

Easter Sunday

April 5th, 2015

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Christ Arose* *arr. Trivette*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Christ Is Alive*

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Christ has risen!
All: He has risen indeed!
 One: Alleluia! Praise be to God!
All: We bring our joyful alleluias to this place today!
 One: The tomb is empty and new life hovers in the dawn.
All: We praise God for the mystery and the excitement of new life that is present in this day!
 One: Christ is risen!
All: He is risen indeed!

+HYMN *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* #123

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, before you died, you prayed that we would be one, and that the world would know we are yours by our love for one another. We confess that we have failed. Instead of seeking unity, we have separated over issues. Instead of speaking directly to those who have hurt or angered us, we have spoken about them behind their backs. Instead of offering words of encouragement and support to those going through trials, we have gossiped about them with others. Instead of seeking to serve one another, we serve our own interests and agendas. Instead of embracing the outsider, we isolate ourselves away from the world. Forgive us, Lord. This Easter resurrect us and give us new life. Make us one in you, Lord, so the world may see the love you have for them through the love we have for one another. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *The Strife Is O'er* #119

+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 are invited to remain in worship with their families as there will be no Worship Our Way (W.O.W.) this morning.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *The Day Of Resurrection* *McDonald*
 +Doxology *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!* #144
 +Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Exodus 12:21-28 p. 54 OT
 This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
 GOSPEL READING Mark 10:13-16 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 *The Day of Resurrection* #118
 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 *On The Third Day* *Harlan*
 Prayer After Communion

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from The Scots Confession*

When the fullness of time came God sent his Son, his eternal wisdom, the substance of his own glory, into this world, who took the nature of humanity from the substance of a woman, a virgin, by means of the Holy Ghost. And so was born the very Messiah promised, whom we confess and acknowledge to be Emmanuel, true God and true man, two perfect natures united and joined in one person. We undoubtedly believe, since it was impossible that the sorrows of death should retain in bondage the Author of life, that our Lord Jesus crucified, dead, and buried, who descended into hell, did rise again for our justification, and the destruction of him who was the author of death, and brought life again to us who were subject to death and its bondage. We know that his resurrection was confirmed by the testimony of his enemies, and by the resurrection of the dead, whose sepulchres did open, and they did rise and appear to many within the city of Jerusalem. It was also confirmed by the testimony of his angels, and by the senses and judgment of his apostles and of others, who had conversation, and did eat and drink with him after his resurrection.

+ SENDING HYMN *Thine Is the Glory* #122

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *For Thine Is The Kingdom*

+POSTLUDE *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*
Following worship, everyone is invited outside to the Flowered Cross for a special ceremony involving the children.

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

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- the liturgist is Tim Reynolds
- the acolytes are Madison Counts and Lily Reynolds
- the bellringer is Annsley Trivette
- the nursery volunteers are Jan Hardman and Connie Bundy
- the sound board tech is Isaac Short

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.

THE FLOWERING OF THE CROSS: All are invited to take part in our annual "Flowering of the Cross" this morning by bringing your flowers and placing them on the cross. Following worship everyone is invited to follow the cross outside where we will have a brief special ceremony with the children. (PARENTS – You won't want your child to miss this!) Afterwards you are invited to stay and make family pictures with the cross. It will remain there throughout the week as a symbol of life out of death for all to see.

WE WANT TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION to Dr. Donald Sorah, Kelly Sorah, Emily Rose, Gary Skeen and Brandon Alford for their contribution to our Easter music today.

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.

THE STEPHEN MINISTRY Christ Caring For People Through People: The Sinking Spring congregation is officially enrolled in The Stephen Ministry. Leaders will be training in June and return ready to recruit ministers. The 50 hour training course for the ministers will be held at the church and will begin sometime in late summer or early fall. The meeting time will be determined by the group. Stephen Ministers become well-trained, care-givers that trust God to work through them to bring the love of Jesus to their care receivers. If you have questions and feel called to become a minister, please contact Toni Oliver at 276-206-3321 or visit the web cite at www.stephenministries.org.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Elders: Alicia Arney, Kay Bunn & Mimi Hull

A SPECIAL PCUSA OFFERING, *One Great Hour of Sharing*, will be collected this morning. 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. Please place your donation in the bulletin envelope or write "OGHS on your check memo line. Thanks in advance for your support!

SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP

Elders: Danny Wilson & Kate Shockley

WORSHIP OUR WAY (W.O.W.): There will be NO Worship our Way this morning. Children are invited to remain in worship with their families. ALL CHILDREN are invited outside at the end of the service for a special ceremony at the flowered cross.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: There will be no Wednesday night Bible study this week. We will resume on Wednesday, April 15th with a 6-week study on Christian Marriage in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

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

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.

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.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, April 5th Easter / Communion

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

Monday, April 6th

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

Tuesday, April 7th

5:30 p.m. Spiritual Formation & Discipleship Committee Meeting
8:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 8th

3:15 p.m. After School Program
5:00 p.m. Junior Choir
7:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday, April 9th

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

Sunday, April 12th

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 29, 2015

Attendance: 204
Offering: \$8,056.00

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 (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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