

7th Sunday of Easter

May 17th, 2015

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Come Before His Presence*

+CALL TO WORSHIP from

One: Hear the Good News – Jesus Christ has risen!
All: He has risen indeed!
One: Give ear, O children of the Lord, to the Lord’s teaching!
All: We will incline our ears to the words of his mouth, the things that we have heard and known that our ancestors have told us.
One: Do not hide the Lord’s teaching from your children.
All: We will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done!

+HYMN Come, Sing with Joy to God #215

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Longsuffering Lord, we confess, that in our life of faith, our words of commitment have been many, but our deeds of love and obedience have been few. Too often we have been afraid to act on your behalf. We have many excuses – we don’t feel qualified, we are worried what others will think, we are afraid of being ostracized or seeming “weird,” we say it isn’t our place to interfere, the list goes on and on. But these are all just excuses to make ourselves feel better about not doing what you have called and anointed us to do – your will and work in the world. Forgive us, Lord. Send us your Spirit to empower us to answer your call in the world to seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you. Help us to know that our baptism is all the authority we need to make a difference in the world. We pray in Jesus’ name. 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, ‘tis 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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

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 Fill My Cup #350

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Micah 6:3-8 p. 819 OT
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM A New Song

GOSPEL READING Mark 11:27-33 p. 42 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 This Little Light of Mine
+Doxology Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow #592
+Prayer of Dedication

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from
To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as his reconciling community. 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. By humble submission to John’s baptism, Christ joined himself to people in their need and entered upon his ministry of reconciliation in the power of the Spirit. Christian baptism marks the receiving of the same Spirit by all his people. It commits all Christians to die each day to sin and to live for righteousness. By baptism, individuals are publicly received into the church to share in its life and ministry, and the church becomes responsible for their training and support in Christian discipleship.

+HYMN I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me #413

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE Let The Beauty Of The Lord

+POSTLUDE All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

- THIS MORNING...
• the liturgist is Austin Patrick
• the acolytes are Lila Godfrey and Hope Shockley
• the W.O.W. leaders are John & Jamie Hortenstine
• the bellringer is Milo Leidig
• the nursery volunteers are Rachel Fowlkes, Nissa Morrell and Liz Edelman
• 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 s. Each hearer of

SUMMER WORSHIP TIME CHANGE! Once again this year the Session has approved a change in the time of our worship service to 10:00 a.m. for the summer. The new time will be in effect for all Sundays between June 1st and August 31st, which will be Sunday, June 7th thru Sunday, August 30th.

WEAR RED NEXT SUNDAY! It is the tradition of this congregation for folks to wear the color red on Pentecost Sunday, which is next week. Please come with something red on, as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the apostles and the birthday of the church.

THE 2015 BACCALAUREATE SERVICE
School graduates will be held NEXT Sunday, May 24th at Abingdon United Methodist Church. The service will begin at 3:00 p.m. All are invited.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY
Elders: Georgia Crews & Rachel Fowlkes

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 site at www.stephenministries.org.

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

THIS COMING WEEK: MAY 17 THRU MAY 23 IS OUR WEEK TO SERVE at Faith in Action. A signup sheet is on bulletin board in Narthex. Your time and help benefits our neighbors in need.

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closets and drawers this springs, please look for items suitable for use as bingo prizes. We can use things like: jewelry, sports caps, flashlights, decks of cards, small figurines, pens, socks, etc. Also, consider volunteering your time to help cook the meal; set up the tables; clean up; or just be a companion and play bingo! The dinner is set for Thursday, May 21 at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call Kay Bunn 276-642-0702.

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

THE PENTECOST OFFERING through the Presbyterian Mission Agency will be collected next **Sunday, May 24** and will go towards community programs that benefit children, youth and young adults. 40% of the offering will stay locally and

School. Our goal is to distribute 100 food boxes to AES children and their families in June and July. Thanks in advance for your support of our children and mark your calendar to help with distribution on June 8 June 10!! More information to come.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUSPENSION ~ All Sunday School classes during the Summer Worship Time Change will be suspended. This will be from Sunday, June 7th thru Sunday, August 30th.

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.*

2015 GRADUATES!! If you have a graduating senior from High School, College, or other, please give graduation information to Janet McGraw. Include name of graduate, parents / grandparents name, school graduating from and any plans for next year. Graduates will be recognized in the bulletin and in the worship service NEXT SUNDAY.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU! The After School children want to thank you for the support that was given to their service project. Mr. Rice, Director of Presbyterian Home of the Highlands, came last Wednesday and talked with the children about PCHH. Mr. Rice was overwhelmed with the generosity of our the Highlands.

THE PARENT BRAINSTORM LUNCHEON scheduled for today after church will be held at a later date this summer. Unfortunately a lot of our parents had conflicts with this weekend and we would really love to have as many folks as possible be there. We are striving to get input for our children and youth Christian education for this fall season. We will contact the parents again as soon as we have a new date.

SINKING SPRING PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION is now open to the public, for information call: 276-619-0020 Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. Accepting infants through kindergarten ages.

THIS AFTERNOON AT 3:00 P.M. we will be welcoming to our sanctuary Storytellers Nick and Lucy Della Valle. Several years ago they quit their jobs to spend their time walking (yes, walking!) across America to share the Good News of the Gospel. They will be presenting a compelling drama story about how small love offering will be collected. This will be an exciting way to see the Gospel story come to life for disciples of all ages, but especially for families with children. For more information you can visit their website: www.christwalk.us.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, May 17th

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
3:00 p.m. Storytellers Nick & Lucy Della Valle

Tuesday, May 19th

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

Wednesday, May 20th

6:00 p.m. Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday, May 21st

7:00 a.m.
5:30 p.m. Social Club Dinner
8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 24th Pentecost 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 May 10, 2015

Attendance: 184
Offering: \$9,722.00

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 and Margaret Peters

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS: Thelma Reynolds

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Kelsey Johnson, Aidan Adair (grandchildren of Mr. & Mrs. Danny Brown), David Henninger, Charles Henninger, Richie Hooker and Gail Edelman

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

NEW ADDRESSES: Here are some address updates of our members. Sara and Betty Jo have moved permanently. Don will be at this address through the summer.

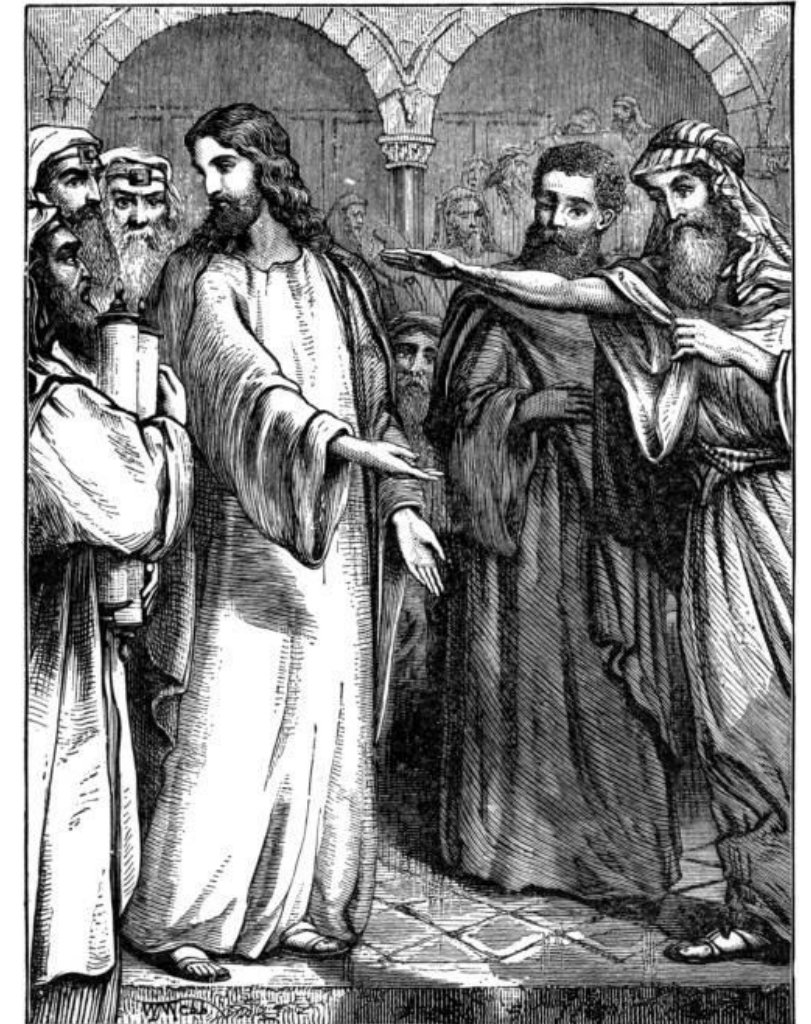
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