

WORSHIPING THE GOD OF GRACE

November 6, 2022 - 10:30 AM

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WELCOME

Pastor Dave Stain

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Arr. Brian Buda

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

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"
John 20:27-28 (ESV)

*CALL TO WORSHIP **Psalm 108:1-5 (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.

Leader: My heart is steadfast, O God!

Response: **I will sing and make melody with all my being!**

Leader: Awake, O harp and lyre!

Response: **I will awake the dawn!**

Leader: I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples;

Response: **I will sing praises to you among the nations.**

Leader: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

ALL: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #660 *O God Beyond All Praising*

*PRAYER OF ADORATION Pastor Dave Stain

*WORSHIP IN SONG *Your Love, Oh Lord Come and Fill Me Up*

*GREETING OF PEACE **Luke 2:14 (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.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!

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 worshipping 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.

Beware lest you say in your heart, "My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth."

You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the power to get wealth.

Deuteronomy 8:17-18 (NIV)

OFFERTORY *Psalm 100*

SCRIPTURE READING (page 469 in blue pew Bible) **Psalm 42:1-3, 11**

SERMON *"Hope in God"*

Rev. David Stain

Pastor, Spring Hills Presbyterian Church

**The congregation stands.*

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #44** (stanzas 1-2) *How Great Thou Art*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Romans 3:10-18 (ESV)

As it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one." Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive. The venom of asps is under their lips. Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness. Their feet are swift to shed blood; in their paths are ruin and misery, and the way of peace they have not known. There is no fear of God before their eyes."

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

There are many times I think I love You well, O God. But upon hearing Your call to love You with all my heart, and all my mind, and all my strength, I confess that my love for You is a diluted love, made dull and flat by lesser loyalties and a divided heart. My love seems pure only for brief moments; soon my affections are drawn away. How easily my devotion dies. Forgive me; in deep mercy spare me, despite my lost first love for You; in grace rekindle my love for You in seeing anew Jesus' love for me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL

John 3:16-18 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

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.

Spring Hills Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel, to receive the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion, with us. We ask that if your children have not met with the elders to make a statement of saving faith in Jesus Christ alone for salvation that they abstain from receiving the Lord's Supper. If you are not able to receive the Lord's Supper, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers:

Prayer for Those Searching the Truth. Lord Jesus, you claim to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent and convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief. Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for the gift of eternal life. I confess that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #44** (stanzas 3-4) *How Great Thou Art*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King

Arr. by Ken Medema