

PRELUDE *Tell Me the Story of Jesus* *arr. Sweney*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

+CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 89*

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: We will sing of your steadfast love forever, O Lord.
All: With our mouths we will proclaim faithfulness to all generations.
One: Your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
All: Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord; let your faithfulness be praised in the assembly of the holy ones.
One: Who can be compared to you, O Lord? Who among all the heavenly beings is like you?
All: There is no one like you in all creation, O Lord, our God. Our shield belongs to you, the Lord, our king, the Holy One of Israel!

+HYMN *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* #417, vv. 1-3

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we know that we are stubborn and wayward. We reject your calling and our mission regularly and often. Our footsteps falter as we seek to follow your Son; we turn away from his glory because we are preoccupied with our own needs and concerns; our love for one another grows cold and we fail to share the good news of your unconditional love when we are given the opportunity. Forgive us, Lord. Send us your Spirit to remind us of your grace, that we may be more committed to proudly proclaiming the One who was so unashamed of us that he took our shame upon himself. It is in his name that we make this prayer. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* #417, v. 4
Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run

+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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION – *Stephen Ministry*

+HYMN *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations* MESSAGE
We've a story to tell to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right
A story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light
A story of peace and light
*For the darkness shall to turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright
And Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light*

We've a story to tell to the nations, that shall lift their hearts to the Lord
A song that shall conquer evil and shatter the spear and sword
And shatter the spear and sword
Refrain

We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigns high above
Has sent us his Son to save us, and show us that God is love
And show us that God is love
Refrain

We've a Savior to show to the nations, who the path of sorrow has trod
That all of the world's great peoples might come to the truth of God
Might come to the truth of God
Refrain

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Isaiah 42:1-9 p. 630 OT
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *And Yes, Jesus Loves Me!* *arr. Trivette*
Tuesday Reynolds, soloist

GOSPEL READING Mark 14:53-72 p. 45 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 *Praise Him! Praise Him!* *Crosby*
+Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* #592
+Prayer of Dedication

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from The Confession of 1967*
To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's 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 Christ's call.

+HYMN *O Christians, Haste*
O Christians, haste, your mission high fulfilling
To tell the world that God is One who cares
That God who made all nations is not willing
One life should perish, lost in deep despair
*Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace
Tidings of Jesus, redemption and release*

Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation
That God, in whom we live and move, is love
Tell how God stooped to save a lost creation
And died on earth that we might live above
Refrain

Send heralds forth to bear the message glorious
Give of your wealth to speed them on their way
Pour out your soul for them in prayer victorious
Till God shall bring his Kingdom's joyful day
Refrain

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE *I Love to Tell the Story* *Fischer*

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Hazel Ramos-Cano
- the acolytes are Jeni Holt and Emma Shockley
- the bell ringer is Noah Gibson
- the W.O.W. leaders are John & Jamie Hortenstine
- the nursery volunteers are Lila Thurmond and Jan Hardman
- the sound board tech is Seth Reynolds

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.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY
Elders: Georgia Crews & Rachel Fowlkes

THE STEPHEN MINISTRY – Christ Caring For People Through People: It is now the time to begin recruiting Christians to become Stephen Ministers. *Do you have gifts of compassion? Are you a good listener?* If so, then you will want to attend an informational lunch meeting, immediately following worship service, on August 9, 2015. There will be a light lunch and then a presentation with detailed information about becoming a Stephen Minister. Lunch will begin at 11:15 AM and the meeting will end at 1:00 PM. Applications for the ministry will be available at that time. James tells us that the prayers of righteous people are powerful and effective (James 5:16). During the coming week we invite you to pray about our congregation's Stephen Ministry. Specifically, please pray for those God is calling to serve as caregivers in this ministry. **SINCE WE ARE SERVING LUNCH PLEASE CALL AND RESERVE YOUR SPOT.** Toni Oliver-Stephen Leader 276-206-3321 or 276-429-5754

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.

BIBLE STUDY: HOSEA ~ Unfailing Love Changes Everything It's not too late to join the Bible study, Hosea. The group met last Wednesday for the introductory session. If you would like to join this group let Janet McGraw know today so you can receive a workbook. The Bible study meets each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Complete Week One pages 10-33 in the workbook for Wednesday, July 22nd meeting.

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.

SINKING SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL is now accepting children for half-day programs – Infant through Pre-kindergarten. Experiential learning centers, coupled with a nurturing environment, are facilitated by teachers trained in early childhood principles. For more information call: (276) 619-0020.

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!!

FAITH in ACTION: Thanks to all who worked and donated to Faith in Action this month. Mark your calendars for our next week to serve, September 6th thru September 12th.

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.

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.

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES THROUGH FAITH in ACTION ~ Remember next Sunday, **July 26th** is the day to bring back-to-school items for our community children. The children in W. O. W. will assemble the bags. Thanks in advance!

ITEMS NEEDED ARE

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| 2 packs. 70 wide ruled paper | 1 box of 24 Crayons |
| 2 spiral bd. paper Notebooks | 1 pack pens (blue or black) |
| 1 composition book | 1 pack colored pencils |
| 1 ruler and 2 erasers | 2 Glue Sticks |
| 1 pencil sharpener | 1 pair Fiskars Scissors |
| 1 pencil box | 2 packs of 10 ~ #2 pencils |

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, July 19th

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Tuesday, July 21st

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

Wednesday, July 22nd

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

Thursday, July 23rd

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Shoney's

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

Sunday, July 26th

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard

Stewardship & Attendance for July 12, 2015

Attendance: 133
 Offering: \$3,965.00

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

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS: Sherrye May

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 Ray Goins

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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