

2nd Sunday after Christmas

January 4th, 2015

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Noel Daquin

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: This is God's world! To us is given a vision of nations and races, lands and people, joined together in love.
All: Praise be to God, the Creator, in whose image we are created.
One: We come to celebrate and renew that vision, opening ourselves to the One who is its source and its living fire.
All: We affirm in Christ that we can be, and are, one world and one family, working together to manifest God's rule in the lives of all people!

+HYMN OF PRAISE We Three Kings of Orient Are #66, vv. 1-4

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we know that we are a wayward people. Our footsteps falter as we seek to follow your way; our grace is turned away from awareness of your glory to preoccupation with our needs and concerns; and even our love for one another grows cold. We trust only in your grace to create new life within us to bind us together in love and common commitment. Let your Spirit be born in us anew, and accept our lives, which we offer to you. In Jesus' name: Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE We Three Kings of Orient Are #66, v. 5

+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 Sweet Little Jesus Boy MacGimsey
Nick Dennis, Tenor #28
+Doxology Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
+Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Exodus 6:10-13 & 7:8-13 p. 49 OT
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING Mark 6:45-56 p. 36 NT
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

RENEWAL OF THE COVENANT & THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table & the Renewal of Covenant
Preparatory Anthem Come Into God's Embrace McDonald/Frombach
The Act of Covenant based on Joshua 24

One: Choose this day whom you will serve, and whom you will worship. Will you worship and serve Yahweh in sincerity and faithfulness, or will you follow after other gods?

All: Far be it from us that we should forsake Yahweh to serve other gods, for it is Yahweh our God who has brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, and who has done great things in our sight.

One: And what the great things God has done and in which you believe?

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

One: Do you commit yourself today to these beliefs? And do you commit yourself not only to belief, but to action, vowing to take up the cost and joy of discipleship to Jesus Christ during the coming year and henceforth, forevermore?

All: As we begin this new year, we renew our covenant with God and with one another to seek and respond to the world and the will of God. We purpose to walk together in all God's ways, those made known and those yet to be made known to us. We will join the mission of the church to witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in all the world, while worshiping God and striving for truth, justice, peace, and reconciliation, relying on the Holy Spirit to lead and empower us. We will pray for the coming of the Kingdom of God, and we look with faith toward the triumph of righteousness and blessing of eternal life. This we will do, with the help of God.

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.

Words of Institution

Breaking of the Bread & Communion of the People
Prayer After Communion

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS - Paul & Antonia Oliver

+HYMN OF SENDING O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright #69

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE May the Spirit of the Lord

+POSTLUDE A New Year's Celebration Paxton

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION
Elders: Randa McCall & Danny Wilson

THIS MORNING...

- The liturgist is Brice Crum
the acolytes are Lila Godfrey and Morgan Crum
the bellringer is Judge Dillow
the W.O.W. leaders are Alicia Arney and Mindy Bonin
the nursery volunteers are Jan Hardman, Seth & Sarah Land
the sound board tech is John Nowell



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.

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. Mark says this is the story of God's Son and it is Good News. Each hearer of Mark's story must determine what his/her own response will be to this Good News.

THE NEXT SPENCER-MILLER CONCERT featuring nationally-recognized, award-winning harpist, Colleen Potter Thorburn will be Sunday, January 18th. Concert harp music and transcriptions of music such as Scarlatti, Faure and Britten will be performed by harp and French horn.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH
Elders: Alicia Arney & Kay Bunn

'FIELDS PENN HOUSE MUSEUM CHRISTMAS TREE CONTEST' will be open to the public through January 6th. Take your family and VOTE by placing a donation of canned goods under your favorite tree. Donations will go Ecumenical Faith in Action and the Animal Defense League. Please see bulletin board in Narthex for point scoring system. The 'Bread for the Journey' Sunday School class would appreciate your VOTE for the Children's bedroom tree located upstairs. The After School Program children handmade the decorations! If you would prefer, donations may be brought to the church and someone will transport to museum, or you may make a monetary contribution by notating on memo line - EFIA Fields Penn and place in the offering plate. Monies received will be used to help our neighbors in need this CHRISTmas season.



CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY
Elders: Georgia Crews & Rachel Fowlkes

CONGREGATIONAL DISCUSSION FORUM NEXT SUNDAY: The Congregational Discussion Forum to discuss the proposed change to the Book of Order will be NEXT Sunday, **January 11th at 3:00 p.m.** At this forum we will have some small group and some large group discussion regarding the PCUSA's proposed redefinition of marriage. This will be a time for dialogue, for listening, and for learning and we hope will be an opportunity for us to recognize that there are people of deep faith on both sides of the marriage issue, and to practice covenant community and unity by focusing on who unites us, rather than what divides us.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP
Elders: Lucy Phillips & Baird Smith

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Our Wednesday night Bible resumes this week at 6:00 p.m. We are currently studying the *Kingdom Parables*, those parables in which Jesus says, "The Kingdom of Heaven is like..." We hope you'll join us in the Fellowship Hall.

AFTER SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S CHOIR resume Wednesday January 7th at regular times.

HAVE A FREE HOUR ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS? There is a need for 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.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, January 4th Communion

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

Tuesday, January 6th

10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
5:30 p.m. Spiritual Formation & Discipleship Committee Meeting
6:30 p.m. Service & Outreach Ministry Team Meeting
8:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 7th

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

Thursday, January 8th

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, BabyCakes
8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 11th

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
3:00 p.m. Congregational Discussion Forum

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Elders: Fred Holt & John Legard

Stewardship & Attendance for Dec 24 & Dec 28, 2014

Attendance: 12/24 – 233 & 12/28 – 114
Offering: \$4,916.00

CHURCH BULLETINS are now available on our website! The link to view is <http://www.sinkingspring.org/worship.html#ws>.

THE HUNGER OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED TODAY

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Mazie Cook, Helen Napps, Reed Cooke (Grand Court), June Atkins, Hazel Warden (Abingdon Rehab), Betty Hunter (Abingdon Rehab)

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS:

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: David Henninger, Charles Henninger, Jay McCallum, Eunice Blankenship and James Hall

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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