

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 6th, 2014

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Fanfare and Prelude on "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"* Bradshaw

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

+CALL TO WORSHIP

from *1 Samuel 2*

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let your hearts exult in the Lord!

All: **Our strength is exalted in our God!**

One: There is no Holy One like the Lord; there is no Rock like our God.

All: **The Lord guards the feet of his faithful ones.**

+HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! #138, vv. 1-3

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, you draw us unto yourself even when we turn away from your presence. Your love reaches out to embrace us wherever we are, whatever we do. For such love we offer our deepest gratitude. Yet we confess that we have not loved you as you have loved us – we have taken credit for the gifts you so generously have given us, rather than returning all glory to you; we have looked with jealousy upon what others have, rather than looking with gratitude upon all you have given us; and we have turned away from people in need, hoarding for ourselves the time, energy, and resources that you have freely given us. Forgive our lack of love, and empower us by your Spirit to dedicate our entire being to loving God with all our heart and soul and mind and strength, and to loving our neighbors as ourselves. We pray this for the sake of and in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior and your supreme gift of love to us. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* #138, v. 4

+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 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Carter

+Doxology *My Country, 'Tis of Thee* #561, v. 3

Our fathers' God, to Thee, Author of Liberty, to Thee we sing

Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light

Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King

+Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:5-16

p. 48 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

You Don't Have to Move That Mountain

Whitley

Tuesday Reynolds, soloist

HEBREW BIBLE READING

1 Samuel 1:1-28

p. 226 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

Take My Life

#391

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 Heidelberg Catechism*

Q. How many things must you know that you may live and die in the blessedness of this comfort?

A. Three. First, the greatness of my sin and wretchedness. Second, how I am freed from all my sins and their wretched consequences. Third, what gratitude I owe to God for such redemption.

Q. Why are you called a Christian?

A. Because through faith I share in Christ and thus in his anointing, so that I may confess his name, offer myself a living sacrifice of gratitude to him, and fight against sin and the devil with a free and good conscience throughout this life and hereafter rule with him in eternity over all creatures.

+HYMN OF SENDING

Lift Every Voice and Sing

#563

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

I Surrender All

Trad.

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Jeni Holt
- the acolytes are Lila Godfrey and Madison Counts
- the bell ringer is Cate Arney
- the W.O.W. leaders are Mindy Bonin and Alicia Arney
- the nursery volunteers are Karen Peterson, Jan Hardman and Sydney Johnson
- 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 4. If you need directions an usher can assist you.

HEARING DEVICES are available for the hearing impaired from an usher.

OUR SUMMER SERMON SERIES is titled **Her-Story: Women of the Hebrew Scriptures**. Each week we will look at a woman or group of women from the Hebrew Bible whose story/stories are not so well known and whose voices are not often heard. Some will be heroines, some will be villainesses, and some will be both, but all have much to teach us. Today we are looking at Hannah and Peninnah.

You Don't Have To Move That Mountain

*You don't have to move that mountain
Just help me Lord to climb it
You don't have to move that stumblin' block
Just show me the way around it*

*We must climb a great high mountain
To reach God's gracious kingdom
In His words you'll find the strength
If you will just believe them*

Chorus

*Well, the way is filled with pitfalls
And sometimes we may falter
You can have His grace, my friend
On your knees down at the altar*

Chorus

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY

Elders: Georgia Crews & Rachel Fowlkes

IF YOU WERE NOT HERE LAST WEEK and did not get the synopsis of the PC(USA) General Assembly or the letter Pastor Tim wrote commenting on the General Assembly and explaining his upcoming surgery, they are available on the table in the Narthex. Please feel free to take one home.

SINKING SPRING PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLE 1 AND 2 PICNIC scheduled for July 8th has been cancelled.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Elders: Alicia Arney & Kay Bunn

THE FAITH IN ACTION GOLF TOURNAMENT will be held on Sunday, August 10th at 2:00 p.m. Both sponsors and players are needed. If you are interested in either there are information sheets hanging on the mission board in the Narthex.

FAITH IN ACTION: Thanks For your continued Faith in Action! During June and our week to serve, Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church had 33 volunteers who logged over 75 hours, served 219 families, donated 63 actual cans of fruit and gave financially to purchase approximately 442 cans of fruit. Remember you can bring your cans of fruit and place in basket near the stairwell or put "FIA Fruit" on your check memo line.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH (cont'd.)
Elders: Alicia Arney & Kay Bunn

CONGRATULATIONS! The Abingdon Presbytery Compassion Committee awarded Sinking Spring Presbyterian Service & Outreach Team a \$3,000 grant to support our sister congregation, Luwerezhi Church of Central Africa Presbyterian in Malawi, Africa. These funds will assist with their new church building project including the purchase of Bibles in their native language, and other activities outlined in the grant. *Uchindami kwa Chitua!!* Glory to God!!

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE: We will be helping the Kid's Backpack Program staff, staff and distribute food boxes to local students in July! Please mark your calendar for Monday, July 14th at 6:30 pm to help prepare food boxes; Wednesday, July 16th from 9:00 am till 12:30 pm to help staff onsite distribution at Abingdon Elementary School and Thursday, July 17th at 5:00 pm to help load remaining boxes and distribute to local homes. Please let Alicia Arney know your availability by calling 276-628-6364 or emailing Alicia_Arney@hotmail.com.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP
Elders: Lucy Phillips & Baird Smith

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS HERE!! Vacation Bible School starts tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. sharp! Get your orange T-shirt and be ready to meet Sandy Paper and Rivet the ant as we follow the blueprint of God. Each day will focus on one of the Wonders of God' *Imagine, Build, Grow, Work and Walk*. If you would like to contribute to VBS but cannot help out during the week, a monetary donation will help with expenses. Mark your check VBS. Vacation Bible School is for ages 3 through Grade 5. Middle school students are invited to be helpers. If you would like to pre-registered there are blank registration forms on the table under the VBS Bulletin Board. See Janet McGraw for more information.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL: An Intergenerational Summer Sunday School Class for Middle School, High School and Adults meets in the Parlor at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday. The class is studying the book *Discipleship: The Way of Jesus*. Each week a member from the class will facilitate. Participant's books make it easy to follow along. Come support this exciting new class. Children K-5 will meet upstairs in their Sunday School Room.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS AND WORSHIP OUR WAY LEADERS: If you are on the regular rotating schedule for Nursery and W.O.W., please let Janet McGraw know of vacation plans.

CAMPERS RETURN!! Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church sent 14 youth to Camp Holston June 15th – 20th. Everyone had a great time. Here are some of the things the campers had to say about their week:

JENI: "I think my favorite activity was when the Middle School girls went night climbing"

KAYLEE: "I liked the zip line"

BRICE: "Camp was awesome because we got to connect with Jesus AND make new friends."

MORGAN: "Camp was so much fun. Rock climbing was thrilling!"

HOPE: "My favorite thing at camp was the zip lines!"

EMMA: "The best part of camp was the great counselors and the food."

ISAIAH: "Zip lining was my favorite new adventure. Just awesome!"

SYDNEY: "My favorite thing from camp was definitely campfires we would have because we would sing songs, learn about Scripture, play games and bond with all the other campers and counselors."

LILY: "I loved it! The dance circle was the best!"

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, July 6th Communion

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, July 7th

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, July 8th

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
 8:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, July 9th

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School

Thursday, July 10th

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study at BabyCakes
 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
 8:00 p.m. AA & Al-anon in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, July 11th

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 13th

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Elders: Fred Holt & John Legard

Stewardship & Attendance for June 29, 2014:	
Attendance:	144
Offering:	\$4,282.00

THE HUNGER OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED TODAY

A BIG THANK YOU to all who came out to help decorate for VBS this week. A big shout out goes to John & Annette Legard and Doug & Sandy Ross for sprucing up the church property and parking lot, and to Kay Bunn & Georgia Crews for getting the kitchen clean and ready. These fine folks spent all day Thursday making our church building and grounds look great!

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, Mary Everett, Helen Napps, and Reed Cooke (Grand Court), June Atkins (Abingdon Rehab) and Hazel Warden (Abingdon Rehab)

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS:

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Dottie Nowell, Nell Clark, June Atkins, Winkie Barton (knee surgery), Betty Jo Spurrier (Abingdon Rehab)

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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