

Passion/Palm Sunday

March 29th, 2015

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Beautiful Savior* *Stephenson*
Handbell Choir

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Blessed Is He*

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: Come! From the city streets,
All: Let us join the happy throng that gathers to honor Jesus!
One: Come! From your homes and places of business and your busy lives,
All: Let us put down our work in joyful celebration!
One: Come! Lay down your sorrows and worries,
All: Let us turn our eyes toward the Savior whom God has sent!
One: Come! Let all who gather join in joyful song.
All: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is Jesus Christ, who comes in the name of the Lord! Amen.

+HYMN *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* #89

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of steadfast love and purpose, you know how we love to serve you in the sunshine of success and popularity, and how we shrink away when you ask us to walk through the fire of trial and suffering! Forgive our unfaithfulness, and teach us to walk with steady obedience in both joy and suffering, through Jesus Christ, your faithful servant. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* #89, v. 3
"Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice
And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice

+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.

+HYMN *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* #101

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Deuteronomy 24:1-4 p. 167 OT
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Fanfare For Palm Sunday* *McDonald*
Adult & Children's Choir

GOSPEL READING Mark 10:1-12 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 *Hosanna To The King* *Berta & Sonja Poorman*
+Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* #592
+Prayer of Dedication

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from The Apostles' Creed*
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

GOSPEL READING Mark 11:1-10, 15:6-15 pp. 41 & 46 NT

+HYMN *O Sacred Head Now Wounded* #98

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *The Grace Of The Lord*

+POSTLUDE *What Wondrous Love* *Burkhardt*

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Tim Reynolds
- the acolytes are Kaylee Arney and Hope Shockley
- the bellringer is Cate Arney
- the W.O.W. leaders are Joey & Bridget Lamie
- the nursery volunteers are Lila Thurmond and Anne Willson
- the sound board tech is Rick Ratliff

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.

WE WELCOME AMBER COX, Southwest Virginia Community College music major, who will be playing trumpet in our worship service this morning.

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 TODAY 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.

Holy Week Worship Opportunities		
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.

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

A SPECIAL PCUSA OFFERING, *One Great Hour of Sharing*, will be collected on Easter Sunday. Your gift will enable the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP
Elders: Danny Wilson & Kate Shockley

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: We will conclude our Lenten-themed Bible study this week. 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.

CHILDREN'S PALM PARADE: Our children will have a palm parade around the sanctuary during the first hymn this morning. If your child would like to be in the parade, be upstairs in the WOW room at 10:45 a.m.

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. Contact Janet McGraw if interested, christianeducator@sinkingspring.org

MUSSER SCHOLARSHIP ~ Do you know a graduating High School Senior? Tell them about the Musser Scholarship. The Musser Scholarship is a onetime scholarship of \$1000 awarded to a graduation senior from Washington Co. who attends and is active in his/her church, also in Washington Co. 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. The deadline to receive the applications is April 1, 2015.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AT SSPC ~ A flyer is available that tells how your child/ren can get involved at Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church. If you are interested, please stop by and take one.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, March 29 Palm Sunday

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

Tuesday, March 31st

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

Wednesday, April 1st

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, April 2nd

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, BabyCakes
6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 5th

12:00 p.m. Good Friday Noon Service – St. Thomas
3:00 p.m. Good Friday Stations of the Cross – Farmers Pavilion

Sunday, April 5th Easter / Communion

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 22, 2015

Attendance: 160
Offering: \$4,656.00

THE HUNGER OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED NEXT SUNDAY

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, June Atkins, Hazel Warden (Abingdon Rehab)

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS: McCallum Family

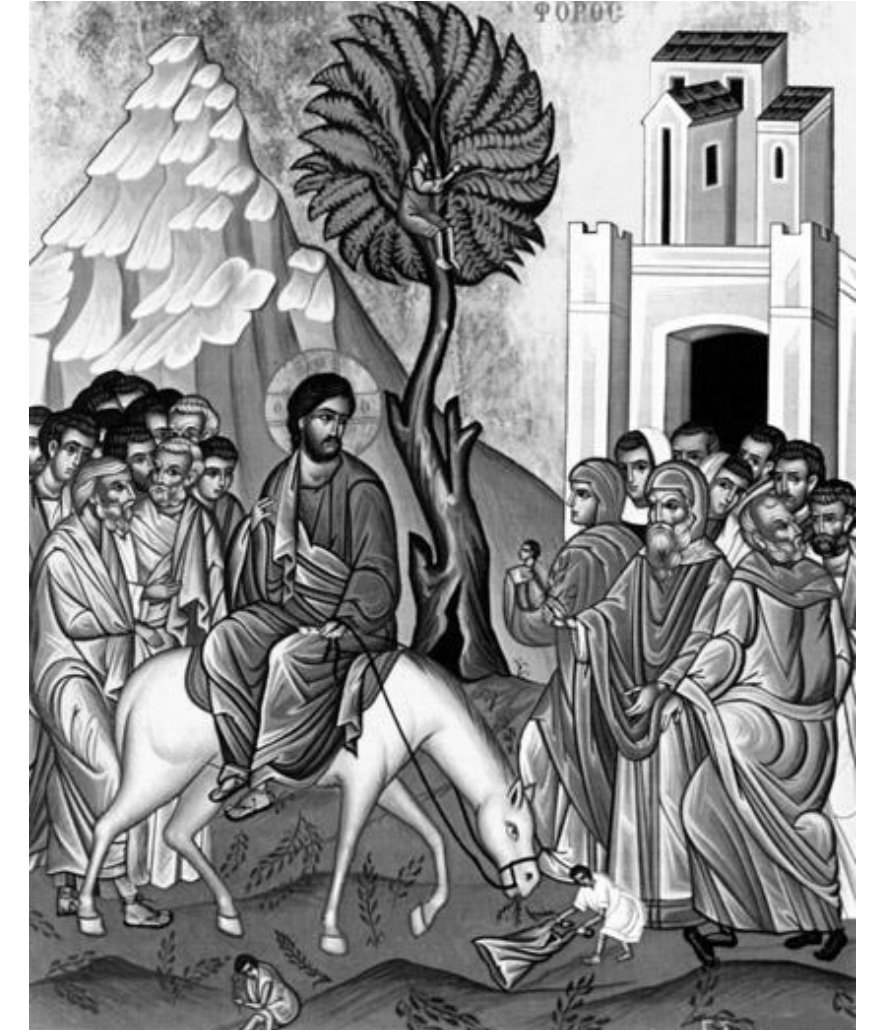
WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: David Henninger, Charles Henninger, Don Preston (The Cottages, Greenville, SC), Ratliff Family and Margaret Peters (Grace)

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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