

3^d Sunday in Lent

March 23rd, 2014

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Prelude on Jesus Walked* *Trivette*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *As in the Solemn Stillness*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 95*

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: Come, let us sing to the Lord!

All: **Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!**

One: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

All: **Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before God our Maker!**

+HYMN OF PRAISE *How Can I Keep from Singing* ENDLESS SONG

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation

I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm clinging

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing

It finds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing?

Refrain

What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth!

What though the darkness gathers round? Songs in the night he giveth!

Refrain

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing

All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?

Refrain

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we acknowledge and confess that when the going gets rough, we begin to assert ourselves and our own needs. We rely on our own strength and our own gifts and we pull back from community; we pull back from you. Like the Israelites in the desert, we murmur and complain; we criticize and blame. In your compassion, forgive us. Help us, through the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of your Holy Spirit, to maintain our trust in you, even in the wilderness days. For it is in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *What Wondrous Love Is This?*

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing

To God and to the Lamb I will sing

To God and to the Lamb, who is the great, "I AM"

While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing

While millions join the theme, I will sing

+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 *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* #399

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Let the Words of My Mouth* *Choplin*

EPISTLE READING Romans 4:1-3, 13-25 p. 135 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*

True faith is not only certain knowledge by which I accept as true all that God has revealed to us in his Word, but also a wholehearted trust which the Holy Spirit creates in me through the Gospel, that, not only to others, but to me also God has given the forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness and salvation, out of sheer grace solely for the sake of Christ's saving work.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *What Wondrous Love* *Carter*

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

+Prayer of Dedication

+HYMN OF SENDING *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* #379

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *Go Now and Live*

+POSTLUDE *Postlude on Jesus Walked* *Trivette*

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

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SERVICE AND OUTREACH
Elders: Alicia Arney & Kay Bunn

FAITH IN ACTION: Our next week to serve is the week of April 20 – 26. Mark your calendars now!

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!

HABITAT COVENANT SIGNING: Everyone is encouraged to attend the Covenant Signing for the Habitat build for the Murray Family. It will be held on Sunday, March 30th at 4:00 p.m. in the Fraley Yard with a reception immediately following. If there is inclement weather, then the ceremony will be moved to the sanctuary with the reception in the Parlor. Wear your Habitat t-shirts and take advantage of this opportunity to get acquainted with the Murrays!

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).

SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP
Elders: Lucy Phillips & Baird Smith

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

CHILDREN TO SING PALM SUNDAY: The Children's Choir is singing with the Adult Choir on Palm Sunday, April 13th. Any children grade K-5 who would like to sing on this special Sunday, are invited to come to choir practice on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. For more information please see Grace Chi.

MUSSER SCHOLARSHIP: The church is now accepting applications for the Musser Scholarship. This scholarship of \$1,000 is awarded each year to a high school senior who has been accepted to a university, college or technical school for next year. The applicant must be from Washington County and be active in his/her church. Please see Janet McGraw for more information or visit the church's website at www.sinkingspring.org.

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

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, March 23rd

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
3:00 p.m. Spencer-Miller Concert in the Sanctuary

Tuesday, March 25th

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

Wednesday, March 26th

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, March 27th

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

Sunday, March 30th

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
3:00 p.m. Spencer-Miller Concert in the Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Habitat Covenant Signing/Reception
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Elders: Fred Holt & John Legard

Stewardship & Attendance for March 16, 2014: Attendance: 157 Offering: \$6,016

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

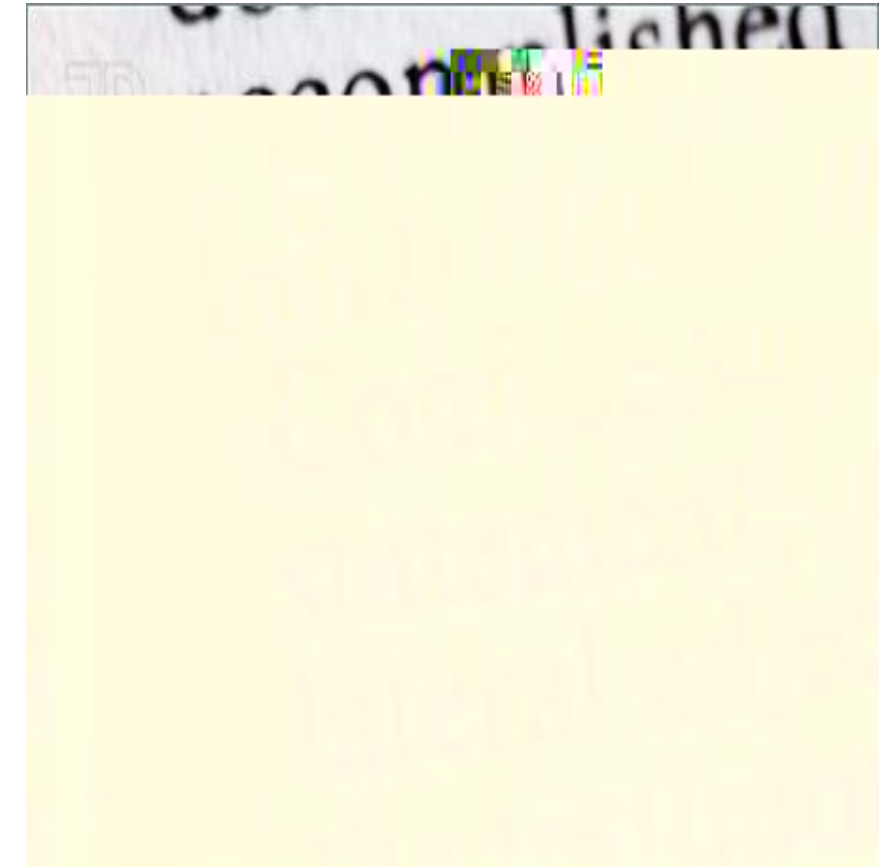
WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Elaine Ratliff, Arville Mullins, Charlotte Brillhart, Ron Materna, Dot Wyrick, Debbie Hines, Carol Yates

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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