

3rd Sunday of Easter

May 4th, 2014

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Deep River

Linker/McFadden

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

Broken For You

+CALL TO WORSHIP

from *Proverbs 3 & Psalm 119*

One: Hear the Good News: Christ is risen!

All: **He is risen indeed!**

One: Trust in the Lord with all your heart.

All: **We will acknowledge him in all that we do.**

One: The law of the Lord makes us wise, for it is with us always.

All: **God's word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.**

+HYMN

God Has Spoken by the Prophets

Sung to the tune of: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

God has spoken by the prophets, spoken the unchanging Word
Each from age to age proclaiming God the one, the righteous Lord
'Mid the world's despair and turmoil one firm anchor holding fast
God eternal reigns forever, God the first and God the last

God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ, the everlasting Son
Brightness of the Father's glory, with the Father ever one
Spoken by the Word Incarnate, God of God, ere time was born
Light of light, to earth descending, Christ as God in human form

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Savior, we confess that we have been ungrateful recipients of the vast treasure that is your Holy Scripture. We have heard your Word but not obeyed it, believed the "right" things but not lived them, claimed to know you but not followed the life you modeled. You call us to trust, but we fail to loosen our grip of control. You invite us to abide, but we chase our own pursuits. You give the Sabbath for our rest, but we ignore it. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE

God Has Spoken by the Prophets

God is speaking by the Spirit, speaking to our hearts again
In the age-long Word declaring God's own message, now as then
Through the rise and fall of nations one sure faith yet standing fast
God abides, the Word unchanging, God the first and God the last

+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

God Breathed

Choplin

+Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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+Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Proverbs 2:1-11

p. 548OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

2 Timothy 3:14-17

p. 188 NT

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

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Sung to the tune of: Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me

As once you broke the loaves beside the sea

Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord

My spirit longs for you, O living Word

Bless your own Word of truth, dear Lord, to me

As when you blessed the bread by Galilee

Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall

And I shall find my peace, my All in all

You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me

Your holy Word the truth that rescues me

Give me to eat and live with you above

Teach me to love your truth, for you are love

O send your Spirit now, dear Lord, to me

That he may touch my eyes and make me see

Show me the truth made plain within your Word

For in your book revealed I see the Lord

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

Prayer After Communion

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Westminster Confession*

The whole counsel of God, concerning all things necessary for his own glory, our salvation, faith, and life, is either expressly set down in Scripture, or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture. Nevertheless we acknowledge the inward illumination of the Spirit of God to be necessary for the saving understanding of such things as are revealed in the Word. All things in Scripture are not alike plain in themselves, nor alike clear unto all; yet those things which are necessary to be known, believed, and observed, for salvation, are so clearly propounded and opened in some place of Scripture or other, that not only the learned, but the unlearned, in a due use of the ordinary means, may attain unto a sufficient understanding of them. The infallible rule of interpretation of Scripture, is the Scripture itself; and therefore, when there is a question about the true and full sense of any Scripture, it may be searched and known by other places that speak more clearly.

+HYMN OF SENDING

Wonderful Words of Life

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life

Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life

Words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life

Christ the blessed One give to all wonderful words of life

Sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life

All so freely given, wooing us to heaven

Refrain

Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful word of life

Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life

Jesus, only Savior, sanctify me forever

Refrain

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

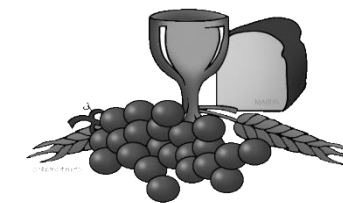
Lord Dismiss Us

+POSTLUDE

He Lives!

Trivette

+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.

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Sydney Johnson
- the acolytes are Corie Cozart & Sydney Johnson
- the bell ringer is Cate Arney
- the W.O.W. leaders are Ben & Val Sharp
- the nursery volunteers are Kay Bunn, Nissa Morrell and Anne Willson
- the sound board tech is John Nowell

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.

LAST WEEK WE BEGAN A NEW WORSHIP SERIES 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 and next week we will look at the "battle cry of the Reformation" – *Sola Scriptura*, "Scripture 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.

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!

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 and our week to serve, 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.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP
Elders: Lucy Phillips & Baird Smith

WORSHIP OUR WAY BRAINSTORMING SESSION - CALLING ALL PARENTS AND LEADERS OF W.O.W. The last few months have seen an increase in W.O.W. participation. This is good news! But it also means we may need to make some changes. There will be a brainstorming session to throw out ideas about what you like and would like to see in the future. We also want to explore the possibility of dividing the kids into two age groups. Come to the church Tuesday, May 6th at 7:00 p.m. to share ideas. Contact Janet McGraw at 276-628-3361 for further information.

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 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.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, May 4th Communion

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

Monday, May 5th

7:00 p.m. Worship & Celebration Team

Tuesday, May 6th

10:00 a.m. Circle 1 in Grant Class
 6:30 p.m. Service & Outreach Ministry Team
 7:00 p.m. Worship Our Way Brainstorming Session
 8:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 7th

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. Hand Bell Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 8th

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study at BabyCakes
 5:30 p.m. Spiritual Formation Meeting
 8:00 p.m. AA & Al-anon in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 11th

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 April 27, 2014:	
Attendance:	201
Offering:	\$5,220.00

THE HUNGER OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED TODAY

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:

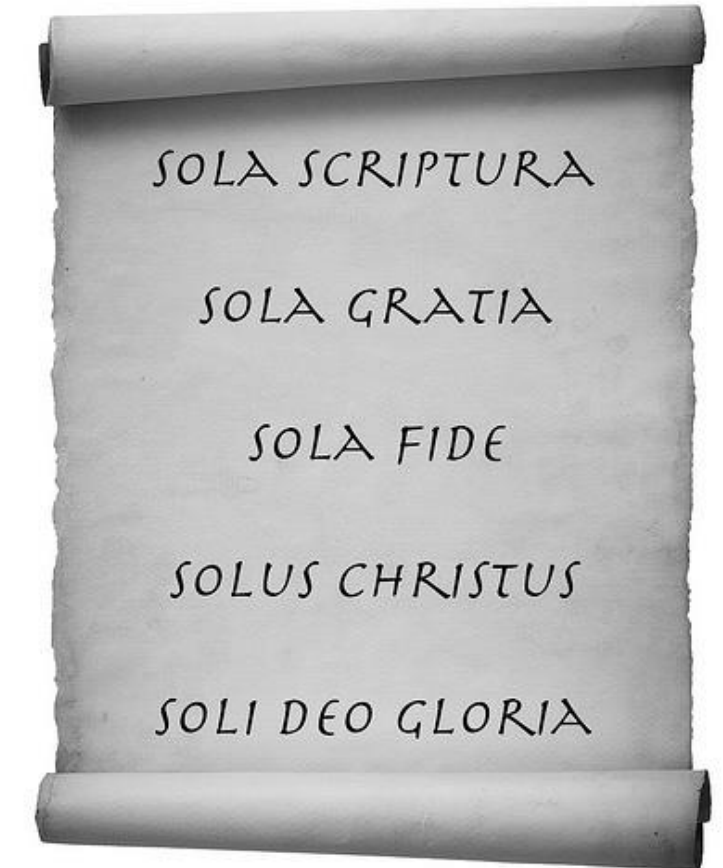
WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Family of Virginia Ditges Dean McGraw (surgery) Beatrice Rife, Jay McCallum, Elaine Ratliff, Arville Mullins, Charlotte Brillhart, Carol Yates

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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