

# Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *The Church's One Foundation* Wesley/Mansfield

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Father, Give Thy Benediction*

+CALL TO WORSHIP from *Psalm 29*

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

All: **We will worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

One: Ascribe to the Lord the greatness of his name.

All: **We will worship the Lord who is full of majesty.**

One: May the Lord give strength to his people!

All: **May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

+HYMN *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* #10, vv. 1-3

## +PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you have made clear to us the things that we need to know and do to follow you. Yet we have ignored those things, choosing instead to focus on and argue about things that you have not made clear to us. Rather than following your clear command to love, we have condemned those who we think are not following your commands. Rather than seeking unity, we have sought to impose uniformity, telling others what they should and should not believe. Forgive us for being so self-centered. Send us your Spirit that we may trust your promise to tell us what we need to know. Help us to stop worrying about the things we disagree about and start celebrating the things we do agree on. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## +ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* #10, v.4

## +PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

## TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward for the Time for Young Disciples. Afterward, children ages 4 thru 3<sup>rd</sup> grade may go to Worship Our Way (W.O.W.) while children in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and older are invited to worship with their families.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM – Kaylee & Catherine Arney

Presentation

Baptismal Vows

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism & Blessing

+HYMN *Baptized in Water* #492

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Jeremiah 29:4-7 p. 690 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* Thrupp/Raney

EPISTLE READING 1 Timothy 2:1-12 p. 184 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED Tim Reynolds

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (1983)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit give us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

## OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *This Is My Father's World* Rodriguez

+Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* #592

+Prayer of Dedication

+HYMN *A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar* #57  
*Tune: How Can I Keep from Singing?*

A prophet-woman broke a jar, by Love's divine appointing  
With rare perfume she filled the room, presiding and anointing

A prophet-woman broke a jar, the sneers of scorn defying  
With rare perfume she filled the room, preparing Christ for dying

A faithful woman left a tomb by Love's divine commission  
She saw, she heard, she preached the Word, arising from submission

A faithful woman left a tomb with resurrection gospel  
She saw, she heard, she preached the Word, apostle to apostles

The Spirit knows, the Spirit calls, by Love's divine ordaining  
The friends we need to serve and lead, their powers and gifts unchanging

The Spirit knows, the Spirit calls, from women, men, and children

The friend we need to serve and lead. Rejoice and make them welcome!

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE *Sing the Glad Song* Ritter

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

## THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Helen Phillips
- the acolytes are Hope Shockley & Jeni Holt
- the bellringer is the Children's Sunday School Class
- the W.O.W. leaders are Ron Materna & Dianne Loomis
- the nursery volunteers are Georgia Crews, Trent & Rachel Bales
- the sound board tech is Gloria Wadle

## WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION

**Elders: Randa McCall & Danny Wilson**

**VISITORS:** We are delighted to have you with us this morning and hope you feel at home. Please let us know a bit about you by filling in your information in the Friendship Register this morning. **A Nursery is available** for infants and children through age 3. If you need directions an usher can assist you.

**HEARING DEVICES** are available for the hearing impaired from an usher.

**LAST WEEK WE BEGAN A 9-WEEK SERMON SERIES ON 1 TIMOTHY.** This Epistle from the Apostle Paul is written to his young protégé Timothy at the church in Ephesus. Paul was concerned about the Ephesian church and its members so he writes to give Timothy instructions and advice on how to lead the church and how the believers should behave.

**LITURGIST TRAINING:** The next Liturgist Training Class will be held this Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining this ministry of leading God's people in worship, please make plans to attend. Hope to see you there!

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:** This year we are studying the Creeds & Confessions of the Presbyterian Church. Currently, we are studying *The Scots Confession*. Class is on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who remembered our family during the Christmas season. There were so many of you that were so gracious to us we hope that you will not mind this general "thank you" note. It would take a long time to thank each of you personally, but please know that we remembered each of you in our family prayers. We are blessed to serve such a generous and loving congregation. Grace & Peace – Tim, Tuesday, Seth & Lily Grace

**SPENCER-MILLER CONCERT SERIES:** The next concert in the Spencer-Miller Concert Series at SSPC is next Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. and will feature the group *Brass 5*. This Roanoke-area based group offers a vast repertoire of music from Renaissance, Classical, Dixieland, Jazz, and Rock to Country. Community admission is \$10 while all students are admitted free.

## MINISTRY TO THE CONGREGATION

**Elders: Winkie Barton & Susan Lowry**



Church Dinner

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** Wednesday night dinners are at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, just prior to the Bible Study led by Pastor Tim. The cost is \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children. All are invited to come share in great food and fellowship!

**NELL CLARK'S NEW ADDRESS** is 1575 John Knox Drive, P301, Colfax, NC 27235, telephone (336) 763-4612. Nell would welcome hearing from you!

**SERVICE AND OUTREACH**  
**Elders: Alicia Arney & Kay Bunn**

**FAITH IN ACTION:** Our next week to serve is February 23<sup>rd</sup>-March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please mark your calendars now.

**MANY THANKS TO ALL** who donated winter clothing or baby items to the Mitten Tree project this year. We collected the following items to serve those in need in our community:

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| 110 Caps            | 680 diapers                |
| 6 scarves           | 1436 baby wipes            |
| 5 pairs of socks    | 5 pkgs of rice cereal      |
| 48 hat/glove sets   | 64 oz. of baby apple juice |
| 188 pairs of gloves | 1 baby blanket             |

**SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP**  
**Elders: Helen Phillips & Lucy Phillips**

**THE BABIES NEED YOU!** It's time to act on the promise we, as a congregation, made to our young disciples when they were baptized. The babies/toddlers are in need of adults to care for them during Sunday school and/or the worship service. See Janet McGraw today or sign-up on the volunteer sheet on the bulletin board outside the parlor.

**BUECHNER LECTURE SERIES COMES TO SSPC:** On Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. SSPC will have the privilege of hosting The Right Reverend Bishop Eugene Taylor Sutton as part of the Buechner Lecture Series and in conjunction with the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebrations in Abingdon. Bishop Sutton is bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland and a noted speaker and conference leader on the topics of reconciliation, spirituality, and social justice. Former canon pastor at Washington National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., and director of the Center for Prayer and Pilgrimage, he has served as a college chaplain, parish priest, and professor of homiletics and liturgy at Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville.

**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS** will resume this Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>!

**WINTER WEATHER POLICY:** Now that winter is here it's probably a good time to remind everyone of our policies for inclement weather!

**Sunday Worship:** Worship will never be cancelled due to weather. Please use your own discretion, however, in deciding whether or not to come. Safety is of primary importance; stay home if you don't feel you can make it safely.

**Sunday School:** The teachers of each class will determine whether or not to meet. Teachers will call class members *only* if class is cancelled.

**Wednesday Afterschool Programs/Dinner & Bible Study/Preschool:** These activities follow the Washington County School schedule. If Washington County Schools are closed or dismissed early, then these activities will be cancelled.

**All Other Activities (Choir, Session, Committees, etc.):** These will be determined on a case by case basis. The church office will be closed only in the event of *extreme* weather.

**IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**TODAY, Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

**Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

- 2:00 p.m. Circle 3 in the Grant Classroom

**Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:00 p.m. Liturgist Training
- 8:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon in the Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

- 3:15 p.m. After School Programs
- 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir
- 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study at BabyCakes
- 8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 3:00 p.m. Spencer-Miller Concert in the Sanctuary

**STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY**  
**Elders: Fred Holt & Baird Smith**

<b>Stewardship &amp; Attendance</b> for January 5, 2014:	
Attendance:	204
Offering:	\$8,425

**CHURCH BULLETINS** are now available on our website! The link to view is <http://www.sinkingspring.org/worship.html#ws>.

**WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:** Mazie Cook, Gladys Cornelius, May Joe Craig, Mary Everett, Helen Napps, Reed Cooke, June Atkins

**WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS:** Rosemary Sweet, Debbie Hines, Preston Moore, Sara Gilley, Carol Yates, Paul & Kelly Read, James Owens

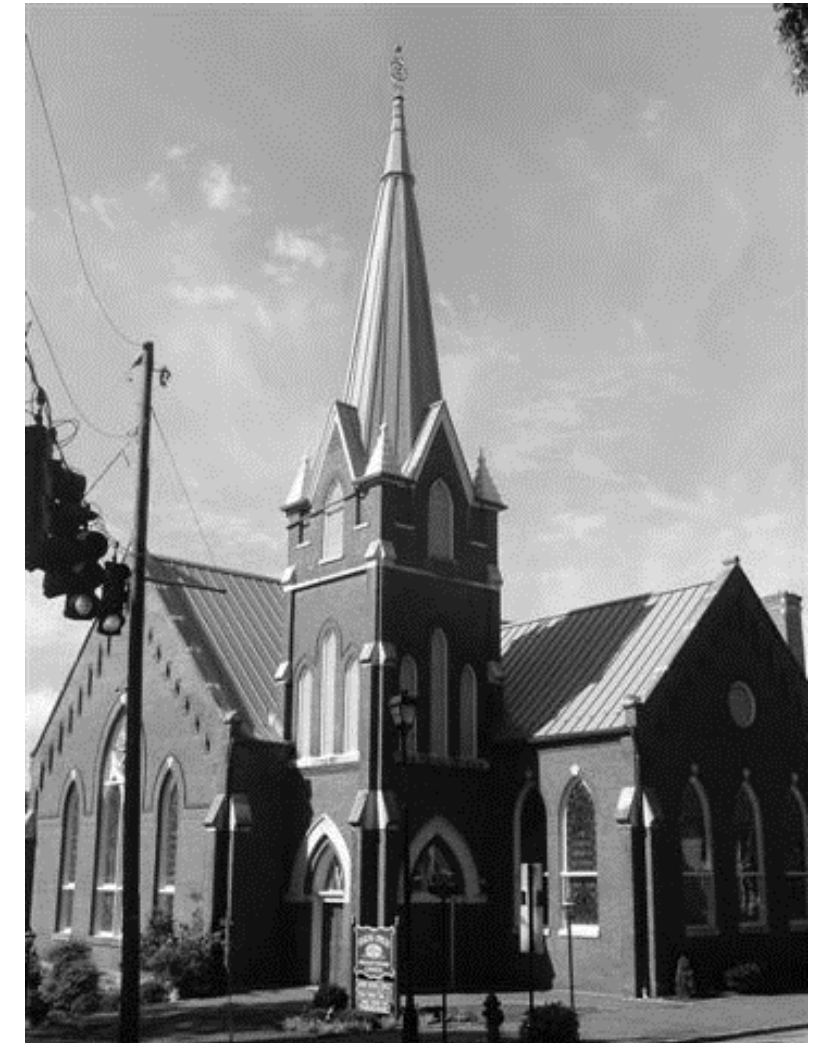
**WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS:** Peyton Davis, Barry Greever, Curtis Ratliff

**AND FOR THESE MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY:** Joseph McGraw, Nathan McGraw, Mark Widener, Walter Holcomb Jr., John Nowell II, John Nowell III

\*Names remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer

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