21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23rd, 2015

.....

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

arr. Broughton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT With My Whole Heart

+CALL TO WORSHIP from *Psalm 118*

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

All: And also with you.

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; the mercy of the Lord endures forever. Let God's people now proclaim:

All: God's mercy endures forever!

One: The Lord is our strength and our song and has become our salvation!

All: The hand of the Lord has triumphed. We will exalt the name of the Lord!

One: We shall not die, but live, and declare the Word of the Lord! The Stone which the builders rejected has become the chief Cornerstone.

All: This is the work of the Lord and it is marvelous in our eyes. On this day the Lord has acted! We will rejoice and be glad in it!

+HYMN *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* #104

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, who for our redemption gave your only begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, knowing that we live as forgiven creatures and inheritors of eternal life, that we may evermore live with Christ Jesus in the joy of his resurrection. Send us your Holy Spirit that we may live even today, as Easter people, full of the joy of life everlasting. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Christ is risen! Laud and honor to the Father and the Son Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One One in might and One in glory, while unending ages run As it was in the beginning, ever will and shall be done

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

MINUTE FOR MISSION – Spiritual Formation Team

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 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* #113

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

p. 528 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Our Lord's Prayer Larson

GOSPEL READING

Mark 16:1-8

p. 47 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

+Prayer of Dedication

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

+HYMN

Lift High the Cross

#371

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

Psalm 19

Peace To You All

Marcello

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Kate Shockley
- the acolytes are Lila Godfrey and Morgan Crum
- the bell ringer is JW Hortenstine
- the W.O.W. leaders are John & Jamie Hortenstine
- the nursery volunteers are Trent & Rachel Bales
- the sound board tech is Austin Patrick

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 WEEKS 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.

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:

| Aug 30 | Wark 10.9-20 | i wo Exira Endings |
|---------|--------------|--|
| Sept 6 | Proverbs 22 | Being passionate people |
| Sept 13 | Psalm 19 | Relationship between faith & science |
| Sept 20 | Psalm 1 | Being rooted in the community of faith |

THE SUMMER WORSHIP TIME CHANGE IS STILL IN EFFECT! We have had a few inquiries in the office about the service time. Our summer worship time of 10:00 a.m. continues throughout the month of August. We will return to our 11:00 worship time on the first Sunday of September.

MARK SERMON SERIES RECORDINGS: Dennis Bailey has offered to put the entire Gospel of Mark sermon series onto a flash drive for anyone who wishes to have one. The files will be mp3 files, playable on most computers. If you would like to have one, please email or call Donna in the office and let her know. We will put your name on a list and contact you when they are ready.

TRANSLATIONS OF THE GOSPEL OF MARK: If you are interested in owning a copy of The Gospel of Mark as translated by Pastor Tim and used in worship for the last year, they will be available beginning next week and will be located on the table in the narthex.

LITURGIST TRAINING CLASS: The next training class for people interested in being a liturgist on Sunday mornings will be on Tuesday, September 1st at 6:00 p.m. The class will last approximately 1 hour and will be led by Pastor Tim at the church in the parlor. If you would like to be a liturgist but are unable to attend the training on this date, please contact Pastor Tim.

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER ART: There are three different versions of the bulletin this week featuring three different paintings, each titled *Who Will Roll Away the Stone?* and each by Hannah Varghese (1938-2009), an artist who grew up as a Christian in predominantly Muslim Malaysia. Ms. Varghese worked primarily in the mediums of acrylic and batik dye. A prominent member and officer of the Asian Christian Art Association, her work has been published in numerous journals and publications and exhibited worldwide, including at Princeton Theological Seminary and Yale Divinity School. To learn more or purchase prints of her work, please go to www.omsc.org.

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

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.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH...continued

SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD will be using volunteers to inspect and pack the Christmas Shoeboxes in Boone, NC between November 16th and 23rd. If you have an interest in volunteering on one of those days please contact Wythe Hull (phone: 276-206-8392 or email: wythe@comcast.net) before September 14th. Please state your day preference.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY Elders: Georgia Crews & Rachel Fowlkes

THE STEPHEN MINISTRY - Christ Caring For People Through People: God has blessed us with the following 7 members who will soon begin training as Stephen Ministers: Larry Ball, Kay Bunn, Hazel Ramos-Cano, Jan Frazier, Joy Addison Rowe, Isaac Short, and Beth Smith. We ask you to pray for our Stephen Leader, Toni Oliver, as she prepares and teaches care giving topics each week. We also ask for prayer for our 7 Stephen Minister trainees as they read, learn, and discuss new concepts and practice new skills. Please pray for God to give them dedicated hearts and open minds, and to bless the community they are forming so that they may learn to care for, nurture, and support one another in ministry. The training begins Tuesday, September 1st.

CHURCH PICNIC NEXT SUNDAY AUGUST 30TH ~ 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! Rally Day will be September 13th at 10:00 a.m., more information next week.

HOSEA BIBLE STUDY: The Wednesday Bible study on Hosea will meet August 26th at 9:30 a.m. in the church parlor. Prepare Week 5 in the member book.

OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND! Is God interested in children? YES! Jesus said. "Let the children come to me." Everyone in the body of Christ has been given abilities that can be used to raise up an army of children who love God. There are opportunities for you to act on the promise you made when these children were baptized. Adult leadership and guidance is needed for the Nursery, W.O.W. Sunday School and After School programs. Speak to Janet McGraw today or send an email to: christianeducator@sinkingspring.org

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS - ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL -Information about the After School programs has been mailed to parents of Elementary or Middle School students. If you know of someone who might be interested, please give their contact information to Janet McGraw. The first day of After School is Wednesday, September 9th.

PLEASE SAVE ~ PLASTIC MILK JUG CAPS: Please save your plastic milk jug caps for a project the children will be doing in the fall. You can put your washed caps in the container on the Children's Worship Clipboard table. Thank you!

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, August 23rd

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Tuesday, August 25th

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

Wednesday, August 26th

Women's Hosea Bible Study...Week 5 9:30 a.m.

7:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday, August 27th

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

Sunday, August 30th

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

2:00 p.m. Church Picnic - Sugar Hollow - Shelter F

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard

Stewardship & Attendance for August 16, 2015

Attendance: 150 Offering: \$5,248.00

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 (Rm: 112 - Health South, Bristol)

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS:

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Charles Henninger, Richie Hooker, Sherrye and Robert May, Ron Motley, Jennifer Motley, John Legard, Arville Mullins and Henninger 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

NEW ADDRESS: Address update for Peta Patton who has moved to Indiana.

Peta Patton 800 North Bell Trace Circle Apartment 312 Bloomington, IN 47408 Phone: 812-339-7984

Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church Organized 1772

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)





SINKING SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

136 E. Main St. + Abingdon, VA 24210 Church Office: 276.628.3361

Email: office@sinkingspring.org

Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

www.sinkingspring.org

Ministers: Members & Friends of the Congregation **Director of Music:** Arch Snyder Dir. of Christian Ed: Janet McGraw Office Administrator: Donna Hale **Organist:** Joey Trivette **Preschool Director:** Gypsy Holt

Pastor: Tim Reynolds

Joseph.Trivette@sw.edu

pastor@sinkingspring.org agstonsilcoach@gmail.com christianeducator@sinkingspring.org office@sinkingspring.org

August 23, 2015