

# 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Jesus Loves the Little Children* *arr. Kimball*

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *As We Enter*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 84*

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

All: **Our souls long for the courts of the Lord! We sing for joy to the Living God!**

One: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, in your house, O Lord, our King and our God.

All: **Happy are those who live in your house. May we ever sing your praise!**

+HYMN *How Lovely, Lord* #207

## +PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Reassuring God, we are an anxious people. We worry about whether or not we belong, whether or not we fit in. We worry that we might be different, that we might not be loved. Forgive us, Lord! Forgive us for forgetting that you provide a place for us where we are loved and accepted, where we fit in because of our differences. Forgive us for not living as people who know they belong. Send us your Spirit to enable us to accept the place that you have prepared for each one of us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## +ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *Glory Be to the Father* #579

## +PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM – Hudson James Beverly

Presentation  
Baptismal Vows  
Profession of Faith – *The Apostles' Creed* (Trad. – Hymnbook p. 14)  
Thanksgiving Over the Water  
The Baptism  
Welcome

+BAPTISMAL HYMN *The Fruit of Love* O WALY WALY

The fruit of love, this gift of life, we place, O God, within your care  
To know your grace and guiding hand in years to come is now our prayer

A baby's future waits with hope enveloped with the Spirit's grace  
Tomorrow's promise can be glimpsed within this infant's tiny face

With humble joy we recognize a task that only has begun  
A sacred charge lies in our arms to cradle faith and pass it on

## 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.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

GOSPEL READING John 14:1-27 p. 95 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Holy, Holy, Holy!* *Sterling*

HEBREW BIBLE READINGS Exodus 6:6-9 p. 49 OT

Deuteronomy 1:30-33 p. 147 OT

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Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Nearer, My God, to Thee* *arr. Forrest*

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

+Prayer of Dedication

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from Belonging to God: A First Catechism*

Q. Who are you?

A. **I am a child of God.**

Q. What does it mean to be a child of God?

A. **That I belong to God, who loves me.**

+HYMN *Jesus Loves Me*

Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so  
Little ones to him belong: they are weak, but he is strong  
*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!*  
*Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so*

Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way  
He's prepared a home for me, and someday his face I'll see  
*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!*  
*Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so*

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *May The Grace*

+POSTLUDE *Toccata* *Young*

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

### THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Hazel Ramos-Cano
- the acolytes are Madison Counts and Kaylie Cornelius
- the bell ringer is JW Hortenstine
- Big W.O.W. leaders are Jane Leidig and Amanda Godfrey
- Little W.O.W leaders are Lisa and Morgan Crum
- the nursery volunteer is Nissa Morrell and Liz Edelman
- 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 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 8	Exod 6:6-9 / John 14:1-27	<i>Seussical Spirituality: Are You My Mother? &amp; 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
Nov 29	Luke 1:1-4	<i>A Christmas Carol: Marley &amp; The Sins of Ebenezer Scrooge</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 harmonically diverse arrangement of *Jesus Loves the Little Children*.

**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.

**TODAY WE BAPTIZE HUDSON JAMES BEVERLY**, infant son of Jeremy and Mary Beverly, who was born on July 24, 2015.

**THE BUNN FAMILY** wishes to thank the Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church family for their support and prayers during the loss of their beloved father and grandfather, Omer Bunn. We are thankful for the caring thoughtfulness and beautiful evening service provided by Pastor Tim and Joey Trivette. The love extended to our family means more than you will ever know.....our "cup runneth over".

**SPENCER MILLER CONCERT** next Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**SOCIAL CLUB will be here soon** (Thursday, November 19), 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 November 15<sup>th</sup>. 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!

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

**STEPHEN MINISTER** trainees met twice this past week and considered the topics of depression and suicide. In these presentations they learned the causes and symptoms of depression and the very special role Stephen Ministers have in the lives of depressed people. They also studied significant information about suicide and learned to minister to suicidal people. As there are only 6 more sessions before commissioning, please continue to keep them in your prayers.

**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. 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!!!

**THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL** is set for Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup> 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 lasts 30 minutes with pick-up at 5:30 p.m.

**IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**TODAY, Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
5:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

**Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Budget Workshop

**Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 p.m. Spiritual Formation & Discipleship Committee Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Elder Nomination Committee Meeting - Parlor  
6:30 p.m. Congregational Ministry Committee Meeting  
8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall  
8:00 p.m. Al Anon next to Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, November 11<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 12<sup>th</sup>**

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

**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  
4:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

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

**Stewardship & Attendance for November 1, 2015**

Attendance: 162  
Offering: \$6,295.00  
Hunger: \$385.00

**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: Charlene Armstrong (Kate Shockley's mom)

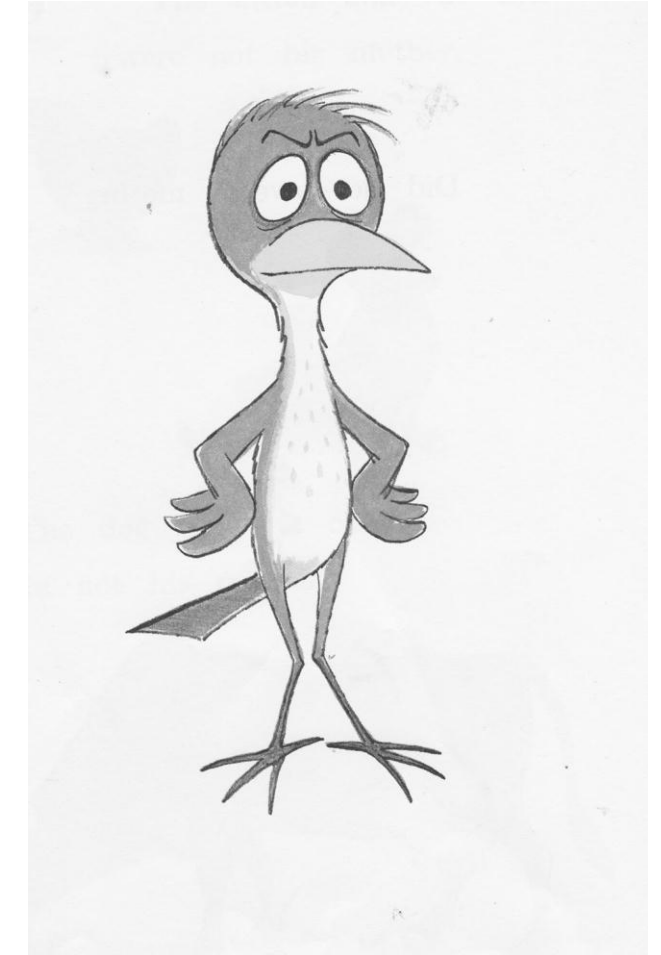
WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Charles Henninger, Richie Hooker, Sherrye May, Ernie & Mary Barr and Bunn Family

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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