

# 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Westminster Chimes Prelude* Ellis

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *With My Whole Heart*

+CALL TO WORSHIP from *Psalm 119*

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: Teach us your ways, O Lord.

All: **Give us understanding that we may keep your law in our hearts.**

One: Lead us in the path of your commandments.

All: **Turn our hearts toward you and away from selfish gain.**

One: Confirm your promises to us once again,

All: **For we long to hear that your righteousness gives us life!**

+HYMN OF PRAISE *Be Thou My Vision* #339

## +PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we confess that we have not acknowledged you as the source of our successes, our substance, and our selves. We have been far more ready to complain when things go wrong than to praise when all is well. We have fed our bodies a rich diet while neglecting to feed our souls. Power and wealth have assumed greater importance to us than sensitivity and service. We have allowed religious words and rituals to substitute for living encounters with the persons you have called us to love and serve. Forgive us, Compassionate Creator, and grant us the opportunity to start over again in this new week. Keep us from repeating the mistakes of the past or from new evils that could mislead or destroy. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

## +ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *Be Thou My Vision*

*High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Praise to the Father! Praise to the Son!  
Praise to the Spirit! Great God, Three in One!*

## +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 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* #369

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Proverbs 24:17-22 p. 569 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Giver of Each Perfect Gift* Martin

EPISTLE READING 1 Timothy 5:24-6:2 p. 186 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 Confession of 1967*

Wherever the church exists, its members are both gathered in corporate life and dispersed in society for the sake of mission in the world. The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. The quality of their relation with other persons is the measure of the church's fidelity. Each member is the church in the world, endowed by the Spirit with some gift of ministry and is responsible for the integrity of his or her witness in each particular situation.

## OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Fill My Cup* Jones  
+Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* #592  
+Prayer of Dedication

+HYMN OF SENDING *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord* #419

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *Lord, Let Us Now Depart*

+POSTLUDE *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* *Whalum*

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

### THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Mimi Hull
- the acolytes are Hope Shockley & Morgan Crum
- the bellringer is John Godfrey
- the W.O.W. leaders are Kent Peterson, Baird & Sandy Smith
- the nursery volunteers are Katie Ferris, Liz Edelman & Jamie Hortenstine
- the sound board tech is Austin Patrick

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> and will feature the Tidewater Guitar Orchestra..

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

**FAITH IN ACTION:** This is our week to serve! Beginning this afternoon at 1:30 with the bagging of food through Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, volunteers are needed to fill slots at the food pantry. On the job training is provided! A sign-up sheet for volunteers is located on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

**FRUIT FOR FIA:** Consider 2 more cans.....when you are at the grocery, please 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 can be made to SSPC with "Fruit Fund" in the memorandum line. Thanks for your 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](http://www.sinkingspring.org). When completed please return to the church office or scan and email to Alice Rainey at [alrainey@comcast.net](mailto: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: Georgia Crews & Rachel Fowlkes**



**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!

**SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP**  
**Elders: Lucy Phillips & Baird Smith**

**MARK THE DATES:** VBS will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in July ~July 7 – 11, 2014.

**NURSERY:** The nursery still needs loving arms to help care for the babies / toddlers and preschoolers during Sunday School, 9:45 – 10:45 & Worship, 10:45 – 12:15. **You must be at least in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade to help in the Nursery.**

**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, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

**Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 a.m. PW CT Meeting in the Parlor  
8:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon in the Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

3:15 p.m. After School Programs  
5:00 p.m. Children's Choir  
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 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</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 February 16, 2014:

Attendance: 163  
Offering: \$5,990

**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:** Juanita Mullins, Glenn Hines, Mike Hines

**WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS:** family of Jane Pinkerton, Ron Materna, Dot Wyrick, Vickie Crigger & family, Debbie Hines Berryman, 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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