

# WORSHIPING THE GOD OF GRACE

January 6, 2019 - 10:30 AM

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## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP *Brethren We Have Met To Worship* Arr. by Melody Bober

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

*Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.*

**2 Peter 1:12-15 (ESV)**

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP **Psalm 25: 1-5 (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.

Pastor: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust;

People: **let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.**

Pastor: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;

People: **they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

Pastor: Make me know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

ALL: **Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.**

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE #363 *We Gather Together*

## \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

## \*WORSHIP IN SONG *Abide With Me* *Give Us Clean Hands*

## GREETING OF PEACE **Philippians 4:7 (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

[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.*  
**Ephesians 6:18 (ESV)**

## 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.

*Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness,  
For one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.*  
**Luke 12:15 (ESV)**

## OFFERTORY *Needing You Now* By Meredith Andrews

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

SERMON

*“Trusting An Unknown Future To A Known God”*

Rev. David Stain

Pastor, Spring Hills Presbyterian Church

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #580

*Lead On, O King Eternal*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

O God, your will is that all your children should be one in Christ. We pray for the unity of your church. Pardon all our pride and our lack of faith, of understanding and of charity, which are the causes of our divisions. Deliver us from our narrow-mindedness, from our bitterness, from our prejudices. Save us from considering as normal that which is a scandal to the world and an offense to your love. Teach us to recognize the gifts of grace among all who call upon you and confess faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord. We ask these things in the matchless name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.

COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL

1 Timothy 1:15-16 (ESV)

*The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.*

**THE LORD’S SUPPER**

The Lord’s Supper is a physical action, mandated by Jesus, through which God acts to nourish, sustain, comfort, challenge, teach, and assure us. The celebration of the Lord’s Supper nourishes our faith and stirs our imaginations to perceive the work of God and the contours of the gospel more clearly.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Luke 22:15-20 (ESV)

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

[there is a gluten-free option on the bread tray]

Please feel free to eat the bread when you are served to signify that Christ’s death was for you as an individual.

Please hold the cup until all have been served so that we may partake together signifying that the Christ’s death was for the Body of Christ called from before the foundation of the world.

\*CLOSING HYMN #585 (stanzas 1, 5-6) *Take My Life, And Let It Be*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Before the Throne of God*

Arr. by John Hudson

**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.