

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16th, 2014

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *How Firm a Foundation* Trivette

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Holy, Lord God Almighty*

+CALL TO WORSHIP

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: We come here not because we have found God, but because God our Creator found us.

All: **We come because God our Creator has called us here and we have answered his call.**

One: We come to hear yet again God's promises of forgiveness, grace, courage, healing, and eternal life.

All: **Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto God!**

+HYMN OF PRAISE *Come, Great God of All the Ages* #132

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty and Merciful God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess, however, that we have not lived up to your calling. We have been timid and frightened disciples, forgetful of your powerful presences and the strength of your Spirit among us. O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. As you have chosen us and claimed us in our baptisms, strengthen us anew to choose the Way of Christ in this world. Give us your Holy Spirit that each one of us in ministry may be provided with all the gifts of grace needed to fulfill our common calling, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *Glory Be to the Father* #579

+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 *Called As Partners in Christ's Service* #343

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Deuteronomy 18:1-5 p. 162 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Gentle Voice* Dengler/Dengler

EPISTLE READING 1 Timothy 5:17-25 p. 186 NT

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *The Second Helvetic Confession*

Christ's apostles call all who believe in Christ "priests," but not on account of an office. Therefore, the priesthood and the ministry are very different from one another. For the priesthood is common to all Christians; not so the ministry. The apostle Paul calls ministers "rowers" who have their eyes fixed on the coxswain, for in all duties every minister of the Church is commanded to carry out only what they have received in commandment from the Lord. Moreover, the apostle adds that ministers are administrators and stewards of the mysteries of God. Therefore for this purpose are the ministers of the Church called – to preach the Gospel of Christ to the faithful, and to administer the Sacraments. All faithful ministers are also worthy of their reward, and do not sin when they receive a stipend, and all things necessary for themselves and their family.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *We Are Marching in the Light of God* Carter

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

+Prayer of Dedication

+HYMN OF SENDING *God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian* #523

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *May the Spirit of the Lord*

+POSTLUDE *Come, Let Us Sing* Paxton

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Richard Cano
- the acolytes are Madison Counts & Kaylee Arney
- the bellringer is Taylor Jennings
- the W.O.W. leaders are Jason & Becky Pittman
- the nursery volunteers are Rachel Fowlkes, Jan Hardman & Grace Chi
- the sound board tech is Rick Ratliff

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.

WE ARE CURRENTLY IN THE MIDST OF A 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: Our study this year is on *The Book of Confessions of the PC(USA)*. This week we will begin studying *The Heidelberg Catechism*. Pastor Tim leads this study which begins at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

HANDBELL AND CHOIR RECRUITMENT NOTICE! Due to a vacancy, the handbell choir is in need of one ringer at this time. When September 2014 comes we will need an additional two ringers for our graduating college people. Being able to read music is helpful but it is not a prerequisite. As always, the choir welcomes new voices to the fold. Handbell rehearsal is Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., followed by choir at 7:30. If you are interested in either or both of these endeavors, please contact Arch Snyder at 276-628-9975 or 276-623-3804.

SPENCER-MILLER CONCERT SERIES: The next concert in the Spencer-Miller Concert Series is on Sunday, March 23rd and will feature the Tidewater Guitar Orchestra..

SERVICE AND OUTREACH Elders: Alicia Arney & Kay Bunn

FAITH IN ACTION: Our next week to serve is February 23rd - March 1st. There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

FRUIT FOR FI:

pick up two extra cans of fruit for Faith-in-Action. This time of year with an 11.9% increase in food pantry participants, the shelves run low on stock. Extra cans of fruit are needed in addition to monetary donations to help FiA purchase fruit throughout the year. Cans are collected in the basket near the stairs and checks

continued generosity!

FAITH BUILDERS (SSPC, Green Spring Presbyterian and Woodland Hills Christian) has completed some preliminary work including the foundation for the **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** house on Taylor Street. Soon we will complete the sub-flooring and other primary tasks as weather permits. We are now recruiting volunteers needed for work scheduled to begin April 1, 2014. Volunteer application forms are located in the narthex or may be printed from the Service & Outreach page on our website www.sinkingspring.org. When completed please return to the church office or scan and email to Alice Rainey at alrainey@comcast.net. Guaranteed enthusiastic and excited co-workers on the job! T-shirts are now on sale for \$10 (\$12 for XXL); see Kay Bunn while supplies last. If you have any questions please contact Alice Rainey (276-206-8398) or Kay Bunn (276-642-0702).

MINISTRY TO THE CONGREGATION
Elders: Winkie Barton & Susan Lowry



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!

WINTER WEATHER POLICY:

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 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, February 16th

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

Monday, February 17th

6:30 p.m. Session Meeting

Tuesday, February 18th

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

Wednesday, February 19th

3:15 p.m. After School Programs
5:00 p.m.
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, February 20th

7:00 a.m.
8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 23rd

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

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Elders: Fred Holt & Baird Smith

Stewardship & Attendance for February 9, 2014:

Attendance: 183
Offering: \$5,181

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: family of Jane Pinkerton, Ron Materna

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Dot Wyrick, Vickie Crigger & family, Debbie Hines, Carol Yates

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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