

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *A Mighty Fortress* *arr. Wold*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *O Worship The Lord*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 24*

All: And also with you.

All: The Lord has founded it upon the seas and established it on the rivers.

All: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts. Give us your blessing, O Lord, for we come here seeking your face!

+HYMN *The Earth and All That Dwell Therein*

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, Source of all that makes life possible, Giver of all that makes life good, we give you our thanks. Yet we confess that we have often failed to live out our thankfulness. What we have we take for granted and what we have we do not share. We grumble about what we lack and we grumble about what we think is unfair. We have squandered your bounty with little thought for those who will come after us. We are more troubled by the few who have more than we do than by the many who have less. We stubbornly refuse to be as generous with others as you have been with us. Forgive us, O God. In this hour of worship, accept our thanksgiving, and teach us to make gratitude and sharing our way of life. We make our prayer through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *Glory Be to the Father*

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

And also with you.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

+HYMN *We Thank You Lord, for You Are Good*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

EPISTLE READING

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Seek The Lord* *Carter*

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED *Tim Reynolds*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Westminster Confession of Faith*

There is but one only living and true God, who is infinite in being and perfection, a most pure spirit, invisible, without body, parts, or passions, immutable, immense, eternal, incomprehensible, almighty; most wise, most holy, most free, most absolute, working all things according to the counsel of his own immutable and most righteous will, for his own glory; most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin; the rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* *Trad.*  
*Mary Munsey, saxophone*

+Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
+Prayer of Dedication

+HYMN *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *Lord, Let Us Now Depart In Peace*

+POSTLUDE *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* *arr. Trivette*

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- the liturgist is Helen Phillips
  - the acolytes are Jamie Lee and Madison Counts
  - the bell ringer is Taylor Jennings
  - the W.O.W. leaders are Baird and Sandy Smith
  - the nursery volunteers are Kay Bunn and Georgia Crews
  - 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 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

OUR AUGUST SERMON SERIES on the Book of Job concludes this morning. Next week we will embark upon a year-long sermon series on the Gospel of Mark. We will start at the beginning and go all the way through the oldest of the Gospels.

WE RETURN TO OUR REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE NEXT WEEK! Sunday School is at 10:00 a.m. and Worship is at 11:00 a.m. See you then!

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

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 for Faith in Action and the Kids' Backpack 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 out the missions' bulletin board for photos.

~ 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

WE WILL NOT BE SERVING SUPPER ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS this year prior to the Wednesday night Bible study. This was a difficult decision for the Congregational Ministry Team to make and recommend to the Session. We feel, however, that it is the right decision due to decreasing participation and increasing use of resources. If you would like to spend some time in conversation with others before the study begins we invite you to come early and do so.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP  
Elders: Lucy Phillips & Baird Smith

– Does your child like to sing? The Children's choir meets upstairs in the Music Room at 5:00 p.m. each Wednesday. You do not have to attend After School to participate in Children's Choir. The children sing once a month in worship. Come let us sing to the Lord!

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>.

Elders: Lucy Phillips & Baird Smith

**BETH MOORE SIMULCAST:** There are 2 tickets left for the Beth Moore Simulcast at Woodland Hills Church on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. After today these two tickets if unclaimed will be returned to Woodland Hills so they may be used for someone on the waiting list. If you would like to go, let Janet McGraw know today. Woodland Hills is located next to Abingdon Elementary School. Beth Moore is the guest speaker via live satellite. Breakfast and lunch are provided at no charge.

**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.

**THE MODERATOR OF THE PC(USA), DR. HEATH RADA,** will be visiting Holston Presbytery on Tuesday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>. He will speak at Holston Presbytery Camp in Banner Elk, NC, at 1:00 p.m. and will be at First Presbyterian Church in Greenville, TN at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in going to one of these programs with other members of SSPC please contact the Church Office. If we have enough folks interested we will take the church van.

**RALLY DAY IS NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>.** Rally day is a day for everyone to come together after summer vacations, rally 'round and kick off the fall programs. The day begins with everyone going to their NEW Sunday School classes. Then following worship there is a luncheon provided for everyone in the Fellowship Hall. No need to bring anything but yourself and a friend. Be sure and hang around directly after lunch for a short program you won't want to miss.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

**Adult Parlor Class** – studying *Seeing Jesus in John's Gospel*  
**Adult Fellowship Hall Class**– studying *The Book of James* by J. Vernon McGee  
**High School** – meet in the Grant Room with Randa McCall  
**Middle School Class** – meet upstairs in the MS Youth Room with Mindy Bonin  
**Children** – meet upstairs in the Children's Room with Janet McGraw

**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.

**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM STARTS WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>.** If you have not sent in your registration form it MUST be received today. If you need more information contact Janet McGraw by email: [christianeducator@sinkingspring.org](mailto:christianeducator@sinkingspring.org)

**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).

#### IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

##### TODAY, Sunday, August 31st

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

##### Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study – Grant Room  
6:30 p.m. Service & Outreach Ministry Team  
8:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon in the Fellowship Hall

##### Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

3:15 p.m. After School Program  
5:00 p.m. Children's Choir  
7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

##### Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study at BabyCakes  
5:00 p.m. Preschool Open House  
8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

##### Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> Communion Sunday

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

#### STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

Elders: Fred Holt & John Legard

Stewardship & Attendance for August 24, 2014:

Attendance: 155  
Offering: \$5,166.00

**THE HUNGER OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED NEXT SUNDAY**

**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: Jan Frazier (knee replacement) and Star McCracken (Delmar & Winkie Barton's – granddaughter) and Gladys Cornelius, (Abingdon Hospital)

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Elaine Ratliff, David Henninger, Mimi Hull, Sue Clark and Charlene Armstrong

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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