

Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday

February 15th, 2015

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *The Heavens Are Telling* *Beethoven*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Come, Let Us Worship God*

+CALL TO WORSHIP

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

All: And also with you.

One: We gather this morning, seeking the peace Christ gives.

All: We gather this morning, in spite of many a conflict, many a doubt, within our souls.

One: We gather this morning, longing for the breath of God's Spirit to give us vision, courage, and renewal.

All: We gather this morning because the Lamb of God has bid us to come.

One: We gather this morning knowing that we will receive welcome, pardon, healing, cleansing, and relief.

All: We come, Christ Jesus, and bid you to also come and be our guest. Give us eyes to see and ears to hear so that we may live as your disciples day by day.

+HYMN *Just As I Am* WOODWORTH
Just as I am without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot
To thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve
Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Caring and compassionate Creator, we enter this place set apart for your worship with our eyes open, searching for your presence. Yet we confess this morning that we have failed to see you in other places. We have closed our eyes to the hungry, the thirsty, the sick, the naked, the imprisoned, and in so doing we have closed our eyes to you. We have closed our eyes to the beauty around us, in earth and sky, in plants and creatures, in the people who surround us, and in so doing have closed our eyes to you. Forgive our blindness. Open our eyes so that we may see you every day, in every place, but especially in all whom we meet, for it is in them – and us – you have placed your image. In Jesus' name. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *Just As I Am* #579
Just as I am thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve
Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

God Is Wonderful!
Children's Choir

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward for the Time for Young Disciples. Afterward, children ages 4 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

Live Into Hope #332

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Isaiah 61:1-7 p. 651 OT

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

ANTHEM

The Majesty And Glory Of Your Name *Fettke/Johnson*

GOSPEL READING

Mark 8:22-26 p. 38 NT

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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Scots Confession*

By nature we are so dead and blind that neither can we feel when we are pricked, see the light when it shines, nor assent to the will of God when it is revealed, unless the Spirit of the Lord Jesus quicken that which is dead, remove the darkness from our minds, and bow our stubborn hearts to the obedience of his blessed will. And so, as we confess that God the Father created us when we were not, as his Son our Lord Jesus redeemed us when we were enemies to him, so also do we confess that the Holy Ghost does sanctify and regenerate us, without respect to any merit proceeding from us, be it before or be it after our regeneration. To put this even more plainly; we willingly disclaim any honor and glory for our own creation, redemption, regeneration and sanctification, for by ourselves we are not capable of thinking one good thought; but he who has begun the work in us alone continues it in us, to the praise and glory of his undeserved grace.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Jesus Loves Me* *arr. Raney*
+Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* #592
+Prayer of Dedication

+HYMN

Amazing Grace #280

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

A Parting Prayer

+POSTLUDE

Victory in Jesus *arr. Trivette*

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION Elders: Randa McCall & Danny Wilson

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Mimi Hull
- the acolytes are Jamie Lee and
- the bellringer is Annsley Trivette
- the W.O.W. leaders are Kurt & Amber Moran
- the nursery volunteers are Rachel Fowlkes, Anne Willson and Lila Thurmond
- the sound board tech is Dennis Bailey

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.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY AND NARTHEX TODAY are given to the Glory of God by The Ratliff Family and in honor of Curtis Ratliff.

WE ARE CURRENTLY IN A YEAR-LONG SERMON SERIES on the *Gospel of Mark*. Mark says this is the story of God's Son and it is Good News. Each hearer of Mark's story must determine what his/her own response will be to this Good News.

ASH WEDNESDAY: The season of Lent begins THIS Wednesday, February 18th. The Noontime Lenten Prayer Service will take place in our sanctuary at noon, followed by a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. That evening we will have an Ash Wednesday Service of Imposition of Ashes at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please come and celebrate with your faith family the beginning of this season of reflection and introspection.

NOONTIME LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES: Once again this year the downtown churches will be sponsoring Noontime Lenten Prayer Services on Wednesdays at 12:00 noon during Lent. Each will be followed by a free luncheon at 12:30 at the sponsoring church. These services will begin on Wednesday, February 18th and continue through Holy Week, the week of March 29th. A schedule of which congregations are hosting and when is on the insert, on the table in the Narthex, and listed below. This is a great opportunity to join hands with Christians of other denominations and show our commitment to the Lord and to one another.

Date Location/Host Homilist

SERVICE AND OUTREACH
Elders: Alicia Arney & Kay Bunn

THE ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL LUNCHEON raised \$3,160.20 for our local Faith in Action's ministry to the hungry in our community. Thanks so much to all who contributed and who enjoyed the fellowship and food!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY needs volunteers who can use building / construction or general labor skills for NEW REPAIR program. Crews are needed for short-term repair projects requiring 1 – 2 days effort on a periodic basis. If you would like to help, please complete the enclosed sign up form and place in the collection plate or return to the church office.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP
Elders: Lucy Phillips & Baird Smith

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: There will be no Bible study this week due to the Ash Wednesday worship service in the sanctuary. We will begin a 6-week Lenten-themed Bible study on Feb. 25th. The study is called *Will You Come and Follow Me* and will examine the meaning of the texts of 6 different Lenten hymns, as well as learning more about the hymn writers. We hope you join us this Wednesday AND the 6 Wednesdays during Lent as we delve into what it means to follow the Way of Jesus.

DO YOU HAVE A LOVE FOR CHILDREN? The children's Sunday School Class is looking for additional leaders for that group. Class meets from 10:00 a.m. till 10:45 a.m. on Sunday morning. The curriculum is easy to follow and the 6 – 8 children that make up the class are eager to learn. Come visit the class to see what goes on. If you are interested contact Janet McGraw.

WINTER WEATHER POLICY: Now that winter is here it's probably a good time to remind everyone of our policies for inclement weather!

Sunday Worship: Worship will never be cancelled due to weather. Please use your own discretion, however, in deciding whether or not to come. Safety is of primary importance; stay home if you don't feel you can make it safely.

Sunday School: The teachers of each class will determine whether or not to meet. Teachers will call class members *only* if class is cancelled.

Wednesday After School Programs, Bible Study and Preschool: These activities follow the Washington County School schedule. If Washington County Schools are closed or dismissed early, then these activities will be cancelled.

All Other Activities (Choir, Session, Committees, etc.): These will be determined on a case by case basis. The church office will be closed only in the event of *extreme* weather.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, February 15th

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

Monday, February 16th

6:30 p.m. Session Meeting

Tuesday, February 17th

8:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 18th

12:00 p.m. Noontime Lenten Prayer Service – SSPC
3:15 p.m. After School Program
5:00 p.m. Junior Choir
6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service of Imposition of Ashes
7:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday, February 19th

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, BabyCakes
8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 22nd

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

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Elders: Fred Holt & John Legard

Stewardship & Attendance for February 8, 2015

Attendance: 165
Offering: \$4,668.00

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, Reed Cooke (Grand Court), June Atkins, Hazel Warden (Abingdon Rehab), Betty Hunter

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS: The Ratliff Family

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: David Henninger, Charles Henninger, Jay McCallum (Holston Valley), Margaret Peters (JMH), Arville Mullins, Amanda Hall, Lynn Hall, Colt Powers and The Biggerstaff Family

AND FOR THESE MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY: Joseph McGraw, Nathan 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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