

# Pentecost Sunday

May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Spirit Allegro* Graupner/Trivette

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Holy Spirit, Fall On Me*

#### +CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Why do we gather in this place today?

All: **We gather to give witness to the presence of God's Spirit in our lives, in our church, and in our time.**

One: The Holy Spirit has moved Christ's disciples throughout the centuries to proclaim Christ with a burning desire.

All: **Christ's disciples were people set on fire by the coming of God's Holy Spirit.**

One: We pray for that same Spirit to move among us today – in our lives, in our church, and in our time.

All: **Come Holy Spirit! Breathe life into that which is dead, transform and rekindle our faith, and renew our action with the flame of Pentecost!**

+HYMN *Come, O Spirit* #127

#### +PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Calling and Sending Lord, your Holy Spirit calls each of us to your mission in the world, but we are often reluctant to heed the call. The wind of your Spirit blows, fiercely at times, drawing us onward. Yet we cling to fragile familiarities, to our security blankets, to safety. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to risk letting go and to stand free as your servant people. Help us to capture visions of the future, so that we can truly be the church. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

#### +ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* #316, v. 1

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew

That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do

#### +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 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 *Spirit* #319, vv. 2&3

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Isaiah 5:1-10 p. 594 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Gentle Voice* Dengler/Dengler

GOSPEL READING Mark 12:1-12 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 *Variations on "How Firm a Foundation"*

+Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* #592

+Prayer of Dedication

#### 2015 GRADUATE RECOGNITION

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (1983)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks, and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

+HYMN *On Pentecost They Gathered* #128

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *Spirit And Truth*

+POSTLUDE *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* *Spiritual*

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

#### THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Fred Holt
- the acolytes are Morgan Crum and Jeni Holt
- the W.O.W. leaders are Anne Willson and Alicia Arney
- the bell ringer is Maggie Willson
- the nursery volunteers are Amber Moran, Jan Hardman and Vickie Crigger
- the sound board tech is Austin Patrick

## 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.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>, which will be Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>.

**CHRISTIAN FAQ's** will be Pastor Tim's sermon series this fall. He will be addressing Frequently Asked Questions regarding the Christian faith over the period of several weeks. If you have a question about Christianity that you think would make a good topic for one of the sermons, shoot him an email and let him know. OR...if you would prefer anonymity just drop a note in his box here at the church.

**THE 2015 BACCALAUREATE SERVICE** honoring this year's Abingdon High School graduates will be held THIS AFTERNOON at Abingdon United Methodist Church. The service will begin at 3:00 p.m. All are invited.

**INVITATION TO USHERS** – The Worship and Celebration Committee will be holding a twenty minute orientation for ushers immediately following the service on Sunday, May 31. If you are interested in serving in this very important role once or twice per month for a term of six months, please plan to attend.

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

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:** Our study on Christian Marriage in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) concludes this week at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will take the summer off and resume Wednesday night Bible study sometime after Labor Day.

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

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS JULY 6 – 10 THIS YEAR.** There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the parlor that give specific needs for VBS.

**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.

**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](http://www.stephenministries.org).

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

**THE FAITH IN ACTION GOLF TOURNAMENT** will be held on Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Both sponsors and players are needed. If you are interested in either there are information sheets hanging on the mission board in the Narthex.

**OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE!!** We will be helping the Kids' Backpack Program stuff, staff and distribute food boxes to local students in June & July! Please mark your calendar for the following: Monday, June 8 at 5:00 p.m. – prepare food boxes; Wednesday, June 10 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – staff the onsite distribution at Abingdon Elementary School; and Wednesday evening starting at 5:00 p.m. – load remaining boxes and distribute to local homes. Please let Alicia Arney know your availability to serve our children. [Alicia\\_Arney@hotmail.com](mailto:Alicia_Arney@hotmail.com) or 276/628-6364 or cell/text 423/366-3580. Next opportunity will be July 7-8.

**THE PENTECOST OFFERING** through the Presbyterian Mission Agency will be collected **TODAY** and will go towards community programs that benefit children, youth and young adults. 40% of the offering will stay locally and fund the Kids' Backpack Summer Feeding Program at Abingdon Elementary School. Our goal is to distribute 100 food boxes to AES children and their families in June and July. Please place your donation in the bulletin envelope or write "*Pentecost Offering*" on your check memo line. Thanks in advance for your support of our children!



 **Pentecost Offering**  
for Children at Risk, Youth, and Young Adults

**IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**TODAY, Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> Pentecost Sunday**

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

**Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>** - Church Office Closed – Memorial Day

**Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday, May 31<sup>st</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 May 17, 2015

Attendance: 156  
Offering: \$5,369.00

**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, and Reed Cooke (Commonwealth Assisted Living), June Atkins, Hazel Warden (Abingdon Rehab), Don Preston and Margaret Peters

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

**WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS:** David Henninger, Charles Henninger, Richie Hooker, Gail Edelman and Thelma Reynolds

**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.

Betty Jo Spurrier  
1404 Chisholm Ridge Ct.  
St. Cloud, FL 34771

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427-A Castle Bay Drive  
Hampstead, NC 28443

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