

All Saints' Day

November 1st, 2015

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder* arr. Martin

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Be Known To Us*

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Grace to you and peace from God who was, and is, and is to come.

All: Amen.

One: And from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, the ruler of kings of the earth.

All: Amen.

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints.

All: Amen.

+THE COLLECT

+HYMN *All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord*
Sung to the tune of "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (AZMON)

All praise to our redeeming Lord, who joins us by his grace
And bids us, each to each restored, together seek his face

He bids us build each other up; and gathered into one
To our high calling's glorious hope, we hand in hand go on

And if our fellowship below in Jesus be so sweet
What greater blessings shall we know when round his throne we meet?

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you send us saints and we imprison them or nail them on crosses. Lord, have mercy. You send us saints and we persuade ourselves they are fools or meddlers or incompetents. Christ, have mercy. You send us saints and we hate them for reminding us that our comfort requires the poverty of others. Lord, have mercy. You send us saints and we ignore them. Christ, have mercy. (*Silent prayer*) Open our eyes, O Lord, to the saints you send us, that we may heed their words and follow their example. Send us your Spirit that we may recognize your Truth in them and respond as disciples should. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* #466, v.3
Christ breaks the power of reigning sin and sets the prisoner free
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean, Christ's blood availed for me

+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 *Amazing Grace* arr. Trivette
+Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* #592
+Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READINGS Exodus 3:1-8a, 10-15 p. 46 OT
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READINGS John 6:35-66 p. 85 NT
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE
Naming of the Honored Dead
Prayers for the Saints and Faithful Departed
+Hymn *For All the Saints* #526

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table
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 *Song Of The Saints* Choplin
Prayer After Communion

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Confession of 1967*

The Lord's Supper is a celebration of our reconciliation with God and with one another, in which we joyfully eat and drink together at the table of our Savior. Jesus Christ gave his church this remembrance of his dying for sinful humanity so that by participation in it we have communion with him and with all who shall be gathered to him. Partaking in him as we eat the bread and drink the wine in accordance with Christ's appointment, we receive from the risen and living Lord the benefits of his death and resurrection. We rejoice in the foretaste of the kingdom which he will bring to consummation at his promised coming, and go out from the Lord's Table with courage and hope for the service to which he has called us.

+ HYMN *When the Saints Go Marching In*
O when the saints go marching in, O when the saints go marching in
O Lord, I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in

O we are travelling in the footsteps of those who've gone before
But we will all be reunited on a new and sunlit shore
Refrain

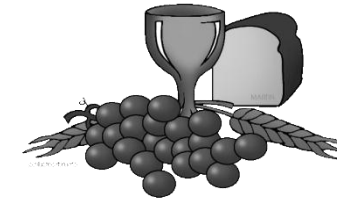
And when the sun refuses to shine, and when the sun refuses to shine
O Lord, I want to be in that number when the sun refuses to shine
Refrain

O when they crown him Lord of all, O when they crown him Lord of all
O Lord I want to be in that number when they crown him Lord of all
Refrain

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *The Grace Of Our Lord*

+POSTLUDE *When the Saints Go Marching In* Trad.

+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.

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Jeni Holt
- the acolytes are Hope Shockley and Noah Gibson
- the bell ringer is Joby Trivette
- Big W.O.W. leaders are Kurt & Amber Moran
- Little W.O.W leaders are Dianne Loomis and Jeni Holt
- the nursery volunteer is Connie Bundy
- the sound board tech is

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.

COMMUNION WILL BE RECEIVED VIA INTINCTION this morning. To partake, please proceed down the center aisle, break off a piece of bread, dip it in the cup on the side on which you are sitting, and return to your seat via the side aisle.

OUR CURRENT SERMON SERIES IS CALLED SEUSSICAL SPIRITUALITY. During October and November Pastor Tim is 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.

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:

Nov 1	Exod 3 / John 6	<i>Seussical Spirituality: Green Eggs and Ham</i>
Nov 8	Exod 6:6-9 / John 14:1-27	<i>Seussical Spirituality: Are You My Mother? & Gerald McBoing Boing</i>
Nov 15	Gen 12 Jer 29:4-11	<i>Seussical Spirituality: Oh the Places You Will Go</i>
Nov 22	TBD	Bobby Endicott, Guest Preacher

IN CELEBRATION OF AND COLLABORATION with Pastor Tim's *Seussical Spirituality Series*, the preludes during October and November will feature organ arrangements of children's songs. Today's prelude is a reflective rendition of *We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder*.

PLEASE WELCOME two members of the Southwest Virginia Community College Brass Quartet, Dr. Andy Necessary and Joseph McNulty, who are joining us in worship today.

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

FAITH in ACTION: Our next week to serve is **THIS WEEK**, November 1 – 7. A sign-up sheet is on bulletin board in Narthex.

SOCIAL CLUB IN NOVEMBER! Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church will host the Social Club on November 19th at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. **Volunteers are needed.** 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

SAMARITAN’S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Shoeboxes are available in the Narthex to take home and fill with small toys, flashlights, paper, pencils, etc. to send to needy children around the world. Remember 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

THE STEPHEN MINISTERS are learning specific ways to care for grieving people in each of the stages of the grieving process. Please continue to pray for our trainees and thank God for this opportunity He has given us for growth and service.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP
Elders: Danny Wilson & Kate Shockley

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: We are studying the book of Daniel this fall. We invite you to come explore this book with us on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. *in the Church Parlor.*

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. (Information sheet(s) can be found on the bulletin board by the parlor. Please take one if interested.)

EMPTY PILL BOTTLES – Thank you for the overwhelming support you have given the children in the Pill bottle project for Malawi. The first 55 have been mailed and it barely made a dent! We will be sending off a bigger box this week. This is an **ongoing project so keep bringing your empty plastic pill bottles** and place them in the box in the Narthex.

SINKING SPRING PRESCHOOL would like to thank all of you who participated in our St. Jude Trike-A-Thon! We were able to raise \$2,322 to donate to St. Jude Children’s Hospital! Thank you, thank you, and thank you!!!

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL is set for Saturday December 12th at 5:00 p.m. If your child would like to participate in the musical please let Janet McGraw know or better yet, come to practice each Wednesday @ 5:00 p.m. We meet in the Choir room upstairs. Practice last 30 minutes with pick-up at 5:30 p.m.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, November 1st Communion

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

Monday, November 2nd

6:30 p.m. Service & Outreach Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 3rd

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, November 4th

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, November 5th

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, November 8th

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

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard

Stewardship & Attendance for October 25, 2015

Attendance: 144
Offering: \$3,004.00

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: The Bunn Family

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Charles Henninger, Richie Hooker, Sherrye May and Ernie & Mary Barr

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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