

# 3<sup>d</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Praise to the Lord* arr. Young

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Adoration*

+CALL TO WORSHIP from *Psalms* 125

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: Those who trust in the Lord stand firm, like Mount Zion which cannot be moved.

All: **As the hills surround Jerusalem, so the Lord encircles the people of God.**

One: The wicked shall not long hold sway over a land populated by the just.

All: **Those who are true to God will not soon turn their hands to evil.**

One: Show your goodness, O Lord, to all who are true of heart.

All: **Lead away evildoers into exile, O God, but may peace remain upon your people.**

+HYMN *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* #262, vv. 1-3

## +PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and Everlasting Lord, we confess this morning our unwillingness to hear your Gospel. We too often listen to other voices, other messages, other gods, and our ears are too often closed to your desire for us and your calling in our lives. We also confess our unwillingness to speak your grace. Too often our tongues are tied when it comes to sharing our faith with others and our mouths are shut when a word of love from us would make all the difference in the world. Forgive us, Father. Open our ears and untie our tongues that we may joyfully receive and share your grace and mercy. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## +ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* #262, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> grade may go to Worship Our Way (W.O.W.) while children in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and older are invited to worship with their families.

+HYMN *The Desert Shall Rejoice* #18

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Isaiah 35:1-7 p. 622 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Yes, My Jesus Loves Me* McDonald

GOSPEL READING Mark 7:31-37 p. 37 NT

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Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED Tim Reynolds

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *The Westminster Confession*

God, in infinite and perfect love, having provided in the covenant of grace, through the mediation and sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ, a way of life and salvation, sufficient for and adapted to the whole lost race of humanity, freely offers this salvation to all people in the gospel. In the gospel God declares his love for the world and his desire that all people should be saved; reveals full and clearly the only way of salvation; promises eternal life to all who truly repent and believe in Christ; invites and commands all to embrace the offered mercy; and by his Spirit accompanying the Word pleads with us to accept his gracious invitation. It is the duty and privilege of everyone who hears the gospel immediately to accept its merciful provisions. And since faith comes by hearing the Word of God, Christ has commissioned his Church to go into the world and to make disciples of all nations.

## OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *He Touched Me* Gaither

Nick Dennis, Tenor

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

+Prayer of Dedication

+HYMN *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* #466

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *God Be With You*

+POSTLUDE *He Lives* arr. Trivette

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

### THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Isaac Short
- the acolytes are Jamie Lee and Lila Godfrey
- the bellringer is Noah Gibson
- the W.O.W. leaders are Dianne Loomis and Anne Wilson
- the nursery volunteers are Rachel Fowlkes, Karen Peterson
- and Lila Thurmond
- the sound board tech is Austin Patrick

## 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. **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.

**WE ARE CURRENTLY IN A YEAR-LONG SERMON SERIES** on the *Gospel of Mark*

will be to this Good News.

## SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Elders: Alicia Arney & Kay Bunn

**THE ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL LUNCHEON is NEXT Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.** Following worship our Middle and High School students will be hosting a soup & sandwich luncheon in the Fellowship Hall to raise money for the alleviation of hunger right here in Washington County. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex if you are willing and able to bring a soup or sandwiches to share, please signup to do so. If you cannot attend the luncheon, please consider making a donation after church to one of our young people, who will be standing in the Narthex holding soup pots to collect donations.

**FAITH IN ACTION: THIS WEEK** – January 25<sup>th</sup> thru January 31<sup>st</sup> is our week to serve. Volunteers are needed. A sign-up sheet is located on bulletin board in Narthex.

**THANKS TO ALL MEMBERS** of the congregation who supported the special Joy Gift Offering in December. Because of your generosity, \$1,055 was given by Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church to benefit the Board of Pensions which financially assists current and former church workers and also provides scholarships for deserving racially ethnic students to attend Presbyterian-related colleges and schools. THANK YOU!

**THE SERVICE AND OUTREACH TEAM** wants to thank the congregation for their support of the Mitten Tree this year. Over 200 mittens, gloves, scarves and socks were donated to Faith in Action after Christmas. The families in our community are warmer and brighter because of your love and generosity!

**AND THE WINNER IS....** The winner of the 2014 exhibit is: Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church! A special thanks to the After School Children and Youth of Sinking Spring who made the decorations for the tree, many compliments were noted on our tree because of the decorations made

thanks to everyone who contributed time, decorations, food and monetary donations. As a church, we were able to purchase 1007 cans of Beans and Franks. Overall Faith in Action received 1,661 food items, which was more than double what they received last year. Thanks for helping make Faith in Action and our local families the real winners!!

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

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:** Our Wednesday night Bible will not meet

**DO YOU HAVE A LOVE FOR CHILDREN?** The is looking for additional leaders for that group. Class meets from 10 till 10:45 am on Sunday morning. The curriculum is easy to follow and the 6-8 children that make up the class are eager to learn. Come visit the class to see what goes on. If you are interested contact Janet McGraw.

**WE STILL NEED A VAN DRIVER** to pick up Watauga Elementary children and bring them to the church. The van leaves the church about 2:30 p.m. and picks up the children about 3:00 p.m. and drives them back to the church. If you are interested please let Janet McGraw know.

**THE AFTER SCHOOL CHILDREN** are in need of empty cube shaped Kleenex boxes. If you have any, please bring them to the church and place in the container outside the office. Thanks!!

**CANCELLATION NOTICE:** Betty Jo Spurrier is cancelling the Tuesday morning Bible Study indefinitely.

**IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**TODAY, Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**

3:15 p.m. After School Program  
5:00 p.m. Junior Choir  
6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir  
7:30 p.m. Choir

**Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> Communion**

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

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

**Stewardship & Attendance** for January 18, 2015

Attendance: 168  
Offering: \$5,942.00

**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, Helen Napps, Reed Cooke (Grand Court), June Atkins, Hazel Warden (Abingdon Rehab), Betty Hunter

**WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS:**

**WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS:** David Henninger, Charles Henninger, Jay McCallum, Margaret Peters and Arville Mullins

**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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**WINTER WEATHER POLICY:**

good time to remind everyone of our policies for inclement weather!

**Sunday Worship:** Worship will never be cancelled due to weather. Please use your own discretion, however, in deciding whether or not to

can make it safely.

**Sunday School:** The teachers of each class will determine whether or not to meet. Teachers will call class members *only* if class is cancelled.

**Wednesday After School Programs, Bible Study and Preschool:** These activities follow the Washington County School schedule. If Washington County Schools are closed or dismissed early, then these activities will be cancelled.

**All Other Activities (Choir, Session, Committees, etc.):** These will be determined on a case by case basis. The church office will be closed only in the event of *extreme* weather.



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