

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 11th, 2015

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Praise Him! Praise Him!* *Burroughs Handbell Choir*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Come, Bless The Lord*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 22*

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: You are the Holy One, O Lord, the One in whom our ancestors put their trust.

All: **They cried out to you and were delivered; they trusted you, and you delivered them.**

One: Be not far away from us, O Lord, for you are our strength.

All: **Do not hide your face from us, O Lord, for we are needy. Hear us as we cry out to you.**

One: Help us to tell of your name to the whole human race.

All: **Be near to us as we praise you in the midst of your congregation!**

+HYMN *Stand Up and Bless the Lord* #491, vv. 1-3

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Light Eternal, we confess that we have turned away from you. We have sought the cover of darkness so that our willful selfishness would go unexposed. We have sought fulfillment and truth in the things of this world rather than in you. Open our eyes that we may see how we have fallen short of your calling; open our ears that we may clearly hear your calling; pierce our hearts that we might be fully open to the work of the Holy Spirit in and through us. Let it be with us according to your Word of healing grace and transforming power, which comes to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *Stand Up and Bless the Lord* #491, vv. 4-5

+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 5 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.

+HYMN *Have Mercy On Us, Living Lord* #195

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Isaiah 11:1-10 p. 600 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* *Martin*

GOSPEL READING John 15:4-9 p. 94 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *adapted from The Scots Confession*

We confess and acknowledge that our God has created us after his own image and likeness, giving us wisdom, lordship, justice, free will, and self-consciousness, so that no imperfection could be found in our whole nature. From this dignity and perfection we fell; the image of God was utterly defeated in us, and we became by nature hostile to God, slaves to Satan, and servants to sin. Thus, everlasting death has had, and shall have, power and dominion over all who have not been, and are not, or shall not be reborn from above. This rebirth is wrought by the power of the Holy Ghost planting in the hearts of God's chosen ones an assured faith in the promise of God revealed to us in his Word; by this faith we grasp Christ Jesus with the graces and blessings promised in him.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me* *arr. Carter*

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

+Prayer of Dedication

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR SINKING SPRING PRESCHOOL

Sentences of Scripture

Telling the Story of the Preschool

Litany of Thanksgiving

The pastor will offer prayers for the ministry of the preschool. After each petition the congregation is invited to respond:

For this and all your blessings...

We give you thanks, O Lord.

Charge and Blessing

+HYMN *More Love to Thee, O Christ* #359

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *God Be With You*

+POSTLUDE *Celebration!* *Paxton*

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Jared Oliver
- the acolytes are Kaylee Arney and Hope Shockley
- the bell ringer is Annsley Trivette
- the W.O.W. leaders are Alicia Arney and Jill Childress
- the nursery volunteers are Summer and Sarah Allen
- the sound board tech is Dennis Bailey

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION Elders: **Matt Crum & Joey Lamie**

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.

OUR NEW SERMON SERIES – SEUSSICAL SPIRITUALITY – began last week. Theodore Seuss Geisel – Dr. Seuss – has left an indelible mark on the lives of at least three generations of children and will continue to impact generations to come. During October and November Pastor Tim will be exploring some of Dr. Seuss' best-known stories to discover the spiritual relevance they have for our lives and how they might help us understand the Gospel in new, and maybe not-so-new, ways. The story for each week will be listed in the bulletin in advance, so if you have access to any of these books you are encouraged to read or re-read them before coming to worship.

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:

Oct 11	Gen 3 / Rom 6	<i>Seussical Spirituality: The Lorax</i>
Oct 18	<i>Guest Preacher</i>	Rev. Dr. Brian J. Alderman, King University Chaplain, Prof. of Philosophy & Religion
Oct 25	Psalm 23 / Rom 5 / Phil 4	<i>Seussical Spirituality: I Had Trouble Getting to Solla Sollew</i>
Nov 1	Exod 3 / John 6	<i>Seussical Spirituality: Green Eggs and Ham</i>

TODAY MARKS THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF SINKING SPRING PRESCHOOL!

We are grateful to God for the ministry of the preschool over the last 30 years. We have been able to serve countless children and their families in Abingdon over the last 30 years and know that God has touched many lives through the teachers and directors we have had. Today during worship we will be offering thanksgiving to God for the ministry of the preschool, as well celebrating the current and future ministry of this wonderful program of outreach and service to our community.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13th the Southwest Virginia Community College Jazz Combo will be playing at Heartwood for Lunch... 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH Elders: **Alicia Arney, Kay Bunn & Mimi Hull**

THANKS FOR ALL who worked and donated to Faith in Action during September. Our church donated 18 cans of food and financial support to purchase approximately 1570 food items. We provided 64 hours from 20 volunteers, who served 162 families = 455 individuals including 130 children. To help, you may bring canned food (place in basket at the stairs), donate money (FiA in the memo line), and/or serve during our next turn November 1 – 7. Thank you for your continued faith in action!

LWEREZI HUNGER OFFERING Thanks for reaching out in love to our Sister Congregation in Luwerezhi, Malawi, Africa. We received \$6,696 in gifts to provide assistance during this time of drought in Northern Malawi which has greatly impacted the fall harvest. If you missed the opportunity to contribute, you may do so by writing "Luwerezhi Hunger Offering" in your check's memo line.

SOCIAL CLUB IN NOVEMBER! Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church will host the Social Club on November 19th at 5:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. **We need volunteers** to prep and cook; set tables; serve and clean-up. If you have any small "gift" items you'd like to donate for use as **bingo prizes**, they would be most appreciated. Contact: Kay Bunn at 276-642-0702 or sharonkbunn@gmail.com

SERVICE AND OUTREACH...continued

SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – kicks-off this Sunday, October 11th. Shoeboxes are available in the Narthex for church members to take home and fill with small toys, flashlights, paper, pencils, etc. to send to needy children around the world. Also, please don't forget to include a \$7.00 check for shipping charges. If you have questions, contact Wythe Hull at 206-8392. Deadline for returning the shoeboxes to the church will be November 15th.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY
Elders: Georgia Crews & Rachel Fowlkes

THIS PAST WEEK Stephen Ministers continued their journey by learning the principles of confidentiality. Everyone who is ministered to by a Stephen Minister can be confident that any communication will be kept secret and private. This coming week the trainees will be learning specific techniques that they will use in ministering to people by telephone. We are so thankful for the continued dedication of these trainees and ask your continued prayers for them and for God's blessings upon their ministries.

OUR NEXT DISCOVERY LUNCHEON IS OCTOBER 25TH! If you have been visiting Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church in recent months and want an opportunity to know more about us (and a free lunch!) plan on coming to our next Discovery luncheon after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Tim and members of the session will be there for a brief presentation and to answer questions you might have. Please RSVP to Donna at the church office (628-3361) if you would like to attend.

ATTENTION SENIORS: Fall outing to Boone and Blowing Rock, NC on Friday October 23rd. We will travel to the Outlet Mall and downtown Blowing Rock for shopping and sightseeing. On the way home we will eat at the Daniel Boone Inn Restaurant. Cost per person \$18.95. We will leave the church parking lot at 1:00 p.m. Those attending please see sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP
Elders: Danny Wilson & Kate Shockley

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: There will be no Wednesday Night Bible Study this week due to Pastor Tim being on vacation. We will resume on Wednesday, October 21st at 6:00 p.m.

YOUTH DIRECTOR: Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church is seeking a part-time middle/high school Youth Director to develop and initiate a program for young people in grades 6-12. The program will include weekly meetings, as well as service opportunities and fellowship events. This position requires a love for Jesus Christ, a desire to build meaningful relationships with youth and their families, and a servant's heart. (Information sheet(s) can be found on the bulletin board by the parlor. Please take one if interested.)

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY that was scheduled to begin this month has been postponed until a future date.

EMPTY PILL BOTTLES – Ever wonder what to do about your empty pill bottles? The After School children are collecting empty plastic pill bottles. They will wash the labels off, package them up and mail to Malawi for the pharmacies and hospitals to use. Right now they have to wrap pills in a torn off piece of paper. What better way for us to recycle and benefit those in need. Bring any empty plastic pill bottles to church and put them in the container marked "Empty Pill Bottles" as you come in the door. Thanks!

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, October 11th

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
SSPC PRESCHOOL'S 30th YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Monday, October 12th

6:30 p.m. Congregational Ministry Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 13th

5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting
5:30 p.m. Service & Outreach Committee Meeting
8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall
8:00 p.m. Al Anon next to Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 14th

3:00 p.m. After School
5:00 p.m. Children's Choir
6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
7:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday, October 15th

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Shoney's
6:15 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training – Grant Room
8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 18th

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
4:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training – Grant Room

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard

Stewardship & Attendance for October 4, 2015
Attendance: 167
Offering: \$7,269.00
Hunger Offering: \$273.00

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, Helen Napps, and Reed Cooke (Commonwealth Assisted Living), Hazel Warden (Abingdon Rehab) and Don Preston

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS:

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Charles Henninger, Richie Hooker, Sherrye May, Arville Mullins, Scotty McCoy and Family of Margaret Peters

AND FOR THESE MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY: Joseph 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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