

# 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Come, Bless The Lord*

+CALL TO WORSHIP from

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: You are our Shepherd, O Lord. With you we don't need a thing.

All: **Even when our way goes through the darkest valley, we are not afraid when we remember you walk at our side.**

One: The signs of your love, the signs of your care, they make us feel secure.

All: **Your goodness and mercy follow us every day of our lives, and in your home we shall find our rest.**

+HYMN *O God, Our Faithful God* #277

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal Father, we have too often made the mistake of making you so different, so removed, so *other*, that we have forgotten just how intimate you can be with us. We get so caught up in picturing you as powerful, almighty, and above all, that we forget that in Christ you experienced our every thought and feeling, our deepest hopes and darkest fears. We have sinned in not realizing often enough that we are not alone, that you understand and share in our sufferings, that you are always with us. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to find the comfort and freedom that comes from resting in the thought that you understand us. In Christ's 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 5 thru 4<sup>th</sup> grade may go to Worship Our Way (W.O.W.) while children in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and older are invited to worship with their families.

+HYMN *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* #357

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

EPISTLE READING Hebrews 4:12-16 p. 194 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Be Still* adapted from

HEBREW BIBLE READING Job 3-23 - Selections p. 417 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED Tim Reynolds

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from

My only comfort in life and in death is that I belong – body and soul – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

+Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #592

+Prayer of Dedication

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

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *Father, Give Thy Benediction*

+POSTLUDE *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

### THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is
- the acolytes are Kaylie Cornelius and Madison Counts
- the bell ringer is Andrew Sharp
- the W.O.W. leaders are Ben and Val Sharp
- the nursery volunteers are Jamie Hortenstine, Seth and Sarah Land
- the sound board tech is Austin Patrick

**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.

## WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION Elders: Randa McCall & Danny Wilson

**I JUST WANTED TO SEND A SINCERE "THANK YOU"** for allowing me the privilege to worship with you these past four weeks. I enjoyed being with the Sinking Spring family, and look forward to our paths crossing in the future.  
*Nicolé Farrar*

**OUR AUGUST SERMON SERIES** is on the Hebrew Bible Book of *Job*. We will be looking at the topic of suffering and our response to it, as well as the question of what it means to be faithful during our times of suffering. On September 7<sup>th</sup> we will begin a year-long sermon series on the Gospel of *Mark*.

**ONLY TWO MORE WEEKS** of our summer worship schedule. On September 7<sup>th</sup> we will return to our regular Sunday morning schedule with Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. and Worship at 11:00 a.m. Please make a note on your calendars!

**USHERS NEEDED!** We are asking you to join this team to serve The Lord by serving others. Please contact Danny Wilson or Randa McCall for more information.

## SERVICE AND OUTREACH Elders: Alicia Arney & Kay Bunn

**THANKS FOR HELPING OUR KIDS.....**The Service & Outreach Team wishes to thank all those who helped with the following projects for our neighborhood children:

- **Vacation Bible School** – Children collected approximately 28 boxes of diapers, 57 bags of wipes, 13 boxes of cereal and 17 jars of peanut butter!  
! ! ! ! ! ! k Program.
- **The Kids' Backpack Summer Feeding Program** – We packed and distributed 50 food boxes to Abingdon Elementary School families.
- **Back-to-School Supplies** – The Worship Our Way children assembled 37 school kits for Faith in Action families!

Many hands made the work lots of fun and rewarding! Thanks for your generous donation of supplies and time. Lots of young faces smiled because of you. Check  
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**SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** ~ Take advantage of back-to-school sales and stock up for the upcoming Operation Christmas Child project in November. Shoeboxes will be filled with lots of small items, including school supplies, e.g. crayons, pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, markers, paper, etc.

## CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY Elders: Georgia Crews & Rachel Fowlkes

**SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP**  
**Elders: Lucy Phillips & Baird Smith**

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL** ~ An Intergenerational Summer Sunday School Class for Middle School, High School and Adults meets in the Parlor at 9:00 am each Sunday. The class is studying the book *Engage: Mission*. Each week a ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! make it easy to follow along. Come support this exciting new class. Children K 5 will meet upstairs in their Sunday School Room.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY WILL RESUME** on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting at a NEW TIME 6:00 p.m. This fall Pastor Tim will lead us in a study on the Kingdom Parables the parables of Jesus in which he tried to show us what the Kingdom of God is like. Join us at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>.

**BETH MOORE SIMULCAST:** There are 2 tickets left for the Beth Moore Simulcast at Woodland Hills Church on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Woodland Hills Church is located next to Abingdon Elementary School. Beth Moore is the guest speaker via live satellite. Breakfast and lunch are provided. If you are interested in attending, please let Janet McGraw know as soon as possible.

**SMALL GROUPS:** If you are interested in being in a small group this fall that will meet in homes during the week to study Scripture together, share in prayer with and for one another, and to fellowship together, please let Pastor Tim know. Also, if you would like to host a group in your home or be the facilitator of a group, let him know that, as well.

**FIRST DAY OF AFTER SCHOOL IS SEPTEMBER 3, 2014.** Information has been mailed to parents. If you did not receive information and would like to know more about the Wednesday After School Program, please contact Janet McGraw, [christianeducator@sinkingspring.org](mailto:christianeducator@sinkingspring.org).

**RALLY DAY IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>.** This is the time for EVERYONE ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! "

**SOMEBODY LOVES YOU!** Children need someone to love them. The perfect opportunity to share your love with someone is in the nursery during Sunday School and Worship. Stop by and see the sweet faces that you get to love. Turn left at the staircase and go straight back. Do you have arms that are willing to share that love with our little ones? Contact Janet McGraw today to begin a relationship with some of the sweetest smiling faces. Email: [christianeducator@sinkingspring.org](mailto:christianeducator@sinkingspring.org) or by phone: 276-628-3361.

**VAN DRIVER NEEDED!** Are you free Wednesday afternoon from 2:30 to 3:00 P.M.? The After School children need someone to drive the van to Watauga Elementary School to pick them up and drive them back to the church. If this is something you can do on a rotating basis, contact Janet McGraw at 276-628-3361 or by email: [christianeducator@sinkingspring.org](mailto:christianeducator@sinkingspring.org).

**THE BUECHNER INSTITUTE** presents Barbara Brown Taylor as the opening speaker of the 2014-2015 Buechner Lecture Series. Dr. Taylor is Professor of Religion at Piedmont College and is a noted author, Episcopal priest, and one of ! -known preachers. She has written 13 books, including the *New York Times* bestsellers *Learning to Walk in the Dark* and *An Altar in the World*. Dr. Taylor will be speaking on August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Birstol, TN, and at the King College Opening Convocation on August 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m. For more information see the bulletin board outside the parlor or go to [www.buechnerinstitute.org](http://www.buechnerinstitute.org).

**IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**TODAY, Sunday, August 24th**

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

**Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

**Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. ! ! ! !  
8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, August 31st**

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

**STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY**  
**Elders: Fred Holt & John Legard**

**Stewardship & Attendance for August 17, 2014:**

Attendance: 146  
Offering: \$7,270.00

**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, 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:** Sue Clark and Charlene Armstrong (Shockley)

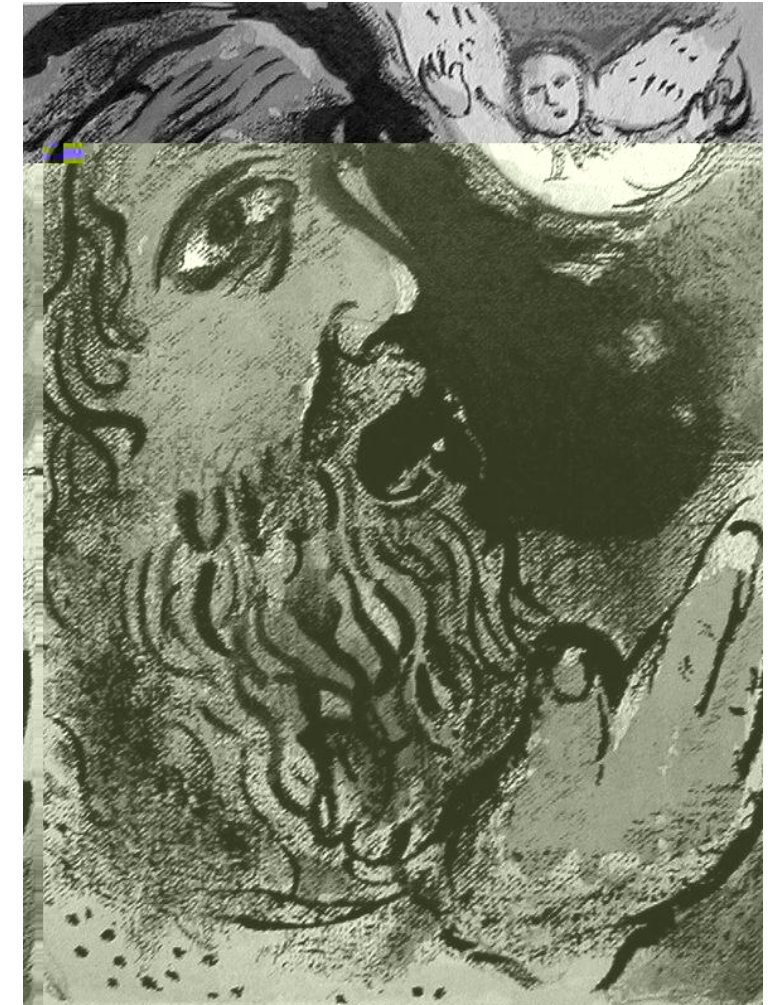
**WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS:** Elaine Ratliffe, David Henninger and Mimi Hull

**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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