

May 3rd, 2015

5th Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* *arr. Burkhardt*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Blessed Is He That Comes in the Name of the Lord* *Larson*

+CALL TO WORSHIP

All: He has risen indeed!

All: Everywhere we look we see new life!

All: Death can never be the last word.

All: Christ is present among us today! We will give him honor and glory and praise!

+HYMN *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Loving Lord, we know that Christ came into the world to save sinners. We confess this morning that we too often believe that means everybody else, all those other people who are involved in obvious evils everyone knows about. We confess that we readily say, "Christ died for me!" but do not readily pray, "Lord, have mercy, for I am a sinner." We ask you to be patient with us, to help us understand our own guilt, and to pour out your forgiveness in such a way that we are forever transformed by your grace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *Glory Be to the Father*

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

And also with you.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Hosanna* *Musick*
+Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*
+Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Presentation
Profession of Faith
Prayer
Welcome & Charge

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM – Blaine & Graham Pittman

Presentation
Baptismal Vows
+Affirmation of Faith – *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving Over the Water
Baptism and Blessing

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table
Preparatory Hymn *Become to Us the Living Bread*
Great Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer
And also with you.
They are lifted up to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Communion of the People *Let Us Break Bread Together* *arr. Carter*
Prayer After Communion

+ SENDING HYMN *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*
Sung to the Tune:

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *Lord, Make Us More Holy*

+POSTLUDE *Allegro Assai* *Platt/Trivette*

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Emma Shockley
- the acolytes are Kaylee Arney & Wiley Leidig
- the W.O.W. leaders are Diane Loomis & Sandy Smith
- the bellringer is Muriel Dillow
- the nursery volunteers are Kay Bunn, Trent & Rachel Bales
- 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.

SPECIAL THANKS TO LEAH FLEENOR AND BLUE GOTHAM for volunteering to work in the church office this past week while Donna was gone.

PASTOR TIM WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE this week. He is attending a continuing education event at Princeton Seminary in Princeton, NJ.

THANKS TO EMMA SHOCKLEY AND MORGAN CRUM for playing percussion on the anthem this morning!

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY came from the Presbyterian Women's Annual Spring Gathering last week in Hillsville, VA, and were given in memory of the following Presbyterian Women who passed away in 2014: May Joe Craig, Faye Snidow, Mary Everett, Nell Clark, and Bess Orr.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WINKIE BARTON who was honored at the Presbyterian Women's Annual Spring Gathering as a 2014 Life Member!

CONGRATULATIONS TO PRESTON MOORE who is graduating from Hampden-Sydney College this Saturday, May 10th, at 10:00 a.m. Anyone from the Church Family who wishes to come is invited!

PLEASE EXTEND THE RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP following worship today to the following new members: Rachel Bales, Larry & Billie Ball, Carmen Camp, Jon Lotz & Beverly Meadows, and Jason & Becky Pittman.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY Elders: Georgia Crews & Rachel Fowlkes

ATTENTION SENIORS!! *Mystery Dinner Trip* – The trip has been rescheduled. Please check the signup sheet on the board in the Narthex for further details. We will still have a good time – only later!

THE STEPHEN MINISTRY – Christ Caring For People Through People: Due to scheduling conflicts, the informational meeting for those interested in becoming Stephen Ministers, scheduled for Sunday, May 3rd has been postponed until a later date. The new date will be closer to the actual training sessions which will begin in late August. Stephen ministers are trained to be Christian caregivers with a Distinctively Christian approach to helping others in need. It is a great opportunity for our congregation to become more service oriented with that Christian Community Circle facing outward. For more information on becoming a Stephen Minister, please call 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

OUR NEXT WEEK TO SERVE AT FAITH IN ACTION is May 17 – 23. A signup sheet is on bulletin board in Narthex. Mark your calendars now; we need your hands and feet!

ADULT PEN PAL PROGRAM with our Sister congregation in Luwerezzi, Malawi, Africa. Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP). Malawi actually has two official languages – English and Chichewa. While not all Luwerezzi 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 Luwerezzi. 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 or 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 will not meet THIS week due to Pastor Tim being out of town. We are currently studying Christian Marriage in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and will resume the following week, May 13th, 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.*

WE NEED YOU!! The Nursery needs adults to serve in the Nursery during Sunday School and Worship. “Many hands make light work”. Contact Janet McGraw today if you are able to help. 628-3361 or 492-7100.

A BIG THANK YOU!! The After School children would like to thank all those who contributed to the Presbyterian Children’s Home of the Highlands (PCHH). Mr. Rice, Director of PCHH, is coming Wednesday, May 6th to talk to the children. If you would like to donate items, you have until May 3rd. Thank you!

ON SUNDAY, MAY 17TH 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 Zacchaeus met Jesus. There’s no admission fee but a 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 3rd Communion

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Fellowship Gathering

Monday, May 4th

6:30 p.m. Service & Outreach Team meeting
7:00 p.m. Worship & Celebration Team meeting

Tuesday, May 5th

5:30 p.m. Spiritual Formation Team meeting
8:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 29th

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

Thursday, May 7th

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

Sunday, May 10th Mother’s Day

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

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard

Stewardship & Attendance for April 26, 2015

Attendance: 183
Offering: \$8,753

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: Richie Hooker, Gail Edelman

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Kelsey Johnson, Aidan Adair (grandchildren of Mr. & Mrs. Danny Brown) and Jasper Leidig 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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