

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas

January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Noel* Daquin

### WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Be Known to Us*

CALL TO WORSHIP *O Sing a New Song* #217

+HYMN OF PRAISE *Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love* #62

#### +PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of Power and Might, we confess that at times we come to you seeking miracles, but only for ourselves. We confess that we withhold the gifts you bestow on us for service, using them only for our own benefit. We confess that we too often do not focus on being loving, but on being right. Open our eyes, Lord, that we may trust your wonder-working power. Send us your Spirit so that power may work in us, and through us for others. We pray in the mighty name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### +ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *We Three Kings of Orient Are* #66, v. 5  
Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice  
Alleluia, Alleluia sounds through the earth and skies  
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light

#### +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.

#### OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Blessed Assurance* arr. Trivette  
+Doxology *What Child Is This?* #53, v.3  
So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come one and all to own him  
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary  
+Prayer of Dedication

#### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Deuteronomy 6:20-25 p. 153 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### EPISTLE READING

This is the Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

1 Timothy 1:1-17

p. 183 NT

#### THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Tim Reynolds

#### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Preparatory Anthem

*Come to the Water*

Foley/Schrader

Great Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer (Hymnbook p. 16)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

They are lifted up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

#### +AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Wesleyan Covenant Renewal Service*

I give myself completely to you, God. Assign me to my place in your creation. Let me suffer for you. Give me the work you would have me do. Give me many tasks or have me step aside while you call others. Put me forward or humble me. Give me riches or let me live in poverty. I freely give all that am and all that I have to you. And now, holy God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it. May this covenant made on earth continue for all eternity. Amen.

#### +HYMN OF SENDING

*As with Gladness Men of Old*

#63

#### +BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

*May The Grace*

#### +POSTLUDE

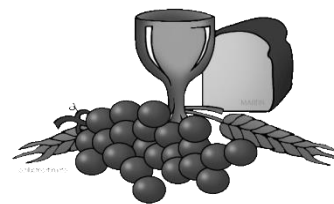
*A New Year Celebration*

Paxton

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

#### THIS MORNING...

- The liturgist is Brice Crum
- the acolytes are Kaylee Arney & Jill Childress
- the bellringer is Cate Arney
- the W.O.W. leaders are Ben & Val Sharp
- the nursery volunteers are Rachel Fowlkes, Nancy Norden & Jan Hardman



**Communion:** We welcome all who follow Jesus to the Lord's Table this morning, including children. Parents who wish to go get their children from the Nursery or from W.O.W. to celebrate communion as a family may do so during the singing of the Communion preparation hymn.

#### 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.

**PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW ORGANIST, DR. JOEY TRIVETTE,** to the SSPC family. Dr. Trivette holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Appalachian State and the Ph.D. from Florida State. He has over 28 years of church music and choral directing experience. He currently holds the Gaynelle Lockhart Albert Endowed Chair of Music position at Southwest Virginia Community College. He is husband to Ann Marie and father to Annsley (6) and Joby (5). In his spare time you can find Joey playing tennis, jazz, or coaching his kids' soccer and basketball teams.

**THE PRELUDE THIS MORNING** is entitled *Noel* by Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772). It comes from a collection of pieces written by French composers to celebrate the Christmas and Epiphany seasons. The melodies were settings of carols of their day.

**TODAY WE BEGIN 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.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:** We will resume our study of *The Scots Confession* on this Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> 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 is on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. and will feature the group *Brass*.

#### MINISTRY TO THE CONGREGATION Elders: Winkie Barton & Susan Lowry



Church Dinner

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** Wednesday night dinners will resume this Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, just prior to the Adult 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!

#### 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.

**SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP (CONT.)**  
**Elders: Helen Phillips & Lucy Phillips**

**FIND OUT ABOUT THE NURSERY:** On *Wednesday, January 8 @ 5:00pm* there will be a short session to acquaint interested adults with the Nursery. You will learn the procedure for drop-off and pick-up of children, where things are located, how to dispose of diapers, and basically what responsibilities are involved with helping in the Nursery. The session will be finished by 5:30 in time for Wednesday Night Supper and Bible Study..

**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 Episcopalian 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:** There is no school this Wednesday so there will be no after school programs for students. Programs for our elementary and middle school students will resume on January 15, 2014.

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

**FAITH IN ACTION:** Thanks to all who served this past week! 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             |

**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 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

- 10:00 a.m. Circle 1 in the Grant Classroom
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Service & Outreach Team (Parlor)
- 8:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon in the Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

- 5:00 p.m. Nursery Orientation
- 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 9<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

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

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

<b>Stewardship &amp; Attendance</b> for December 29, 2013:		
Attendance:	12/24: 212	12/29: 132
Offering:	\$34,720	

**THE HUNGER OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED TODAY**

**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: Peyton Davis, Barry Greever

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Bobby Semancik, Curtis Ratliff, Diego Santacruz

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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