

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28th, 2015

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *“Praise to the Lord, The Almighty”* Kerr

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *O Worship The Lord*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 135*

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Give praise to God, you servants of the Lord, you that stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God

All: **We will praise the Lord, for the Lord is good! We will sing to his name, for the Lord is gracious!**

One: The Lord is great, above all gods. He makes the clouds rise and lightning's for the rain and brings the wind from the ends of the earth.

All: **The Lord sends signs and wonders into our midst that the name of the Lord may endure forever and the renown of the Lord will be known throughout all the ages.**

One: Blessed be the Lord from Zion, he who resides in Jerusalem.

All: **Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

+HYMN *Song of Zechariah* #602

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Glorious God, we get so caught up in the stuff of the everyday that we rarely see visions and dream dreams. We are so busy with our daily routines, with making a living; we are so preoccupied with the immediate, with what's right in front of us, that we forget to look for the big picture, to take the time to focus on the hopefulness of your love. Forgive our short-sightedness, our micro-vision, our unwillingness to see beyond ourselves into the future which you hold in your hand. Send us your Spirit that we may see, understand, and respond to the Sign of hope you sent us, Jesus Christ. We make this prayer in his name. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *We Praise Our God* MERLE'S TUNE

We praise our God the Father, we praise our God the Son

We praise our God the Spirit, we praise the Three-in-One

From sin we've been forgiven, from sin we've been released

The Lord gives us our freedom, the Lord gives us his peace

+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 5 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 *O Jesus I Have Promised* #389

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Isaiah 13:4-10; 14:1 p. 601 OT

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *God Breathed* Choplin

GOSPEL READING Mark 13:1-37 p. 43 NT

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *If You But Trust in God to Guide Thee* arr. Miller

+Doxology *As Those of Old* #414, v. 3

With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to you

Not just to serve your cause, but share your love with neighbors too

O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son

Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done

+Prayer of Dedication

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from The Heidelberg Catechism*

Q. What comfort does the return of Christ "to judge the living and the dead" give you?

A. That in all affliction and persecution I may await with head held high the very Judge from heaven who has already submitted himself to the judgment of God for me and has removed all the curse from me; that he will cast all his enemies and mine into everlasting condemnation, but he shall take me, together with his elect, to himself into heavenly joy and glory.

+HYMN *There Is a Mighty Question* AURELIA

There is a mighty question we ask when nations rage:
Just when will be Christ's coming, the ending of the age?

Take care, said Jesus clearly, for many will appear;
They'll claim to be Messiah, yet people should not fear.

For in the days of Noah, the people went along
In eating and in drinking, in merriment and song —
Then suddenly the world changed with great, surprising power;
So too will be Christ's coming, and no one knows the hour.

So keep awake and watchful; salvation is at hand!
Our hope is in Christ Jesus, and by God's grace we stand.
The night is almost over, we wait for God's new day,
And through the Holy Spirit, we follow Jesus' way.

Be ready in your living, for when you feed the poor,
Or give to thirsty children the water they long for,
And when you welcome strangers and help the ones in need,
Christ says: "Receive my kingdom, for you are serving me."

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *The Lord Bless You*

+POSTLUDE *He's Got the Whole World* arr. Trivette

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION

Elders: Matt Crum & Joey Lamie

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Mimi Hull
- the acolytes are Madison Counts and Kaylie Cornelius
- the bell ringer is J. W. Hortenstine
- the W.O.W. leaders are Dianne Loomis and Sandy Smith
- the nursery volunteers are Connie Bundy and Jan Hardman
- the sound board tech is Isaac Short

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 SUMMER WORSHIP TIME CHANGE IS NOW IN EFFECT! 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 in June, July, and August.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY

Elders: Georgia Crews & Rachel Fowlkes

ATTENTION SENIORS: We will get together for a "Cook-Out" July 10th at 5:30 p.m. at Winkie and Delmar's home. Meat and buns will be provided. Plan to bring a side dish of your choice that will go with hamburgers and hot dogs. See you there! Please check bulletin board in Narthex for signup sheet. Church van will be provided if needed.

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.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard

A BIG THANK YOU to the following folks who have worked several weekends (*sweaty Christian Fellowship*) to trim bushes and trees and remove huge root balls of old nandina bushes: Jim Frazier, Emily Danko, Jeremy Beverly, John Cornelius, Jeff Edelman, Delmar Barton, Danny Wilson and Annette Legard.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP
Elders: Danny Wilson & Kate Shockley

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Our Wednesday night Bible study is on summer hiatus. We will 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is 1 week away! July 6 – 10 will be a fun-filled week! Abingdon Baptist Church is the host church this year. The time is 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Color for Monday is *red*. **Checkers the Cheetah** is anxious to meet the children! Pray for the leaders as they prepare for a week of excitement!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SNACK: This year Vacation Bible School is asking congregations to help with snack. If you can donate any of the following items, please put them in the container in the Narthex. Thank You!!

Suggested items include: small bottles of water, graham crackers, popcorn, vanilla wafers, potato chips, cookies (without peanut butter), Gogurts or pretzels. If you can't bring snack but would like to make a donation for the purchase of snack, please mark your check VBS Snack on memo line or give to Janet McGraw.

UPCOMING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday July 15th at 9:30 a.m. a Bible study of the Book of Hosea will begin. This is a 7 week Bible study that will meet on consecutive Wednesdays for 7 weeks. The story of Hosea and his wife Gomer will shock you and warm your heart. The story of Israel and God in the Book of Hosea will frustrate you and then fill you with hope. You will discover the Book of Hosea is the story of God, Israel, Hosea and Gomer...the story of you; this is your love story. You can see who you are and how dearly loved you are.

ALL YOUTH HELPERS FOR VBS ~ There will be a **SHORT (10-15 minutes)** meeting following **today's** worship service. You will be given your assignment for the week and a nametag to wear while at VBS. Meet Miss Janet in the HS Youth SS Room.

LIKE TO COLOR? We need help coloring the posters/images for VBS. Meet at the church – upstairs in the After School room on Wednesday, July 1 at 10:00 a.m.

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

CHRISTMAS IN JULY ~ Good News Jail and Prison Ministry is starting their collection early this year. They will fill Inmate Christmas Bags with a variety of needed items to be distributed during the Christmas season in December. Our church has pledged bars of bath soap (full size please). Watch for those SALE items and help us with our goal of contributing 600 bars of soap! Please leave your items in the container in the Narthex by July 30, 2015. How much fun! Early Christmas for all us kids at heart!!

THE FAITH IN ACTION GOLF TOURNAMENT will be held on Sunday, August 9th 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.

KIDS' BACKPACK THANKS to all who helped stuff, distribute and deliver food boxes for the Kids' Backpack Summer food project at Abingdon Elementary School. We had 21 Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church volunteers and each hand was needed to provide 50 boxes to children in our area. A second opportunity is coming July 7th and July 8th, please let Alicia Arney know of your availability.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, June 28th

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. VBS Youth Helpers Meeting

Tuesday, June 30th

8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, July 1

10:00 a.m. VBS Color Posters/Images – SSPC

Thursday, July 2nd

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

Sunday, July 5th Communion

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

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Stewardship & Attendance for June 21, 2015

Attendance: 132
Offering: \$6,407.00

THE HUNGER OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED NEXT SUNDAY

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: Curt Addison

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: David Henninger, Charles Henninger, and Richie Hooker

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
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St. Cloud, FL 34771

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427-A Castle Bay Drive
Hampstead, NC 28443

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Keep watch ... you do not know when the owner
of the house will come back - whether in the evening,
or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn.

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