

1st Sunday in Lent

March 9th, 2014

11:00 a.m.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

I Was Glad

+CALL TO WORSHIP

All: And also with you.

All: The Lord is our hiding place. He protects us from trouble and surrounds us with songs of deliverance.

All: We will sing for we are upright in heart. We will rejoice in the Lord and be glad.

+HYMN OF PRAISE

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our Creator and Sovereign, we praise you for the goodness you have put in the world and within us. We thank you that you have made us to live in freedom and joy before you, in the unity of love with others, no matter what life brings our way. We confess, however, that we do not always see your goodness; we do not always live in freedom and joy. Sometimes we fall into despair or self-pity. Sometimes we separate ourselves from others by our self-centeredness. Sometimes we give our loyalty to other, lesser gods. Forgive us, O Lord. Send us your Spirit that we may be filled with new life, with new joy, with new hope, that we may help to make the world more nearly what you want it to be. Through Jesus Christ, Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE

What Wondrous Love Is This?

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul?

What wondrous love is this, O my soul?

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

And also with you.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

+HYMN

God of Our Life

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP
Elders: Lucy Phillips & Baird Smith

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

WALK WITH JESUS: The Elementary After School Program is embarking on a 5 week journey that will take them from Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to Easter Resurrection. Each week the children will travel back in time and relive Holy Week as each Wednesday will focus on specifics of the week. If your child is in K-5th grade and would like to participate, please see *Janet McGraw today.*

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.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH
Elders: Alicia Arney & Kay Bunn

FAITH IN ACTION: Thanks to all who served this past week at 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!

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).

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, March 9th

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

Monday, March 10th

2:00 p.m. Circle 2/3 Meeting in the Parlor
7:00 p.m. Worship & Celebration Ministry Meeting in the Parlor

Tuesday, March 11th

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

Wednesday, March 12th

12:00 p.m. Lenten Ecumenical Noontime Service/Luncheon at SSPC
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 13th

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

Sunday, March 16th

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Elders: Fred Holt & John Legard

Stewardship & Attendance for March 2, 2014: Attendance: 166 Offering: \$6,958
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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: Charlotte Sutherland

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Charlotte Brillhart, Juanita Mullins, 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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