

March 1st, 2015

2nd Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Fanfare-Rondeau* *Mouret*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *As In The Solemn Stillness*

+CALL TO WORSHIP based on *Psalm 50*

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: The Lord shines forth in glory. Our Lord, the God of all, has spoken.

All: **God will come and not keep silent; the heavens reveal the glory of the Lord!**

One: God calls heaven and earth to bear witness, to testify that the covenant has been sealed.

All: **Let the heavens declare God's justice, and let the people give honor to the Lord!**

+HYMN *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* #142

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasm. We confess that we sometimes close our eyes to the presence of Christ among us. Forgive our unwillingness to see. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. In whose name we pray. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *What Wondrous Love Is This* #85, v.1

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul

To bear the heavy cross for my soul!

+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 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.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *What Wondrous Love is This* *arr. Carter*

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

+Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Exodus 24:12-18 & 34:29-35 p. 65 OT

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

GOSPEL READING Mark 9:2-13 p. 38 NT

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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Preparatory Hymn *Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed* #501

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 *Cross Cry* *Martin*

Prayer After Communion

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *The Second Helvetic Confession*

The body of Christ is in heaven at the right hand of the Father; and therefore our hearts are to be lifted up on high...Yet the Lord is not absent from his Church. The sun, which is absent from us in the heavens, is notwithstanding effectually present among us. How much more is the Sun of Righteousness, Christ, although in his body he is absent from us in heaven, present with us, not bodily, but spiritually, by his [life-giving] operation, as he himself explained at his Last Supper that he would be present with us.

+SENDING HYMN *Transfiguration Hymn* CWM RHONDDA

Sung to the Tune: Guide Me, O thou Great Jehovah

See our Lord in all his glory now arrayed in dazzling white!

See him shine in holy splendor bathed in everlasting light!

See the law and prophets gather, lifting high the living Christ!

Lifting high the living Christ!

See the cloud of ancient fire guiding through our wilderness

Hear the voice of God our Father, hear the love his words express:

This my Son is pure and pleasing, hear the blessing that he brings!

Hear the blessing that he brings!

Jesus, Lord, we see your splendor here and now by daily faith

In our service, in our suffering we will follow unafraid

On from glory into glory, till we see you face to face!

Till we see you face to face!

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *Go With Us Lord*

+POSTLUDE *Transfiguration Postlude* *arr. Trivette*

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION

Elders: Matt Crum & Joey Lamie

THIS

- the liturgist is Brice Crum
- the acolytes are Morgan Crum and Lily Reynolds
- the bellringer is J. W. Hortenstine
- the W.O.W. leaders are John & Jamie Hortenstine
- the nursery volunteers are Amber Moran, Jason & Nissa Morrell
- the sound board tech is John Nowell

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.

WE ARE CURRENTLY IN A YEAR-LONG SERMON SERIES on the *Gospel of Mark* and it is Good News. Each hearer of

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will take place on Sunday, March 29th immediately following worship. The 2014 Annual Report and 2015 Budget will be presented to the congregation, Nominating Committee members will be elected,

NOONTIME LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES: Once again the downtown churches are 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 continue through Holy Week, the week of March 29th. A schedule of which congregations are hosting and when is 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
Mar 4	St. Thomas Episc.	Robert Countiss (AUMC)
Mar 11	Abingdon Baptist	Hilary Streever (St. Thomas)
Mar 18	St. John Lutheran	Tim Reynolds (Sinking Spring)
Mar 25	Christ the King	Scott Homesley (St. John)

SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP

Elders: Danny Wilson & Kate Shockley

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: We are currently in a 6-week Lenten-themed Bible study. 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 during the Wednesdays of Lent as we delve into what it means to follow the Way of Jesus.

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

ECUMENICAL FAITH IN ACTION: Our next week to serve is March 22nd-28th. Please mark your calendars so that you may serve those in need in our community.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY
Elders: Georgia Crews & Rachel Fowlkes

OUR NEXT TEAM MEETING will be Tuesday March 10 at 5:30 p.m. in the parlor. New members are welcome to attend.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard

A HUGE THANK YOU to the dozen plus who responded to the significant ice dam and water issues at the church last Sunday. We mitigated what could have been much worse.

WINTER WEATHER POLICY:

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 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, March 1 Communion

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

Monday, March 2nd

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

Tuesday, March 3rd

5:30 p.m. SF & D Committee Meeting
 8:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 4th

12:00 p.m. Noontime Lenten Prayer Service St. Thomas Episc.
 3:15 p.m. After School Program
 5:00 p.m. Junior Choir
 6:30 p.m. Bible Study
 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
 7:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday, March 5th

7:00 a.m.
 8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 8th

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

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Stewardship & Attendance for February 22, 2015

Attendance: 90
 Offering: \$3,040.00

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, Reed Cooke (Grand Court), June Atkins, Hazel Warden (Abingdon Rehab) and Margaret Peters

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS: Don Preston (Smyth County Hospital Rehab)

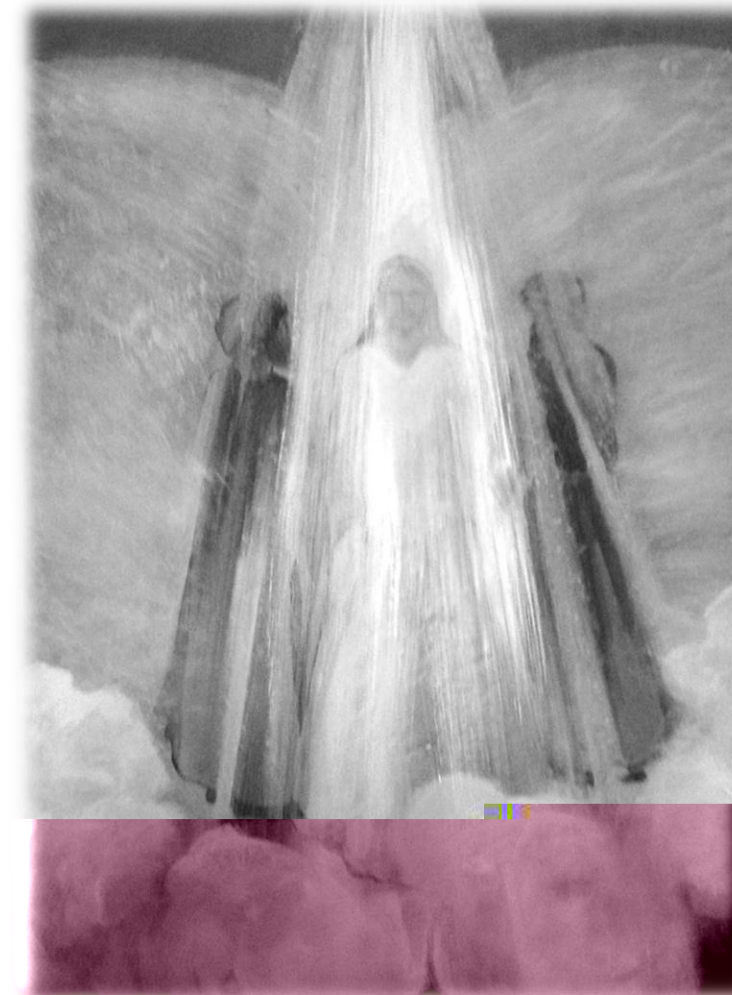
WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: David Henninger, Charles Henninger, Jay McCallum (HealthSouth), The Biggerstaff Family and The Ratliff Family

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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