

April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Prelude in the Classic Style* Young

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* James

#### +CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus Christ has risen!  
**All: He has risen indeed!**  
 One: God is alive – new birth is given.  
**All: Hope is alive – a new age is dawning.**  
 One: Joy is alive – redemption is here.  
**All: Love is alive – death cannot harm us.**  
 One: We are alive – new life is within us.  
**All: The church is alive – God’s Spirit is within us.**  
 One: God of life, we come to worship you.  
**All: God of creation we gather to praise you.**  
 One: God of revelation, we come to learn from you.  
**All: God of resurrection, we gather to celebrate you!**

+HYMN *New Songs of Celebration Render* #218

#### +PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of life who gives us purpose, we thank you that you have called us into being as your people and sent us out into the world to care for others in your name. Yet we confess this morning that too often we get wrapped up in our own affairs that we neglect the needs of those around us. We spend so much time navel gazing that we lose our distance vision and are unable to see the work you call us to in our communities and in the world. We get so caught up in trying to be a *place* people will want to come to, that we forget to be a *people* that go out into the world in your name. Forgive us, Lord, and open our hearts that we may remember our calling to go into the world, and then send us your Spirit that we may be empowered to do so. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

#### +ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE

+RESPONSE *Glory Be to the Father* #579  
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost  
 As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be  
 World without end. Amen. Amen.

#### +PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

SPECIAL MUSIC *Jesus Loves the Little Children* Children’s Choir  
*I Will Be Glad* 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 3<sup>rd</sup> grade may go to Worship Our Way (W.O.W.) while children in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and older are invited to worship with their families.

+HYMN *Make Me a Servant*  
 Make me a servant, humble and meek  
 Lord, let me lift up those who are weak  
 And may the prayer of my heart always be:  
 Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Isaiah 52:13-53:12 p. 643 OT  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *I Will Serve You, Lord* Berry

GOSPEL READING Mark 10:32-45 p. 40 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 *Here I Am, Lord* arr. Carter  
 +Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* #592  
 +Prayer of Dedication

#### +AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The risen Christ is the Savior for all people. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as his reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God’s message of reconciliation and shares his labor of healing the enmities which separate us from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

+HYMN *You Call Us, Lord* DARWALL’S 148TH  
*Sung to the tune of: Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

You call us, Lord, to be a people set apart  
 To feel with thoughtful mind and think with tender heart  
 O Lord we ask for faith in grace to make us equal to the task

You call us, Lord, to care for self and neighbor, too  
 To take the risk and dare to show what love can do  
 O Lord, we ask for faith and grace to make us equal to the task

You call us, Lord, to serve: to die that we may live  
 To know we best receive when joyfully we give  
 O Lord, we ask for faith and grace to make us equal to the task

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* Webb

+POSTLUDE *Serve the Lord With Gladness* McKinney

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

## WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION Elders: Matt Crum & Joey Lamie

### THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Jared Olivier
- the acolytes are Jeni Holt and Morgan Crum
- the W.O.W. leaders are John & Jamie Hortenstine
- the bellringer is Maggie Willson
- the nursery volunteers are Georgia Crews, Lila Thurmond and Sarah Land
- 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*. 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.

**SPENCER - MILLER CONCERT IS NEXT SUNDAY**, April 26<sup>th</sup> featuring Paramount Chamber Players presenting “music that imagines the beauty and majesty of nature juxtaposed with music that evokes the “colors of the spirit.” The performance will include a variety of talented musicians, including 2014 Paramount Chamber Players award winner, pianist Michelle Schodowski.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** ~ Donna will be out of the office April 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, anyone who would like to answer phones and distribute mail would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the church office next week your availability.

### 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 NEXT Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 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 [2006mgcgm@comcast.net](mailto:2006mgcgm@comcast.net), 276-676-3512 or 276-492-5240 by THIS Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**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.

**THE STEPHEN MINISTRY: Christ Caring For People Through People** – On Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, immediately following worship, there will be an hour long presentation for anyone interested in becoming a Stephen Minister. This is not a commitment but an opportunity to find out more about this ministry. Stephen Ministers are well trained, distinctively Christian caregivers, who pray, encourage, listen, visit and bring Christ’s love to those needing care. If this sounds like your “calling”, then gather with us in the fellowship hall for a light lunch and learn more about the training. If you plan to attend, please call by Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> to reserve your place. **THE TRAINING COURSE WILL NOT BEGIN UNTIL LATE SUMMER.** Also, deadline for Stephen Ministry Leadership Training is next week. The week long training course is held in Orlando, Florida from June 7-13. If you are interested in becoming a leader please contact us immediately. Toni Oliver 276-206-3321 [www.stephenministries.org](http://www.stephenministries.org)

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

**THANKS** to those who helped serve at Faith in Action during March. We had 15 volunteers and served 163 families. Please mark your calendar for May 17 – 23. We need your hands and feet!

**THE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING** received \$1,651, thanks to your generous contributions. Thank you for helping provide water, food and relief from the effects of crises and catastrophic events to our neighbors in need, locally and globally. Together with other congregations, we are making an impact!

**ADULT PEN PAL PROGRAM** with our Sister congregation in Luwerezhi, Malawi, Africa. Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP). Malawi actually has two official languages – English and Chichewa. While not all Luwerezhi church members speak fluent English, many of them are very able to converse and write in English. We have asked Lewis Mwazembe, pastor, to identify some individuals and families who would like a pen pal relationship with someone from Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church. When you volunteer as a pen pal, you will be paired with someone who desires to enter into a meaningful relationship with God as the center across the miles between Abingdon and Luwerezhi. Our Malawi brothers and sisters are very different from us in some ways and yet just like us in other ways. They live in a very poor country (virtually at the bottom of the world-wide list), and yet they are far richer in spirit and living a Christian life than the vast majority of us! For more information about Malawi and its history as well as some hints and some potential “do’s and don’ts” about communicating with your pen pals please contact Wythe or Mimi Hull: 276.206.8392 Home or 276.698.8809 Mimi or email: [mimihull@comcast.net](mailto:mimihull@comcast.net) or [wythe@comcast.net](mailto:wythe@comcast.net).

You will be enriched by this experience – and should you ever have the opportunity to visit your pen pal, you may very well receive not only their love, but also a chicken or even a goat!!

**P.S.** The Pre-School children have already begun a wonderful exchange of “handmade” Christmas and Easter greetings.

**SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP**  
**Elders: Danny Wilson & Kate Shockley**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:** We are currently studying Christian Marriage in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Class meets at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS JULY 6 – 10 THIS YEAR.** Be in prayer about how you can help. *There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the Parlor.*

**LUNCHEON TODAY!** The After School Children have taken on a mission project. The Presbyterian Children’s Home of the Highlands (PCHH) in Wytheville is in need of the following items; Dish Towels/Potholders, Bath Towels/Washcloths, Linens for Twin Beds, Standard Size Pillows and Beach Towels. These items can be new or gently used. Following the worship service today the children are sponsoring a luncheon to help with the cost of these items. Chef Dean is cooking. A donation is asked for lunch. Billy Rice, Director of PCHH is coming to talk to the children May 6<sup>th</sup>. At this time he will take the items we’ve collected back to Wytheville. If you have items to donate you can bring them to the church before May 6<sup>th</sup>. Plan to stay and eat after church today.

*Chicken Cordon Bleu  
Baked Potato  
Salad / Roll  
Cupcakes*

**IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**TODAY, Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
12:00 p.m. Presbyterian Children’s Home Mission Project Luncheon

**Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 p.m. Session Meeting

**Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

**Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

3:15 p.m. After School Program  
6:00 p.m. Bible Study  
7:30 p.m. Choir

**Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

**Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
12:00 p.m. Discovery Class  
3:00 p.m. Paramount Chamber Players Concert

**STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY**  
**Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard**

**Stewardship & Attendance for April 12, 2015**

Attendance: 165  
Offering: \$4,431.00

**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 (Commonwealth Assisted Living), June Atkins, Hazel Warden (Abingdon Rehab), Don Preston (The Cottages, Greenville, SC) and Margaret Peters

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

**WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS:** David Henninger, Charles Henninger and McCallum 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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