

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 2nd, 2014

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Come Ye Thankful People Come* *arr. Hopson*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Come, Share The Lord*

+CALL TO WORSHIP based on the *Psalm 43*

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: Send us your light and your truth, O Lord, that they may lead us.

All: **Let them bring us to your holy dwelling.**

One: Let us come before the Lord with exceeding joy; let us come before the Lord with praise!

All: **Our hope is in you, O God! We joyfully praise you, for you are our help and our God!**

+HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God* #555, vv. 1-2

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you have given us an inheritance of eternal life; yet we have cared more for the things of this world, which pass away, than for spiritual riches, which never fade. We have worked harder at cultivating earthly treasure than in storing up heavenly treasure. Forgive us for following our selfish desires rather than trusting that your way is always best. Convict us by your Spirit to invest our time and resources in ways that will bear good fruit that lasts forever. Till the soil of our souls that the seed you sow in us will produce a harvest that will glorify you and your Kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *Now Thank We All Our God* #555, v. 3

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven

To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given

The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore

The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore

+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 3rd grade may go to Worship Our Way (W.O.W.) while children in 4th grade and older are invited to worship with their families.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Let All Things Now Living* *arr. Carter*

+Doxology

+Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Isaiah 55:6-13 p. 645 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING Mark 4:1-20 p. 32 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Preparatory Hymn *For the Fruit of All Creation* #553

Sung to the Tune of Day Is Done (#544)

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 *Celtic Communion* Hayes

Prayer After Communion

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *The Confession of 1967*

The Lord's Supper is a celebration of our reconciliation with God and with one another, in which we joyfully eat and drink together at the table of our Savior. We rejoice in the foretaste of the kingdom which he will bring to consummation at his promised coming, and go out from the Lord's Table with courage and hope for the service to which he has called us. It is the will of God that his purpose for our lives shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ, which culminates in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists his will and disrupts his creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in us and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

+HYMN OF SENDING *We Plow the Fields and Scatter* #560

Sung to the Tune of All Glory, Laud, and Honor (#88)

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *Part In Peace*

+POSTLUDE *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* Clark

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND



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.

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Sydney Johnson
- the acolytes are Lily Reynolds and Kaylee Arney
- the bell ringer is Graham Pittman
- the W.O.W. leaders are Jason and Becky Pittman
- the nursery volunteers are Amber Moran, Karen Peterson and Liz Edelman
- the sound board tech is John Nowell

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. **A Nursery is available** for infants and children through age 4. If you need directions an usher can assist you.

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

WE ARE CURRENTLY IN A YEAR-LONG SERMON SERIES on the *Gospel of Mark*. Mark says this is the story of God's Son and it is Good News. Each hearer of Mark's story must determine what his/her own response will be to this Good News.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS! Anyone interested in helping decorate the church for the holidays, please come to the Worship and Celebration Committee meeting on November 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor at church.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY Elders: Georgia Crews & Rachel Fowlkes

IN ORDER TO GIVE ADEQUATE TIME AND ATTENTION to discussing and understanding all the issues surrounding the PC(USA)'s proposed redefinition of marriage, the Session of Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church has decided to wait until after the first of the year to hold a discussion forum on the topic. The date has been set for Sunday, January 18th at 3:00 p.m. A sub-committee will be established by the Session to design the format and content of the forum and more details will be forthcoming, but we wanted you to get the date on your calendar now. We look forward to hearing from you and sharing with one another.

WE ARE UPDATING OUR RECORDS AND NEED YOUR HELP! We want to make sure our communication with you is as good as it can be. In addition, we are getting ready to publish a new Church Directory (the non-pictorial kind!). So we want to make sure that all of the information we have for you, such as address, email, birthday, etc. is correct. There is a form on the table in the Narthex that we would like you to take and fill out with all of your information. You can put in the offering plate, put it in Donna's box, or drop it by the church anytime. We'll compare our records to the form and make sure we have all your information correct. Thanks for your assistance!

OUR NEXT DISCOVERY LUNCHEON IS NOV. 9TH! If you have been visiting SSPC in recent months and want an opportunity to learn more about us (and a free lunch!) plan on coming to our next Discovery luncheon after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Tim and members of the Session will be there for a brief presentation and to answer questions you might have. And did we mention the free lunch? Please RSVP to the church office by November 4th if you would like to attend.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH
Elders: Alicia Arney & Kay Bunn

SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – Shoeboxes are available in the Narthex for church members to take home and fill with small toys, flashlights, paper, pencils, etc. to send to needy children around the world. If you have questions, contact Mindy Bonin at (859) 312-7987. Deadline for returning the shoeboxes will be **November 9th**, a donation of \$7.00 per box to cover shipping and handling is requested, make check payable to **Samaritan's Purse** and leave in shoebox.

SOCIAL CLUB – It's time once again to host Social Club at Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church! Sponsored by Highlands Community Services, the Social Club provides an evening of fun and good food for around 40 mentally and or physically challenged adults living in local nursing homes. These folks are thrilled to have an evening "out" to visit with friends, play bingo, and enjoy a good meal. SSPC will host a Thanksgiving dinner with turkey, dressing and all the trimmings on Thursday, November 20 at 5:30 p.m. If this sounds like a mission that interests you, please contact Kay Bunn or Alicia Arney. Also, we're looking for small, inexpensive bingo prizes (new or gently used) for the Social Club. If you have items to donate, please bring them by the church office before November 20.

DON'T FORGET THE MITTEN TREE! When you're out shopping for goodies to stuff your shoeboxes, don't forget to look for mittens, scarves, and warm hats to decorate our annual Mitten Tree. The tree will be in the Narthex from the first Sunday in Advent (November 30) until the week following Christmas. All the warm winter items will be taken to Faith in Action for distribution to needy families.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP
Elders: Lucy Phillips & Baird Smith

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: This fall we are studying the Kingdom Parables – parables in which Jesus says, "The Kingdom of Heaven is like..." Pastor Tim leads this study every Wednesday at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. You are welcome to join at any time, as each week is a self-contained study. Hope to see you there!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL ~ This week, November 5th at 5:00 p.m. the children will begin learning the songs they will sing for the Christmas Musical, "A Light at Christmas" that will be performed on Saturday, December 13th at 5:00 p.m. All children age K-5th Grade are invited to participate. Come Wednesday, November 5th to begin learning the songs and given a character to portray.

VOLUNTEERS ~ Believe it or not, the holidays are upon us! If you volunteer on a rotating basis to serve on Sunday mornings and know you will be gone on a certain Sunday, please let Janet McGraw know in advance as it helps when making out the schedule. Thank you.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, November 2nd Communion

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

Monday, November 3rd

6:30 p.m. Service and Outreach Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. Worship and Celebration Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 4th

10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
8:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 5th

3:15 p.m. After School Program
5:00 p.m. Junior Choir
6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, November 6th

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study at BabyCakes
5:30 p.m. Spiritual Formation and Discipleship Committee Meeting
8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 9th

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Fall Discovery Class and Luncheon

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Elders: Fred Holt & John Legard

Stewardship & Attendance for October 26, 2014

Attendance: 163
Offering: \$3,242.00

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, Helen Napps, Reed Cooke (Grand Court), June Atkins, Hazel Warden (Abingdon Rehab) and Gladys Cornelius

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS: Hope Littrell

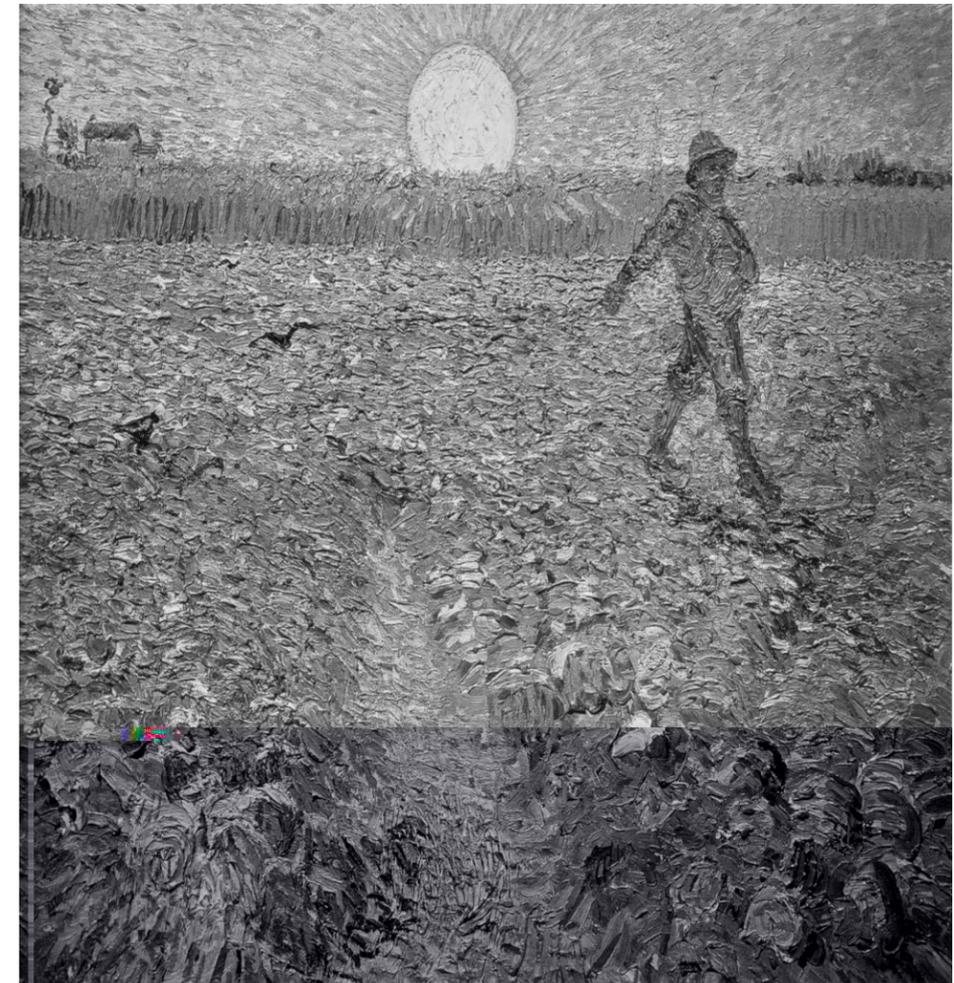
WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: The Family of Dale Brown, David Henninger, Agnes Hughes, Bess Orr and Kitty Henninger

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

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

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