

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

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

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT God Spared Not His Only Son

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: The heavens declare the glory of God.
All: Nature proclaims the work of God's hands.
One: There is no speech, there are no words,
All: Yet their voices are heard throughout the earth, to the ends of the world.
One: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts in this hour be as acceptable to you, O Lord.
All: For you are our Rock; you are our Redeemer!

+HYMN Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun #423, vv. 1-4

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, our Father, that we do not live up to the family name. We are more ready to resent than to forgive, more ready to argue than submit, more ready to manipulate than to serve, more ready to fear than to love, more ready to keep our distance than to welcome, more ready to compete than to help. At the root of our behavior is mistrust; we do not love one another as we should, because we do not believe that you love us as you do. Forgive us our unbelief. Send us your Spirit to make more vivid to us the meaning and depth of your love at the cross. Show us what it cost you to give up your Son that we might become your sons and daughters. Lord, we believe; help our unbelief. We ask this in the name of Jesus our righteousness. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun #423, v. 5

+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 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies #462

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Psalm 13:1-6 p.457 OT
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Once Upon A Tree Choplin

GOSPEL READING Mark 9:14-29 p. 38 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
+Doxology Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow #592
+Prayer of Dedication

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from The Heidelberg Catechism

Q1. What is your only comfort, in life and in death?
A. That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at that cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

+HYMN My Faith Has Found a Resting Place LANDAS

My faith has found a resting place, not in device nor creed
I trust the ever living One, his wounds for me shall plead
I need no other argument, I need no other plea
It is enough that Jesus died and that he died for me

Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt
A sinful soul, I come to him, he'll never cast me out
Refrain

My heart is leaning on the Word, the written Word of God
Salvation by my Savior's name, salvation through his blood
Refrain

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE Go Now And Live For The Savior

+POSTLUDE

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is
the acolytes are Jeni Holt and Emma Shockley
the bellringer is Andrew Sharp
the W.O.W. leaders are Dianne Loomis and Karen Peterson
the nursery volunteers are Kay Bunn and Anne Willson
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.

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 SCHERY COLLINS TO WORSHIP TODAY she is filling in while Dr. Trivette is out of town.

ON BEHALF OF THE EXTENDED RATLIFF FAMILY we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to our church family for the wonderful lunch, cards and calls on the passing of Curtis. Wishing you all God's richest blessings. Elaine and Rick Ratliff

THANK YOU to my church family for prayers, beautiful cards, nourishing food, love and support. Margaret Peters

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, and the pastor's Terms of Call will be renewed.

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.

Table with 3 columns: Date, Location/Host, Homilist. Rows include Mar 11 (Abingdon Baptist, Hilary Streever), Mar 18 (St. John Lutheran, Tim Reynolds), Mar 25 (Christ the King, Scott Homesley).

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.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS for you to use during the Lenten season are located on the table outside the main office. Please come by and pick one up.

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

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

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

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

**DID YOU KNOW...** that Donna in office is a Notary Public? If you have notary needs please stop by, services are free.

**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. We mitigated what could have been much worse.

**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, March 8**

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

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

7:00 p.m. Worship & Celebration Committee Meeting

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

5:30 p.m. Ministry to Congregation Team Meeting  
8:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon in the Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 p.m. Noontime Lenten Prayer Service – Abingdon Baptist  
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 12<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

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 1, 2015**

Attendance: 184  
Offering: \$10,373.00  
Hunger: \$395.00

**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)

**WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS:**

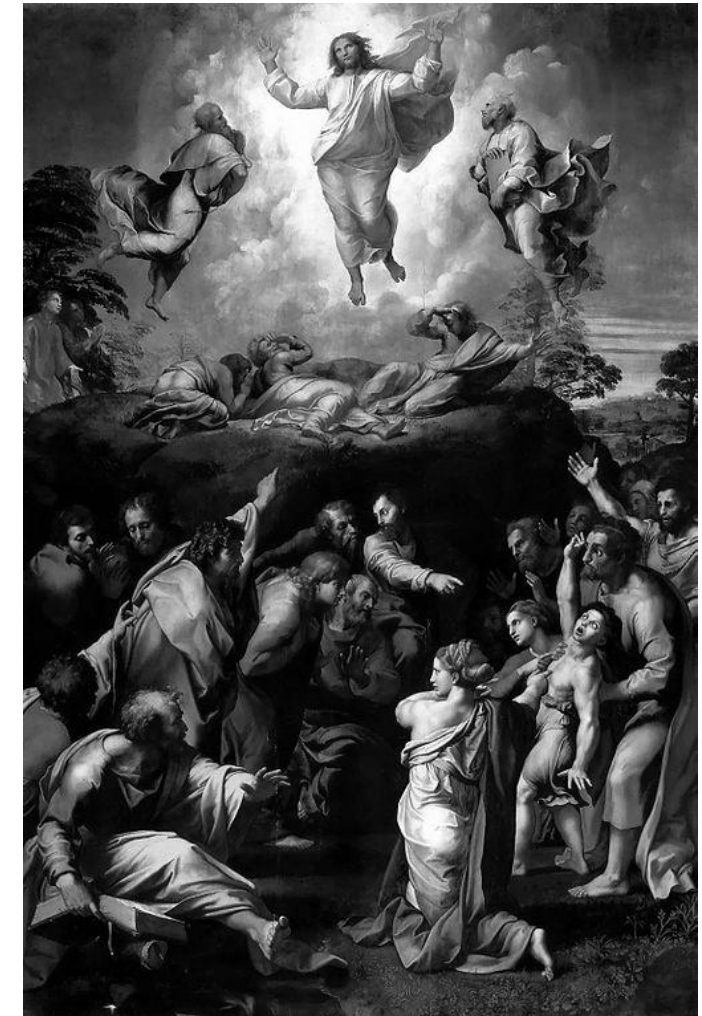
**WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS:** David Henninger, Charles Henninger, Jay McCallum, Don Preston (Smyth Co. Hospital Rehab), Ratliff Family and Margaret Peters (JMH)

**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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