

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2nd, 2015

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *The Old Rugged Cross* *Bernard*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Be Known to us in Breaking Bread*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 22*

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: You are holy, O Lord, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

All: **In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you saved them.**

One: To you our ancestors cried and they were saved; they were not put to shame.

All: **We will tell of your wonderful deeds to our brothers and sisters. In the midst of the congregation we will praise you.**

One: You who fear the Lord, give praise!

All: **We shall glorify and stand in awe of the King of Israel, for he did not hide his face from us when we cried to him!**

+HYMN *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* #92

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Christ, in your presence we discover who we truly are. As you prepare to give yourself for the sake of the world, we seek promotions and possessions. As you prepare to bear our sin, we desert you, leaving you to carry the burden alone. Our love scarcely suffices to fulfill the requirements of good manners, and yet you invite us to eat with you at your table. Forgive us, Jesus, and send us your Spirit to help us to value your sacrifice and your presence more dearly, that we may find this meal to be a celebration of joy. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Beneath the cross of Jesus our sins are washed away

Our burden he did gladly bear, our ransom he did pay

Our hearts are filled with gratitude, with glory and with praise

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost from now 'til end of days

+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.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *O How I Love Jesus* *arr. Raney*

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

+Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Psalm 22:1-8, 14-18 p. 463 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING Mark 15:16-32 p. 46 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Preparatory Hymn *What Wondrous Love Is This* #85

Great Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer (Hymnbook p. 16)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

They are lifted up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion of the People *In Remembrance* *Beryl Red*

Prayer After Communion

+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.

+SENDING HYMN *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* #101

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *Let the Beauty*

+POSTLUDE *At the Cross* *Hudson*

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Tim Reynolds
- the acolytes are Wiley Leidig
- the bell ringer is Maggie Willson
- the W.O.W. leaders are Kurt & Amber Moran and Jeni Holt
- the nursery volunteers are Vickie Crigger and Summer Allen
- the sound board tech is John Nowell

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 THE FINAL MONTH OF 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.

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER ART: The painting is titled "*The Crucifixion*" and was painted by Matthias Grunewald (1470-1528) in 1515. It is the central panel of the altar piece that was painted for the Monastery of St. Anthony in Isenheim, France. It is now on display in nearby Colmar, France, at the Unterlinden Museum. Karl Barth kept a reproduction of this painting hanging over his desk in Basil, Switzerland, where he wrote and worked because the figure of John the Baptist in the lower right corner reminded him that the Bible, as well as all Reformed preaching and teaching, should point us to the One who was crucified for us.

THE SUMMER WORSHIP TIME CHANGE IS 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.

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

SERVICE & OUTREACH TEAM will meet tomorrow evening at 6:30 p.m. in church parlor.

FAITH in ACTION: Mark your calendars for our next week to serve, September 6th thru September 12th. Your donations and volunteer hours are greatly appreciated.

THE FAITH IN ACTION GOLF TOURNAMENT will be held NEXT Sunday, August 9th at 2:00 p.m. **Deadline for registration is August 3rd.** Both sponsors and players are needed. If you are interested in either there are information sheets hanging on the mission board in the Narthex.

MANY THANKS ~ *Thank You* to all who brought bars of soap and school supplies. Updates on both will be in next week's bulletin.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard

A HUGE THANK YOU to the following team for a great landscaping day on July 25th,

Jim Bunn, John Lotz, Paul Oliver, Delmar Barton, Baird Smith, Kay Bunn, Senah Seagle, Annette Legard, Alice Rainey, Diane Pasick, Jeff Edelman, Rachel Fowlkes and Dee Hopkins.

Also, *Thanks* to those who have signed up for participation in Stewardship Ministry Opportunities. Forms to continue to signup are available on table in Narthex.

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO JEREMY AND MARY BEVERLY on the birth of their son, Hudson James Beverly (10lbs. 2oz.) on Friday, July 24, 2015. Mother and baby are home and doing well.

ATTENTION SENIORS: Our next outing is a trip to the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre in Wytheville, VA on August 22nd for the matinee performance at 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be at 12:30 p.m. and play "Gospel Jubilee" to follow. Tickets are \$42.36 per person which includes lunch and matinee. Winkie Barton will need to know how many plan to go by August 10th and money for tickets will be due by August 12th. Please see bulletin board in Narthex for more information about this trip and future outings.

CHURCH PICNIC SUNDAY AUGUST 30TH ~ Mark your calendars and plan to attend our annual picnic at Sugar Hollow Park ~ Shelter F starting at 2:00 p.m. with supper at 5:00 p.m. Please bring side dishes to accompany grilled hamburgers and hot dogs provided by the church. Becky and Jason Pittman have activities planned for the children. *Remember* the park fee is \$1.00 to bring a car into the shelter area.

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.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND DISCIPLESHIP TEAM will meet Tuesday, August 4th at 5:30 p.m. in the church parlor.

HOSEA BIBLE STUDY: The Wednesday Bible study on Hosea will meet this week, August 5th at 9:30 a.m. in the church parlor. Prepare Week 2 in the member book. It's not too late if you'd still like to participate. See Janet McGraw today to receive your book.

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.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, August 2nd Communion

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
3:00 p.m. Marimba Concert (sponsored by VA Highlands Festival)
Tickets are \$5.00 at door

Monday, August 3rd

6:30 p.m. Service & Outreach Team Meeting

Tuesday, August 4th

8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Spiritual Formation & Discipleship Team Meeting

Wednesday, August 5th

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

Thursday, August 6th

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

Sunday, August 9th

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard

Stewardship & Attendance for July 26, 2015

Attendance: 128
Offering: \$4,566.00

THE HUNGER OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED TODAY

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: Kitty Henninger

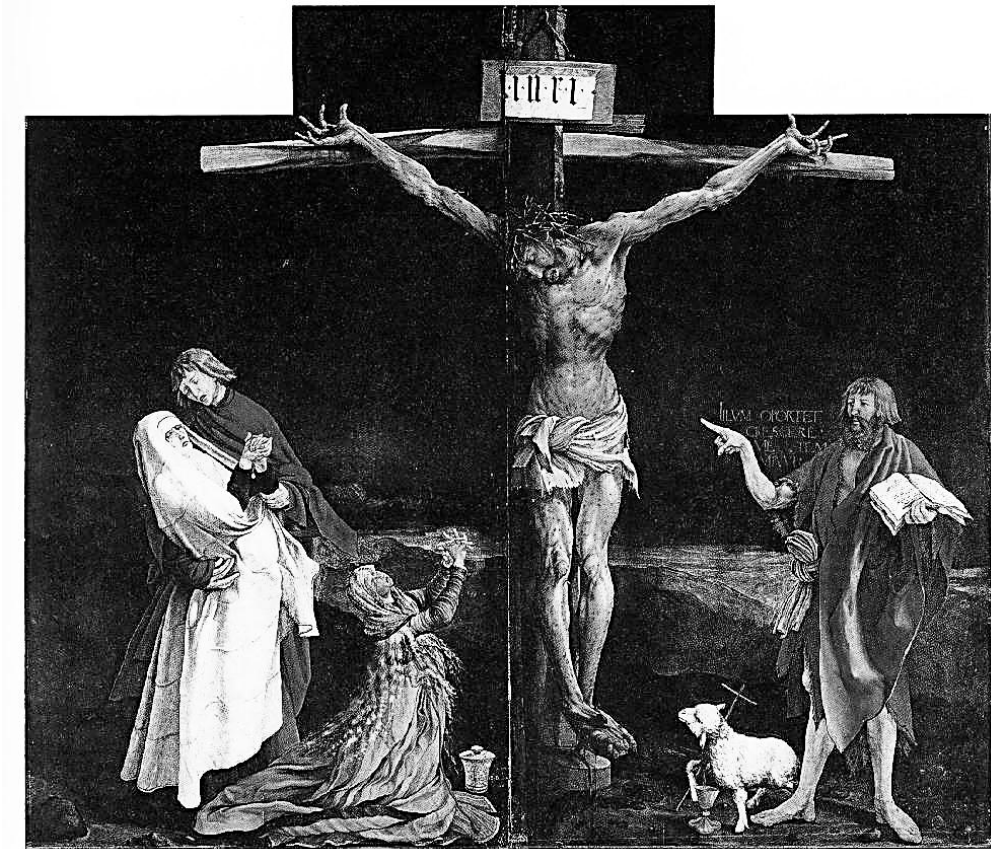
WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: David Henninger, Charles Henninger, Richie Hooker, Ray Goins, Sherrye May and Robert May

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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