

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4th, 2015

11:00 a.m.

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

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Broken For You*

+CALL TO WORSHIP from *Psalm 26*

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: Test our hearts and minds, O Lord, and see whether or not we live with integrity,

All: **For your steadfast love is before our eyes and we try to walk faithfully with you!**

One: Be near to us as we gather around your table and sing aloud our songs of thanksgiving to you.

All: **We love the house in which you dwell, O Lord. It is the place where we feel your presence, the place where your glory abides.**

One: Place our feet on steady ground, O God, that we may worship you this morning.

All: **Place our feet on steady ground, O God, that we may worship you in your congregation.**

+HYMN *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* #441, vv. 1-4

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Lord, we confess that we, as a church and as a culture, have tried to tame you. We have made you a non-threatening entity, someone that we can take or leave according to our choice. We have forgotten that you broke into the disciples lives and turned their world upside down, and that you do the same to us. We have forgotten that you refused to be boxed in by the expectations of the church in your day, and that you still refuse to be boxed in by ours. Forgive us, Lord. Send us your Spirit to help us realize that you cannot be tamed, that you are still turning our world upside down, even as we speak, and that you cannot be ignored. Empower us to share our experiences of you with others that they, too, may know your powerful presence in their lives. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *Glory Be to the Father* #579

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be

World without end. Amen, Amen.

+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.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Living Water of Life* Lantz III
+Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* #592
+Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READINGS Deuteronomy 6:4-9 p. 152 OT
Leviticus 19:17-18 p. 99 OT

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

EPISTLE READINGS Ephesians 2:1-9 p. 170 NT
Galatians 3:23-29 p. 167 NT

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Preparatory Hymn *I Come with Joy* #507, vv. 1,3,5

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.

Communion of the People *Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. Carter

Prayer After Communion

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

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.

+ HYMN *Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here* #353, vv. 1,3,5

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *Dismissal Sentence*

+POSTLUDE *Toccata on "Holy Manna"* arr. Trivette

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND



Communion: We welcome all who follow Jesus, regardless of denomination, 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.

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION Elders: Matt Crum & Joey Lamie

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Brice Crum
- the acolytes are Wiley Leidig and
- the bell ringer is Adryana Counts
- the W.O.W. leaders are Dianne Loomis and Amanda Godfrey
- the nursery volunteers are Trent & Rachel Bales
- the sound board tech is

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.

COMMUNION WILL BE RECEIVED IN THE PEW this morning. As you pass the tray of bread to your neighbor, please say, "This is the body of Christ broken for you." As you pass the tray of juice, please say, "This is the blood of Christ shed for you." You may partake of the bread as it comes to you. We ask that you hold the cup until all have been served so that we all may partake at the same time. Please place your empty cup on the pew rack in front of you.

A NEW SERMON SERIES – SEUSSICAL SPIRITUALITY – begins today. 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. This series is intended to be fun and playful, while at the same time an opportunity to revisit these stories we read as children and/or read to our children in a way that enhances our spiritual growth.

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:

Oct 4	Ephesians 2: 1-9	<i>Seussical Spirituality: The Cat in the Hat</i>
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>

IN CELEBRATION OF AND COLLABORATION with Pastor Tim's *Seussical Spirituality Series*, the preludes for the next 8 weeks will feature organ arrangements of children's songs. Today's prelude is a rousing rendition of "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands".

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!

SERVICE AND OUTREACH - continued

LUWEREZI HUNGER OFFERING Thanks for reaching out in love to our Sister Congregation in Luwerezhi, Malawi, Africa. Last week we received \$6,696 in gifts to provide assistance during this time of drought in Northern Malawi which has greatly impacted the fall harvest. This will enable Pastor Lewis Mwazembe to purchase grain to help his congregation through this time of need. If you missed the opportunity to contribute, you may do so by writing "Luwerezhi Hunger Offering" in your check's memo line. These funds will be sent directly to Luwerezhi Church of Central Africa Presbyterian.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY **Elders: Georgia Crews & Rachel Fowlkes**

WE THANK GOD for the continuing dedication of our Stephen Minister trainees. In the coming week they will be learning about maintaining boundaries in care giving and exploring crisis theory and practice. The trainees will study exactly what happens when a person goes through a crisis, and how a caring Christian ministry can help turn a potential danger into an opportunity for growth. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

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.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP **Elders: Danny Wilson & Kate Shockley**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: We are studying the book of Daniel this fall. The book of Daniel teaches about the difference between being faithful to God in Jerusalem vs. being faithful in Babylon. We invite you to come explore the book of Daniel on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. *in the Church Parlor.*

ATTENTION WORSHIP OUR WAY VOLUNTEERS: The Spiritual Formation & Discipleship Committee would like to invite any current leaders/helpers and any folks who are considering joining the W. O. W. team to our meeting this upcoming Tuesday, October 6th at 5:30 p.m. We want to hear from you to discuss the program and where we would like to take it to the next level! Lots of hands make light and fun work!

A NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will begin in October. The Armor of God by Priscilla Shirer is a 7-week study, which is more than a Biblical description of the believer's inventory, it is an action plan for putting God's armor and developing a personalized strategy to secure victory. If you are interested, see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board beside the parlor.

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 4th Communion

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training – Grant Room

Tuesday, October 6th

5:30 p.m. Spiritual Formation & Discipleship Committee Meeting
8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall
8:00 p.m. Al Anon next to Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 7th

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

Thursday, October 8th

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 11th

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

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY **Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard**

Stewardship & Attendance for September 27, 2015

Attendance: 152
Offering: \$3,201.00
Luwerezhi Offering: \$6,696.00

THE HUNGER OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED TODAY

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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