

April 6th, 2014

5th Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *A Lenten Nocturne* Bassi

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Come, Let Us Worship God*

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
 One: We gather in the presence of God, who asks us to choose between life and death, blessing and curse.
All: We are gathered like the people of Israel, who were challenged to choose the way of life.
 One: Like them, we often follow the ways of death.
All: Yet, like them, we have the freedom each day to begin anew by the grace of God.
 One: By our presence here, we are saying we want to choose life one more time.
All: Let us praise the God of love and life who has called us to this place!

+HYMN *Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here* #353, vv. 1-4

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wonderful and Loving Lord, we have an easy time following you when things are going well for us. It is easy to praise your name when your blessings in our lives are easy to see. We confess, however, that when we encounter difficulties, when your blessings are difficult to see or hidden from us altogether, when things don't go well for us, it's difficult for us to follow you and sing your praises. In fact, you are often the first person we blame, rather than the first person we praise. Forgive us for being so short-sighted. Forgive us for being so unfaithful. Forgive us for believing a promise you never made – that following you would be easy. During this season of Lent, help us to focus on the cross and remember Jesus' invitation to take up our cross and follow. Send us your Spirit to give us strength to endure hardship and to remind us of the life on the other side of it. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *What Wondrous Love Is This*
I'll sing of Christ the King, sing his praise, sing his praise!
I'll sing of Christ the King, sing his praise!
I'll sing of Christ the King with heart and voice I'll sing
I'll sing for all my days, sing his praise, sing his praise!
I'll sing for all my days, sing his praise!

+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.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* Lau
 +Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* #592
 +Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

EPISTLE READING 1 Peter 1:3-9 p. 205 NT
 This is the Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

HEBREW BIBLE READING Daniel 3:1-28 p. 777 OT
 This is the Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table
 Preparatory Hymn *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* #172
 Great Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer (Hymnbook p. 16)
 The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
 Lift up your hearts.
They are lifted up to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
 Breaking of the Bread
 Communion of the People *Be Not Afraid* Courtney
 Prayer After Communion

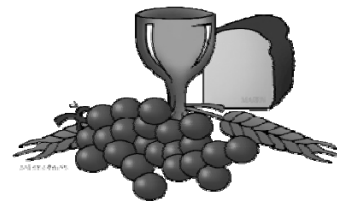
+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* (Trad.), Hymnbook p.14

+HYMN OF SENDING *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* #399

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *God Spared Not His Only Son*

+POSTLUDE *Fanfare Postlude: All Glory, Laud, and Honor* Southbridge

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND



Communion: We welcome all who follow Jesus to the Lord's Table this morning, including children. Parents who wish to go get their children from the Nursery or from W.O.W. to celebrate communion as a family may do so during the singing of the Communion preparation hymn.

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION Elders: Randa McCall & Danny Wilson

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Jill Childress
- the acolytes are Hope & Emma Shockley
- the bellringer is Taylor Jennings
- the W.O.W. leaders are Joey & Bridget Lamie
- the nursery volunteers are Kay Bunn, Rachel & Trent Bales
- the sound board tech is John Nowell

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 WELCOME CLARINETIST EMILY ROSE TO WORSHIP TODAY: Emily is a music major at Southwest Virginia Community college where she is a member of the Jazz Ensemble and Combo, Community Chorus, Jazz Vocal Ensemble, and Wind Ensemble. She is a student of Dr. Joseph Trivette (SWCC) and Dr. Andrea Cheeseman (ASU).

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: The congregations of St. John Lutheran, St. Thomas Episcopal, and Sinking Spring Presbyterian churches are hosting a Community Good Friday Service on Friday, April 18th. The service will be an Ecumenical Stations of the Cross and will be held at the Farmers Market Pavilion. People are invited to come individually or in groups any time between the hours of 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. People will be put into groups of around 10 and, as they are ready, will be led through the stations by local area pastors. The journey through the stations will take approximately 30 minutes. We hope you will join us for this poignant observance of Good Friday.

OUR LENTEN SERMON SERIES IS ON FAITH. The season of Lent is a time for reflection and introspection regarding our spiritual life. Nothing is more central to the spiritual life than *Faith*. During Lent, Pastor Tim is helping us look at *Faith* and how it plays out in our daily life. We hope this series will enlighten your minds and touch your hearts as you move deeper in your journey towards the cross with Christ.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Our Wednesday night Bible study of *The Book of Confessions* continues this week at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

SPENCER-MILLER CONCERT SERIES: The next concert in the Spencer-Miller Concert Series is April 13th and will feature the Paramount Chamber Players.

LENTEN ECUMENICAL NOONTIME SERVICES: There is 1 Wednesday service remaining in this series: April 9—St. Thomas Episcopal. Lunch is provided by the host church immediately following each service.

CHILDREN'S PALM PARADE: Next Sunday, April 13th, the children will have a palm parade around the sanctuary during the first hymn. If your child would like to be in the parade, be upstairs in the WOW room at 10:55 a.m. Any adults who wish to help with this are asked to let Janet know today.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY 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!

DISCOVERY CLASS: Interested in uniting with the congregation? Just want to know more about being Presbyterian? If “yes” then please set aside Sunday, April 13th to attend the spring Discovery Class downstairs in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. After lunch provided by the church, Pastor Tim will lead the class in learning about the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Reformed Tradition and the Sinking Spring congregation. There will also be a time for questions and answers. Please RSVP to Georgia Crews at 2006mgcgm@comcast.net, 276-676-3512 or 276-492-5240 by Tuesday, April 8th.

SHEPHERDING CLASS: Establishing connections is vital for new church members, especially during the first year of membership. Pastor Tim will be offering training on Thursday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to “seasoned” members interested in shepherding new members as they connect with people, programs and events in our church. Please contact Georgia Crews, (276.676.3512 or 276.492.5240), to learn more about this exciting new ministry or simply show up on the day of the class.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The annual meeting of the congregation will be TODAY following worship. We expect the meeting to last approximately 20 minutes.

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 FOR HUMANITY: Construction on the home began this week. If you're interested in helping out, 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. 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 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. **The deadline for applications is April 15th.** 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, April 6th

- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Annual Congregational Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

Monday, April 7th

- 7:00 p.m. Worship Team - Parlor

Tuesday, April 8th

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

Wednesday, April 9th

- 12:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service – St. Thomas Episcopal
- 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, April 10th

- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study at BabyCakes
- 7:00 p.m. Shepherding Training – Parlor
- 8:00 p.m. AA & Al-anon in the Fellowship Hall

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- 3:00 p.m. Spencer-Miller Concert – Paramount Chamber Players
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STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Elders: Fred Holt & John Legard

Stewardship & Attendance for March 30, 2014:	
Attendance:	162
Offering:	\$5,109

CHURCH BULLETINS are now available on our website! The link to view is <http://www.sinkingspring.org/worship.html#ws>.

THE HUNGER OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED TODAY

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Mazie Cook, Gladys Cornelius, May Joe Craig (Grace), Mary Everett, Helen Napps, Reed Cooke (Grand Court), June Atkins

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS: Dean McGraw (surgery)

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Beatrice Rife, Jay McCallum, 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

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