

5th Sunday in Lent

March 22nd, 2015

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Lord, I Want To Be a Christian arr. Bisch

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT The Lord Is Here

+CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 119

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: Let us seek the Lord with the whole of our hearts;
All: Do not let us stray from your commandments, O Lord.
One: Let us treasure God's Word in our hearts,
All: Blessed are you, O Lord, for you have taught us your statutes.
One: May the Lord deal bountifully with us so that we may live and observe his ways.
All: Open our eyes, O Lord, that we may behold wondrous things out of your Word.

+HYMN Blest Are the Uncorrupt in Heart #233, vv. 1-4

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In the midst of a confusing and chaotic world, we turn to you, Most Holy One. We confess our distractions – the worries of money or health, the lure of easy living, the fear of terrorism, the behaviors and lifestyles of others. We confess that we allow these things to turn our sight from you, to turn our attention from your mission. In your mercy, O Lord, forgive us. Set our sights once again on you and on your cross, that all we do might reveal your claim upon us. Help us live the new life you promise and to share your Good News with all. In Christ's name. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE Blest Are the Uncorrupt in Heart #233, v. 5
To you, O God of truth and law, to you, O living Word
To you, O Comforter of life, may now our praise be heard

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

FELLOWSHIP MINUTE

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 O for a World #386

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Numbers 11:24-30 p. 121 OT
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Thy Will Be Done

GOSPEL READING Mark 9:38-50 p. 39 NT
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD
Offertory Take My Life Malan
+Doxology Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow #592
+Prayer of Dedication

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from The Confession of 1967
The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His life as a human being involves the church in the common life of all humanity. His service to humankind commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of humankind so that it discloses to the church God's judgment on our inhumanity towards one another and the awful consequences of our own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

+HYMN To God Be the Glory #485

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE To Do The Work Of God

+POSTLUDE A French "To God Be The Glory" arr. Trivette

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

- THIS MORNING...
• the liturgist is Mimi Hull
• the acolytes are Jamie Lee and Wiley Leidig
• the bellringer is Milo Leidig
• the W.O.W. leaders are Michael and Robin Cozart
• the nursery volunteers are Rachel Fowlkes, Jan Hardman and Liz Edelman
• the sound board tech is Jasper Leidig

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.

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.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE: On Thursday, April 2nd, we will celebrate the sacrament of communion at a service commemorating Maundy Thursday. The term Maundy Thursday comes from the Latin word maundatum, which means "commandment". It references the Last Supper, which for Christians is the institution of the Lord's Supper, when Jesus, after washing the disciples' feet, instructs them, "As I have done for you, you also should do for one another." The service will begin at 6:30 p.m., last approximately an hour, and end with a brief Service of Darkness as we turn towards Good Friday.

NOON GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: The congregations of Abingdon United Methodist, St. Thomas Episcopal, and Sinking Spring Presbyterian will join together in worship and prayer at noon on Good Friday, April 3rd, to commemorate the death of our Lord and to pray for ourselves and the world. The service will take place at St. Thomas Episcopal Church and will begin at 12:00 noon.

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: The congregations of St. John Lutheran, St. Thomas Episcopal, Abingdon United Methodist, and Sinking Spring Presbyterian churches are hosting a Community Good Friday Service on Friday, April 3rd from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. The service will be an Ecumenical Stations of the Cross and will be held at the Farmers Market Pavilion. The journey through the stations will begin on the hour and the half hour and will take approximately 20 minutes. We hope you will join us for this poignant observance of Good Friday.

THE FLOWERING OF THE CROSS: All are invited to take part in our annual "Flowering of the Cross" on Easter morning. Simply bring flowers from your yard, garden, the store, or even the side of the road with you to worship. Prior to the service you will place your flowers on the cross and it will be carried outside following the service as symbol of life out of death for all to see.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will take place NEXT 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, and the pastor's Terms of Call will be renewed. We expect the meeting to last approximately 20 minutes.

NOONTIME LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES: This week is the final week for the Lenten Noon Prayer Services. The service is on Wednesday and begins at noon followed by a free simple lunch at 12:30.

Table with 3 columns: Date, Location/Host, Homilist. Row 1: Mar 25, Christ the King, Scott Homesley (St. John Lutheran)

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY
Elders: Georgia Crews & Rachel Fowlkes

DISCOVERY CLASS: Interested in uniting with the congregation? Just want to know more about being Presbyterian? If "yes" then please set aside Sunday, April 26th to attend the spring Discovery Class downstairs in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. After lunch provided by the church, Pastor Tim will lead the class in learning about the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Reformed Tradition and the Sinking Spring congregation. There will also be a time for questions and answers. Please RSVP to Georgia Crews at 2006mgcgmc@comcast.net, 276-676-3512 or 276-492-5240 by Tuesday, April 21st.

ATTENTION SENIORS!! Interested in fun and fellowship?? Please add your name to the "sign up" sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Watch church bulletin for further information.

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

ECUMENICAL FAITH IN ACTION: This is our week to serve. A sign-up sheet is available on the board in the Narthex.

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.

HELP! The Nursery children (baby – 3yr old) are in need of someone to serve on Sunday, April 5th. This is Easter Sunday and while I know it is a sacrifice to give up your time in the sanctuary the babies and children need to be ministered to also. If you can help, contact Janet McGraw.

WE NEED YOU!! The Middle School Sunday School class needs an adult to help team teach. It's a small class that meets on Sunday mornings from 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Curriculum is provided. Consider giving an hour of your time to these young people. Contact Janet McGraw if interested, christianeducator@sinkingspring.org

MUSSER SCHOLARSHIP ~ If you know of a graduating High School Senior, tell them about the Musser Scholarship, a onetime scholarship of \$1000 that is awarded to a graduating senior from Washington County, who attends and is active in his or her church also in Washington County. If you need more information contact Janet McGraw or go on the church web site and click on Musser Scholarship for details and an application.

Holy Week Worship Opportunities		
Palm Sunday (Mar 29)	Worship SSPC Sanctuary	11:00 a.m.
Maundy Thursday (Apr 2)	Worship & Communion SSPC Sanctuary	6:30 p.m.
Good Friday (Apr 3)	Noon Prayer St. Thomas Sanctuary	12:00 p.m.
	Stations of the Cross Farmers Market Pavilion	3:00-5:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday (Apr 5)	Worship SSPC Sanctuary	11:00 a.m.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, March 22nd

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

Tuesday, March 24th

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

Wednesday, March 25th

12:00 p.m. Noontime Lenten Prayer Service – Christ the King
 3:15 p.m. After School Program
 5:00 p.m. Junior Choir
 6:00 p.m. Bible Study
 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
 7:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday, March 26th

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

Sunday, March 29th Palm Sunday

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

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard

Stewardship & Attendance for March 15, 2015

Attendance: 186
 Offering: \$5,399.50

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 (Commonwealth Assisted Living (former: Westhaven), June Atkins, Hazel Warden (Abingdon Rehab)

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS:

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: David Henninger, Charles Henninger, Jay McCallum, Don Preston (The Cottages, Greenville, SC), Ratliff Family and Margaret Peters (Grace)

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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