

5th Sunday of Easter

May 18th, 2014

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* *Young*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Come, Bless The Lord*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *from* Psalm 31

One: Hear the good news: Christ is risen!

All: **He is risen indeed!**

One: Let us seek our comfort in the Lord, for he is a rock of refuge and a strong fortress for our salvation.

All: **The Lord is indeed our rock and our fortress!**

One: Let us commit our spirits into the hand of the Lord, for he has redeemed us. The Lord is a faithful God.

All: **The Lord is our rock and our fortress in whom we trust. The Lord is our God!**

+HYMN OF PRAISE *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* #260

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As the beautiful signs of spring's renewal are revealed by you, O God, we must reveal to you our failure to bring fresh beauty to many parts of our lives. Like farmers who struggle during the lean months of the year, so we in our life often experience leanness, struggle, and emptiness. We fail to grow because we fail to fully trust in you. We feel alone because we do not fully embrace the community into which you call and nurture us. We feel fallow because we do not spend sufficient time with you. Forgive us, Lord. May your Holy Spirit water the seeds of faith you have planted in our hearts that, like the renewal of the earth in spring, we may experience the renewal of our faith in you. In Jesus' name we pray. 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.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *My Faith Looks Up To Thee* *Berry*

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

+Prayer of Dedication

+HYMN *When We Are Living* #400

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Psalm 146 p. 544 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *I Would Be True* *Burrows*

EPISTLE READINGS Romans 3:21-31 p. 134 NT

Ephesians 2:1-10 p. 170 NT

James 2:14-26 p. 202 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 Belonging to God: A First Catechism*

Q1: Who are you?

A: **I am a child of God.**

Q2: What does it mean to be a child of God?

A: **That I belong to God, who loves me.**

Q3: What makes you a child of God?

A: **Grace – God's free gift of love that I do not deserve and cannot earn.**

Q5: How do you thank God for this gift of love?

A: **I promise to love and trust God with all my heart.**

RECEPTION OF THE 2014 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Presentation for Baptism

Presentation for Public Profession of Faith

Profession and Declaration of Faith

Sharing of the Covenant

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Baptism and Laying on of Hands

Prayer for Those Reaffirming the Baptismal Covenant

Laying on of Hands

Welcome

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with

us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

+HYMN OF SENDING *Arise, Your Light Is Come* #411

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *God Be With You*

+POSTLUDE *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* *Webb*

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION Elders: Randa McCall & Danny Wilson

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Mimi Hull
- the acolytes are Jeni Holt and Morgan Crum
- the bell ringer is Ashby Bonin
- the W.O.W. leaders are Jason and Becky Pittman
- the nursery volunteers are Karen Peterson, Liz Edelman, and Jamie Hortenstine
- the sound board tech is Rick Ratliff

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.

OUR CURRENT SERMON SERIES is on *The Five Solas*. (*Sola* can be translated as "only" or "alone.") These are five Latin phrases that emerged during the Protestant Reformation that summarized the early Reformers' fundamental theological beliefs – that we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, that the Bible alone has the unique authority to speak about this, and that all of this is done for the glory of God alone. Today we are looking at *Sola Fide*, "Faith Alone."

SUMMER WORSHIP TIME CHANGE! At its April meeting the Session approved a recommendation from the Worship & Celebration Ministry Unit to move the worship service to 10:00 a.m. for the summer. The new time will begin on June 1st and last for the months of June, July and August.

THE BIBLE READING PLAN Pastor Tim provided a few weeks ago is available on the table in the narthex and in electronic format on the church's website.

THIS MORNING WE WELCOME THE 2014 CONFIRMATION CLASS as they make their public profession of faith and become full members of Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church. Members of the class are: Jill Childress, Corie Cozart, Madi Cozart, Brice Crum, Sydney Johnson, Jasper Leidig, Seth Reynolds, Katherine Sharp, and Emma Shockley. Please welcome them following the service by extending the right hand of fellowship.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY Elders: Georgia Crews & Rachel Fowlkes



WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP DINNER: This week is our last Wednesday night dinner before our summer break. Dinner is 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!

CHURCH SOFTBALL TEAM: Our church has traditionally fielded a team in Abingdon's Summer Church Softball League. A few folks who have played in the past are not going to be able to do so this year, so if you are interested in playing, let us know! Men and women are invited! Contact Ben Sharp (276-608-1910) or let Pastor Tim know of your interest.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIRTHDAY DEDICATION SERVICE will be at 2:00 pm today in Fellowship Hall. All Presbyterian women are invited.

FAYE SNIDOW'S NEW ADDRESS is 20 Copper Lantern Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27516. Telephone: 919-903-9431. Faye would love to hear from you.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH
Elders: Alicia Arney & Kay Bunn

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VIEW PICTURES OF OUR HABITAT BUILD go to our website (www.sinkingspring.org) and there is a link on the homepage.

THANKS FOR YOUR FAITH IN ACTION! WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. During April Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church logged over 75 volunteer hours, served 249 families, donated 103 actual cans of fruit and gave financially to purchase approximately 1,280 more cans of fruit and food! Keep up the great work and thank you for your generous spirit; it is making a difference in our community.

FAITH IN ACTION: Our next week to serve is June 15-21. Mark your calendars!

THE SINKING SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL is currently raising money to fund TUMBUKA – language Bibles for our sister congregation in Luwerazi, Malawai. Cost of the Bibles are \$7.00 each. If you would like to participate in this project, make your check payable to Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church and on the memo line write: Tumbuka Bibles – Malawai. The gift of a Bible for each household in the Luwerazi Church would be a wonderful and treasured blessing for their ministry.

CLEANING OUT YOUR GARAGES AND ATTICS THIS SPRING? Consider making a donation to the **Presbyterian Children's Home** in Wytheville, VA. They can use things like: pillows, twin-size sheets and comforters, towels, food storage containers, sports equipment, even lawn mowers and good used vehicles! If you have any items you would like to donate, call Kay Bunn at (276) 642-0702 for more information.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP
Elders: Lucy Phillips & Baird Smith

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Our Wednesday night Bible study concludes for the program year this week at 6:30 p.m. We will be studying "A Brief Statement of Faith" which was written to celebrate the reunification of the Northern and Southern Presbyterian churches in 1983. We will resume in the fall with a study of *The Kingdom Parables of Jesus*.

WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM'S CONCLUDE THIS WEEK and will resume again in the fall.

GRADUATING SENIORS – It's the time of year for graduation ceremonies. Do you know of a graduating senior from High School or College? If you would like to have their name included with the High School or College Graduating Seniors from Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church please let Janet McGraw know. Please write out the information and include: your name and relation to the senior, name of senior, graduating school and any plans for the future.

MARK THE DATES ~ VACTION BIBLE SCHOOL will be the second week in July ~ July 7 – 11, 2014. **Workshop of Wonders – Imagine and Build with God.** Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church is hosting this year.

TEACHER ORIENTATION – This afternoon following the worship service there will be a light lunch in the Parlor for facilitators of the Intergenerational Summer Sunday School Class. Leader books will be distributed and a brief overview given. Summer Sunday School will be at 9:00 a.m. in the Parlor during June, July, and August. The first six weeks, the book *Discipleship: The Way of Jesus* will be used. Coffee and light refreshment will be provided. If you are interested in facilitating one week during June, July or August, please see Janet McGraw or Lucy Phillips.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, May 18th

9:00 a.m. Called Session Meeting
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, May 19th

6:30 p.m. Session Meeting

Tuesday, May 20th

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

Wednesday, May 21st

3:15 p.m. After School Programs
5:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper
6:30 p.m. Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 22nd

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study at BabyCakes
6:00 p.m. Social Club
8:00 p.m. AA & Al-anon in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 25^h

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

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Elders: Fred Holt & John Legard

Stewardship & Attendance for May 11, 2014:

Attendance: 204
Offering: \$6,089.00

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 (Grace), Mary Everett, Helen Napps, Reed Cooke (Grand Court), June Atkins

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS: Family of Annette Legard

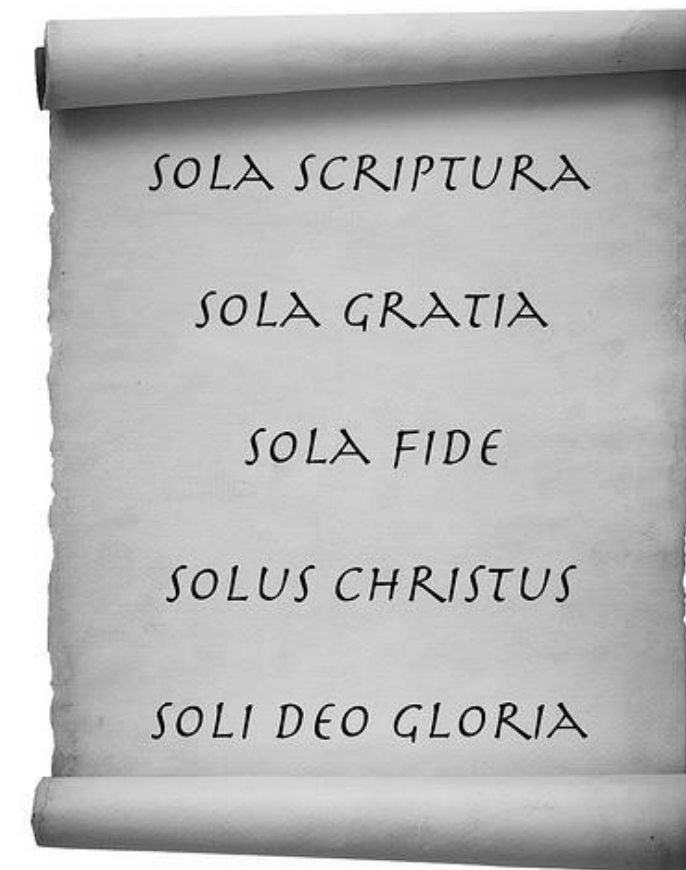
WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Family of Virginia Ditges Dean McGraw (surgery) Beatrice Rife, Jay McCallum, Elaine Ratliff, Arville Mullins, Charlotte Brillhart, and Carol Yates

AND FOR THESE MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY: Joseph McGraw, Nathan McGraw, Mark Widener, Walter Holcomb Jr., John Nowell II, John Nowell III and Dexter Bevis

*Names remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer

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