

**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 11:00 a.m.

**PRELUDE** *Kum Ba Yah* *arr. Behnke*

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**INTROIT** *We Believe That We Are Here*

**+CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Psalm 63*

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

**All: And also with you.**

One: O God, you are our God. We come here to seek you; our souls thirst for your presence.

**All: You are like water and we are like the dry and weary land!**

One: Your steadfast love is better than life. We will praise and bless you as long as we live.

**All: Let us look upon you in your sanctuary, that we may behold your power and glory!**

**+HYMN** *Now Thank We All Our God* #555, vv. 1-2

**+PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Sending God, you call us into your presence, shower us with your love and mercy, and then send us out into the world to share your love with others. We confess this morning that we have been selfish and have not shared as we should have. We have preferred to keep your love for ourselves. We experience your blessing in our lives and then we are content to let it remain there. We have been so concerned about our own standing in your eyes that when you have reassured us of your grace we have closed our eyes in relief, rather than opening them to the anxieties of others. Forgive us, Lord. Send us your Spirit that we may be empowered to go into the world and share your blessings with others, that they, too, may be blessed. Give us eyes to see and ears to hear the souls that thirst for your presence, and then grant us the privilege of being your presence in their lives. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

**+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE**

**+RESPONSE** *Now Thank We All Our God* #555, v. 3

**+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 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** *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak* #426

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**GOSPEL READING** Matthew 17:14-21 p. 16 NT

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

**ANTHEM** *Amazing Love, How Can It Be* *arr. Mary McDonald*

**HEBREW BIBLE READINGS** Genesis 12:1-3 p. 9 OT  
Jeremiah 29:4-7 p. 690 OT

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**THE WORD PROCLAIMED** **Tim Reynolds**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD**

**Offertory** *I Want Jesus To Walk With Me* *arr. Trivette*

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

**+Prayer of Dedication**

**+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *from The Confession of 1967*

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate us from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

**+HYMN** *Your Servant Comes This Hour* FESTAL SONG

Sung to the tune of *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

Your servant comes this hour in true humility  
Believing in your call, O God, and answering, "Lord, send me."

Your servant kneels in prayer, awaiting from above  
The touch which sets their life apart for ministries of love

Your servant stands this day implanted in the Word  
Prepared to share the holy truth, proclaim it lamp and sword

Your servant leaves this place with confidence secure  
And by the Holy Spirit bears the fruit which shall endure

**+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE** *God Be With You*

**+POSTLUDE** *This Little Light of Mine* *Trad.*

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

**THIS MORNING...**

- the liturgist is Isaac Short
- the acolytes are Wiley Leidig and John Godfrey
- the bell ringer is Audrey Morrell
- Big W.O.W. leaders are John & Jamie Hortenstine
- Little W.O.W leaders are Rachel Bales and Jill Childress
- the nursery volunteer is Nissa Morrell and Liz Edelman
- the sound board tech is Seth Reynolds

**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 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 15	Gen 12	<i>Seussical Spirituality: Oh the Places You Will Go</i>
	Jer 29:4-11	
Nov 22	TBD	Bobby Endicott, Guest Preacher
Nov 29	Luke 1:1-4	<i>A Christmas Carol: Marley &amp; The Sins of Ebenezer Scrooge</i>
Dec 6	Luke 1:26-45	<i>A Christmas Carol: The Ghosts of Christmases Past</i>

**IN CELEBRATION OF AND COLLABORATION** with Pastor Tim's *Seussical Spirituality Series*, the preludes during November will feature organ arrangements of children's songs. Today's prelude is a rousing rendition of the great children's song *Kum Ba Yah*.

**WE ARE IN NEED OF A VOLUNTEER** to run the sound board on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month. We will train you and you will need to be able to commit to being here 15 minutes early and staying 15 minutes after the service. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Tim or Rick Ratliff.

**ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTERS NEEDED:** If you, your family, your group of friends, Sunday School Class, Fellowship Group, or any other combination of folks are interested in lighting the Advent wreath candles on one of the Sundays in Advent, please let Pastor Tim know. Advent begins on November 29<sup>th</sup>.

**ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE – NOV. 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Once again this year we will celebrate Thanksgiving with our Christian brothers and sisters on the block. The congregations of Sinking Spring, St. Thomas Episcopal, and Abingdon United Methodist will be gathering for worship on **Sunday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** The service will be at Abingdon United Methodist and Pastor Tim will be preaching.

**SPENCER MILLER CONCERT TODAY** at 3:00 p.m. featuring **Jazz: America's Music.** A recital chronologically demonstrating all styles of Jazz, Dixieland, Big Band Swing and more. This concert will be led by Sinking Spring's own Dr. Joseph Trivette. Concerts are free for all area students of all ages and \$10 for the general public.

**TODAY WE WELCOME GUEST MUSICIAN** from Jacksonville, FL, **Matt Vance** on Saxophone. Matt will be performing this afternoon with the "Jazz-America's Music concert.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT** Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. Opening with "We Need A Little Christmas", we also have "Hark! The Herald," "Angels We Have Heard", "The Christmas Song" and many other familiar seasonal songs of faith and fun. The choir will be accompanied by Joey and the 9 piece professional orchestra. To finish up, there will be lots of good food in the parlor. There will be no nursery this year. As always, concert is free, but donations to Faith in Action are appreciated. Please come and enjoy.

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

**STEPHEN MINISTER** trainees will be considering how the sometimes difficult process of bringing a caring relationship to a close can instead be turned into a relationship-strengthening event. As referral time is nearing, be alert to those among us who may be in need of a Stephen Minister and continue to keep our trainees in your prayers.

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

**SOCIAL CLUB** will be **Thursday evening at 5:30 p.m.** and we need a few more volunteers to serve these very special guests in our church. If you have a heart for this mission, please call or text Kay Bunn and let her know.....276-698-4121 or email: sharonkbunn@gmail.com

**DEADLINE TO RETURN** Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes is TODAY. Please remember to include a check for \$7 to cover shipping.

**FRIENDS OF SANTA** will be giving out goodie bags and gift cards to those who need extra assistance during the Christmas season. YOU CAN HELP with the application and distribution process November 30<sup>th</sup> (9:30 am – 1:00 pm), December 1 (3:30 – 6:30 pm), December 2 (1:00 – 4:00 pm), December 3 (3:30 – 6:00 pm) or December 4 (9:30 am – 1:00 pm) at St. John's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. If you are interested and available, please call Sue Croghan at 276-608-0547. Training provided; it's fun and easy!

**THANKS FOR ALL** who worked and donated to Faith in Action during November. We provided 92 hours from 31 volunteers, who served 358 families = 994 individuals including 294 children. Our church also donated 18 cans of food and financial support to purchase approximately 1600 canned food items in October. 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 on December 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for your continued faith in action!

**TODAY YOU WILL SEE** a partially filled cornucopia on the communion table. **Next Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, bring several cans of fruit to fill the cornucopia during the singing of the last hymn.** Through our outpouring of thanksgiving, we will nourish the hungry during this season of giving. (If you will be absent next Sunday, you are welcome to put your cans of fruit on the communion table this coming week.)

**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. We've mailed 290 bottles to date. This is an **ongoing project so keep bringing your empty plastic pill bottles** and place them in the box in the Narthex.

**IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**TODAY, Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
3:00 p.m. Spencer Miller Concert – Jazz ~ America's Music

**Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 p.m. Session Meeting

**Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 p.m. Elder Nominating Committee Meeting  
8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall  
8:00 p.m. Al Anon next to Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**

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 19<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Shoney's  
5:30 p.m. Social Club  
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training – Grant Room  
8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
4:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training  
6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Service - Abingdon United Methodist Church

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

**Stewardship & Attendance for November 8, 2015**

Attendance: 168  
Offering: \$3,929.00

**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: Rosemary Sweet and Catherine Anastasia Goumenis Day (daughter-in-law of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Day)

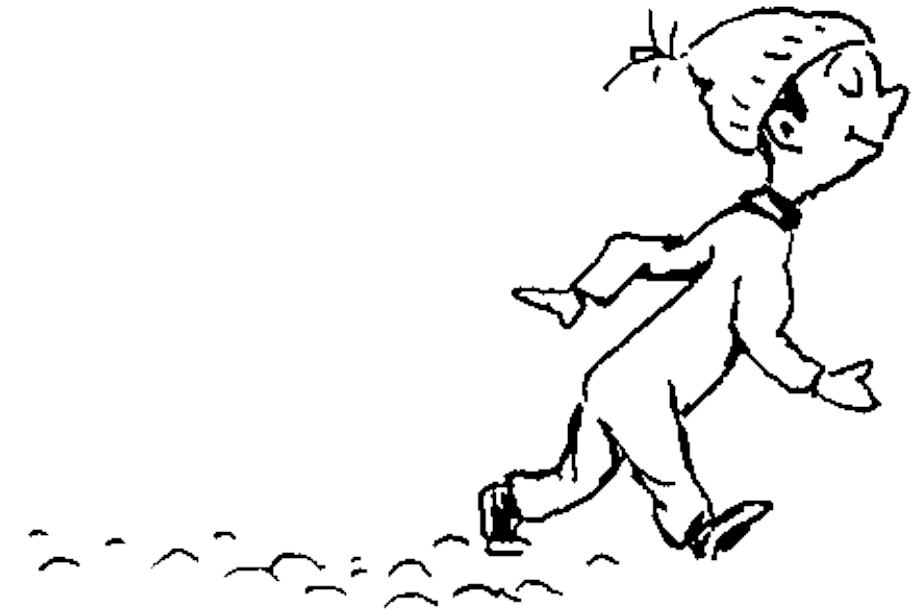
WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Charles Henninger, Richie Hooker, Sherrye May, Ernie & Mary Barr, Bunn Family and Charlene Armstrong

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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