

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 9th, 2014

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* *arr. Hughes*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Come, Let Us Worship God*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 116*

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: What shall we return to the Lord for all his bounty to us?

All: **We shall lift the cup of salvation and call upon his name.**

One: What shall we return to the Lord for all his bounty to us?

All: **We shall offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.**

+HYMN *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* #464

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous and Giving God, our confession this morning is that too often we have tried to do your job. We try to save others; we try to change beliefs; we try to plant, water, and harvest the crop; we try to force growth in ourselves and in others; we try to *make* Thy Kingdom come. We forget that it is “Thy” Kingdom, not “my” kingdom and that it will come when *you* want it to come. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to remember that you are God and we are not, so that our efforts may be in line with your efforts. We pray in Jesus’ name, Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE

+RESPONSE *Blessed Assurance* #341, v. 1

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long

This is my story, this my song, praising my Savior all the day long

+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.

+HYMN *Your Word Is the Seed*

Your Word is the seed and I am the soil,

O Lord help me know how to rest and not toil

Then I will grow to what I should be

For then I will know that it’s You living in me

It’s you living in me

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Ezekiel 17:22-24 p. 740 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *The Lord Is My Light* *Courtney*

GOSPEL READING Mark 4:21-34 p. 33 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from The Heidelberg Catechism*

Just as Christ has redeemed us with his blood, he also renews us through his Holy Spirit according to his own image, so that with our whole life we may show ourselves grateful to God for his goodness and that he may be glorified through us; and further, so that we ourselves may be assured of our faith by its fruits and by our reverent behavior may win our neighbors to Christ.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *My Shepherd Will Supply My Needs* *arr. Carter*

+Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #592

+Prayer of Dedication

+HYMN *Sent Forth by God’s Blessing*

Sung to the tune: ASH GROVE

Sent forth by God’s blessing our true faith confessing

The people of God from this dwelling take leave

The service is ended, O now be extended

The fruits of our worship in all who believe

The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching

Shall blossom in action for God and for all

God’s grace did invite us and love shall unite us

To work for God’s kingdom and answer the call

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living

The tasks of our everyday life we will face

Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring

Embracing God’s children of each tribe and race

With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us

Unite us as one in this life that we share

Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving

Give honor to Christ and that name which we bear

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *A Parting Prayer*

+POSTLUDE *Postlude on “Faith”* *Trad.*

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION Elders: Randa McCall & Danny Wilson

THIS

- the liturgist is Austin Patrick
- the acolytes are Jeni Holt and Emma Shockley
- the bell ringer is J. W. Hortenstine
- the W.O.W. leaders are John and Jamie Hortenstine
- the nursery volunteers are Grace Chi, Lila Thurmond and Jan Hardman
- the sound board tech is

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.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE: On Sunday, November 23rd at 6:30 p.m. the congregations of St. Thomas Episcopal, Abingdon United Methodist, and Sinking Spring Presbyterian will come together in our sanctuary to observe an Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving. All are invited to this special evening as we join our brothers & sisters from our neighboring congregations in praise & worship of God.

THE NEXT SPENCER-MILLER CONCERT is NEXT Sunday, November 16th. Jazz: America’s Music will be led by Director and Pianist Joseph Trivette. The recital will trace the origins of jazz and feature all styles, including Dixieland, African-inspired works, Big Band Swing, Bebop, Cool jazz, Latin and Fusion – all performed by an amazing collection of professional musicians. Composers include Gershwin, Hancock, Gillespie, and Strayhorn.

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!

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 23RD We will have a brief Congregational Meeting at the end of worship on November 23rd to receive the report of the Nominating Committee and elect elders to the Class of 2017.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH
Elders: Alicia Arney & Kay Bunn

TODAY is the deadline for returning shoeboxes. A donation of \$7 per box covers shipping and handling. Make check payable to 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.

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!

~ The children have begun learning the songs 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 each Wednesday afternoon at 5:00 p.m.

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.

SPECIAL NEED ~ Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church has the best group of volunteer leaders! Just like in the children's message last week, we need care to help us grow. 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 every Sunday. I'm talking team teaching. 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.

CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN CAMPAIGN - Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church Preschool sponsored our 8th annual Trike-A-Thon to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. We had raised \$17,521.55 through previous campaigns and had set our goal to reach \$20,000 in total this year. WE DID IT!! This is the first of four events of our "Children Helping Children" campaign. THANK YOU to all who donated to this worthy cause.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, November 9th

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

Monday, November 10th

6:30 p.m. Session Budget Workshop

Tuesday, November 11th

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

Wednesday, November 12th

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

Thursday, November 13th

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

Sunday, November 16th

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 2, 2014

Attendance: 186
 Offering: \$6,964.00
 Hunger: \$100.00

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: Charles Henninger, John Cornelius and family, Family of Lewis & Abbey Mwazembe on passing of Abbey's father

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: David Henninger, Agnes Hughes, Bess Orr and Hope Littrell

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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