

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12th, 2015

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE "Go To Dark Gethsemane" Barnett and Taylor

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

+CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 127

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: Unless the Lord builds the house,
All: Those who build it labor in vain.
One: Unless the Lord watches over the city,
All: The sentries keep their vigil in vain.
One: Unless the Lord is the foundation of our endeavors,
All: We rise early in vain and stay up late in vain and all our anxious toil is for nothing.
One: Come, let us worship the Lord.
All: Those who trust in the Lord are granted true rest.

+HYMN O Worship the King, All Glorious Above! #476, vv. 1-4

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One: at times when we hear the bad news of the world, it is as though we've been in the middle of a bad dream, and then we turn over and go back to sleep, ignoring the plight of your children around the world. It is hard to see tragedy and suffering. It is hard to admit whatever responsibility we might have in the plagues of the world. It is hard to work for the good when the good seems so far off. It is hard to remain awake in the face of anguish. So forgive us and help us, dear Lord. Give us stamina to remain awake to the needs of your children. Give us courage to see their needs clearly. Give us strength to do our part. Give us grace to forgive others and ourselves. And give us faith to follow you. This is our prayer, offered in the name of Christ. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE O Worship the King, All Glorious Above! #476, v. 5
Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend

+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.

SPECIAL MUSIC The Prayer Sager/Foster/Renis/Testa
Alissa Jones, soloist

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.

+HYMN Stay With Me Berthier
Equal Voices
Musical notation for 'Stay With Me' with lyrics: Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch - and pray, - watch and pray.

GOSPEL READING Mark 13:1-37 p. 43 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 Lonesome Valley arr. Curtis
+Doxology Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow #592
+Prayer of Dedication

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from The Confession of 1967

The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Our prayer and Bible study are part of the church's worship and theological reflection. Our witness is the church's evangelism. Our daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. The quality of our relation with other persons is the measure of the church's fidelity. Each of us is the church in the world, endowed by the Spirit with some gift of ministry and is responsible for the integrity of our witness in our own particular situation. We are entitled to the guidance and support of the Christian community and are subject to its advice and correction. We in turn, in our competence, help to guide the church.

+HYMN My Savior's Love
I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how he could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean
How marvelous, how wonderful! And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous, how wonderful is my Savior's love for me!

For me it was in the garden he prayed, "Not my will but thine."
He had no tears for his own griefs, but sweat drops of blood for mine
Chorus

He took my sins and my sorrows, he made them his very own
He bore the burden to Calvary and suffered and died alone
Chorus

When with the ransomed in glory his face I at last shall see
'Twill be my joy through the ages to sing of his love for me
Chorus

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE Variations on "My Savior's Love" Gabriel

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION
Elders: Matt Crum & Joey Lamie

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is John Legard
the acolytes are Madi Cozart and Hope Shockley
the bell ringer is Milo Leidig
the W.O.W. leaders are Michael & Robin Cozart
the nursery volunteers are Rachel Fowlkes and Kay Bunn
the sound board tech is Dennis Bailey

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.

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. In the next several weeks you will be hearing more about how to become involved in this ministry. In the meantime, 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY TEAM will meet Tuesday, July 14th at 6:30 p.m. in parlor at church.



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 are suspended.

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who helped with Vacation Bible School last week. As always it was a great week with 55 children attending, 14 Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church Youth helpers and 8 Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church adults.

UPCOMING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY ~ Wednesday, July 15th at 9:30 a.m. in the church parlor a Bible study of the Book of Hosea begins. 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.

ATTENTION PARENTS: We have mailed out letters to those who have children and youth in our church asking for feedback for the fall. We would LOVE to hear from everyone and hope to receive more responses. If you need another form and have any questions please feel free to contact Kate Shockley at 276-525-5108.

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.

THIS WEEK WE SERVE AT FAITH IN ACTION ~ July 12 – 18. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please sign up for today, Monday, Tuesday evening or Friday. We need your hands and feet.

CONGRATULATIONS TO HEALTHY FAMILIES – FAMILY FARMS ~ which was awarded \$3,000 from Abingdon Presbytery on behalf of a grant submitted by Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church. This money will go to purchase "seconds" produce from local farmers and feed our community in need.

KIDS' BACKPACK THANKS!! Thanks to all who helped stuff, distribute and deliver food boxes for the Kids' Backpack Summer Food project at Abingdon Elementary School. We had 23 Sinking Spring volunteers and each hand was needed to provide 60 boxes to children in our area. We appreciate your willingness to serve!

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, July 12th

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
Faith in Action Week to Serve – July 12-18

Monday, July 13th

5:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 14th

6:30 p.m. Congregational Ministry Committee Meeting
8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, July 15th

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study / Book of Hosea

Thursday, July 16th

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

Sunday, July 19th

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard

Stewardship & Attendance for July 5, 2015

Attendance: 107
Offering: \$7,342.00
Hunger: \$150.00

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), Hazel Warden (Abingdon Rehab), Don Preston and Margaret Peters

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS: Ray Goins (brother-in law of Billie Ball)

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: David Henninger, Charles Henninger, Richie Hooker, Arville Mullins, Marjorie Addison and Family, The Family of June Atkins

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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