 3:14-15 (ESV)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 66:1-5, 8, 16, 19-20 (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: Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

People: **Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name."**

Leader: Come and see what God has done:

People: **he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.**

Leader: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard.

People: **Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul. I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue.**

Leader: But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

ALL: **Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #184 (stanzas 1-4, 6) *The King Of Love My Shepherd Is*

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Elder Jeff Cunningham

*WORSHIP IN SONG

*All Creatures Of Our God And King
Undignified*

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

1 John 1:2; 2:2 (ESV)

The life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us -- Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the propitiation [atoning sacrifice] for our sins.

**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

Come Ye Sinners Poor And Needy

SCRIPTURE READING (page 935 in blue pew Bible)

Acts 26:1-29

SERMON

"The Gospel For People Who Think It Is Nonsense"

Dr. Rev. George Stulac

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #701 Redeemed, How I Love To Proclaim It!**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Redeemed How I Love To Proclaim It

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.