

## *Christ the King Sunday*

November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Now Thank We All Our God*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *GATHERING AROUND THE WORD*

INTROIT *Enter His Gates With Thanksgiving*

+CALL TO WORSHIP from

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! Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name!

**All: Let us worship the Lord in splendor!**

One: The Lord sits enthroned as King forever. In his temple all say, "Glory!"

**All: May the Lord give us strength forever and bless his people with peace!**

+HYMN *Crown Him with Many Crowns* #151, vv. 1-3

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

King of Kings, Ruler of all, we confess that we are often as puzzled as Pilate when confronted with your kingship. Bound to this world, to the regimens of calendars and the limits of our bank accounts, we struggle to conceive of a kingdom beyond what we know. Caught amid the often-conflicting claims of church and culture, media and marketplace, we ask the age-old question, "What is truth?" Loving Lord, how we long to hear the truth of your love, comfort and peace! May we hear your call to move beyond our comfort zones and beyond our own desires, to bless others with the blessing we have received from you; to be witnesses to your life-changing truth. Lord of our lives, rule in us, that we might show others a glimpse of your kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *Crown Him with Many Crowns* #151, 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.

+HYMN *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word* #454

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### *PROCLAIMING THE WORD*

HEBREW BIBLE READING Genesis 12:1-4 p. 9 OT

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

ANTHEM *Thanksgiving Medley*

GOSPEL READING Mark 5:1-20 p. 34 NT

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED Tim Reynolds

### *RESPONDING TO THE WORD*

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;442.4P1cP 20.1(o)-141(t)-2(o)o d-4

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

**ECUMENICAL FAITH IN ACTION** – Next week is our week to serve! There is a signup sheet in the Narthex. Please sign up to serve those in need in our community during this season of Thanksgiving.

**DON'T FORGET THE 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:** There will be no Bible Study this week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL** ~ The children have begun learning the songs for the Christmas Musical, "A Light at Christmas" that will be performed on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. All children age K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to participate each Wednesday afternoon at 5:00 p.m.

**SPECIAL NEED** ~ Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church has the best group of volunteer leaders! There is a need for some adult leadership in the children and youth Sunday School classes so the burden can be lightened for those teaching in the classes. The responsibility is shared and therefore lightens the load. Search your heart and ask God if this is an area where you can help. Let Janet McGraw know if you are interested. You can shadow the teacher for a week or two until you feel comfortable going solo! WE NEED YOU!

**WINTER WEATHER POLICY:** We want 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. We will do our best to keep you safe.

**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, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
 12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting  
 6:30 p.m. Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving

**Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon in the Fellowship Hall

**Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:00 a.m. First W. H. F. Gei  
 8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**  
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

**STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY**  
**Elders: Fred Holt & John Legard**

**Stewardship & Attendance** for November 16, 2014  
 Attendance: 208  
 Offering: \$4,901.00

**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)

**WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS:** Jay McCallum

**WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS:** David Henninger, Hope Littrell, Charles Henninger, John Cornelius and family, Family of Lewis & Abbey Mwazembe; Betty Hunter (Abingdon Rehab) and Bess Orr

**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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