

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9th, 2015

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Enter We Now*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *from* Isaiah 53 & John 3

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: God was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities. He has borne our infirmities.
All: God bore the sin of many and made intercession for us.
One: Our God, the Lord of the universe, the one who, out of nothing, created all there is and all there ever shall be, did this for us.
All: We will bow down and worship our God, who loved us so much that he gave his own Son that we may live forever with him!

+HYMN *To God Be the Glory* #485

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of the mountaintops and of the valleys, you have created us and given life to all things, but we have chased after other gods and ridiculed those who take their faith too seriously. We have tried to put you to the test, but we have not wanted to be tested ourselves. We have placed conditions on our belief and obedience and put limits on our trust, while you have loved us without condition and beyond all limits, suffering rejection, torture, and death on our behalf. O God, what have we done? In your limitless mercy grant us your forgiveness. Send us your Spirit that we may know it is not too late to be a disciple, not too late to follow you. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *I Then Shall Live* FINLANDIA

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven
I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid
I know my name is clear before my Father
I am his child and I am not afraid
So greatly pardoned, I'll forgive another
The law of love I gladly will obey

I then shall live as one who's learned compassion
I've been so loved that I'll risk loving, too
I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges
I dare to see another's point of view
And when relationships demand commitment
Then I'll be there to care and follow through

Your Kingdom come around and through and in me
Your power and glory, let them shine through me
Your hallowed name, oh, may I bear with honor
And may your living kingdom come in me
The Bread of Life, oh, may I share with honor
And may you feed a hungry world through me

+PASSING OF THE PEACE
May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO 3RD GRADERS

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 *Throned Upon the Awful Tree* #99

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Psalm 110 p. 525 OT
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *Be Still* McDonald

GOSPEL READING Mark 15:33-39 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
Offertory
+Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* #592
+Prayer of Dedication

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from The Heidelberg Catechism*
Throughout his life on earth, but especially at the end of it, Jesus Christ bore in body and soul the wrath of God against the sin of the whole human race, so that by his suffering, as the only expiatory sacrifice, he might redeem our body and soul from everlasting damnation, and might obtain for us God's grace, righteousness, and eternal life. [By the cross] I am assured that he took upon himself the curse which lay upon me, because the death of the cross was cursed by God.

+HYMN *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High* #83, vv. 1,3,5
Sung to Tune of *Though I May Speak* (O WALY, WALY)

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *May The Spirit*

+POSTLUDE

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

THIS MORNING...
• the liturgist is Mimi Hull
• the acolytes are Madi Cozart and Kaylee Arney
• the bell ringer is Judge Dillow
• the W.O.W. leaders are Joey and Bridget Lamie
• the nursery volunteers are Nissa Morrell and Grace Chi
• the sound board tech is Dennis Bailey

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 Confession of St. Longinus* by James Tissot (1836-1902) is the painting on our cover today. It is part of Tissot's *Life of Christ* series created from 1886-1894. It currently hangs in the Brooklyn Museum.

FLOWERS IN SANCTUARY: The flowers today are to the Glory of God and in Memory of the William S. and Nannie Patton family with love from their descendants.

WE WELCOME DR. HOWARD HALSEY TO WORSHIP TODAY, he is filling in while Dr. Trivette is out of town.

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.

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.

MANY THANKS ~ *Thank You* to all who brought bars of soap and school supplies. Thirty-six (36) back-to-school kits were delivered to Faith in Action and over 600 bars of soap were collected for the Good News Prison Ministry. Your generosity is a blessing to others!

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 sign up are available on table in Narthex.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY
Elders: Georgia Crews & Rachel Fowlkes

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.

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 **today's** informational lunch meeting immediately following worship service. A light lunch will be served 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.

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 due to scheduling conflicts did not meet last Tuesday but will meet Tuesday, August 11th at 5:30 p.m.

HOSEA BIBLE STUDY: The Wednesday Bible study on Hosea will meet this week, August 12th at 9:30 a.m. in the church parlor. Prepare Week 3 in the member book.

BIBLE PRESENTATION ~ Each year Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church presents a bible to our 3rd Graders. They are: **Cate Arney, Eliza Cozart, Muriel Dillow and Noah Gibson.**

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. Ask yourself how you can be involved. Ask God to show you where you are needed. He will equip you to do what He calls you to do. Many hands make light work. The more adults involved the fewer times you will need to serve. Speak to Janet McGraw today or send an email to: christianeducator@sinkingspring.org

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, August 9th

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. Stephen Ministry Informational Lunch Meeting

Tuesday, August 11th

8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Spiritual Formation & Discipleship Team Meeting
6:30 p.m. Congregational Ministry Team Meeting ~ Church Parlor

Wednesday, August 12th

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

Thursday, August 13th

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

Sunday, August 16th

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard

Stewardship & Attendance for August 2, 2015

Attendance: 148
Offering: \$10,872.00
Hunger: \$145.00

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: Ron Motley and Jennifer Motley ("family" of Georgia Robair-West), Margaret Peters, John Legard, Arville Mullins and The Henninger Family

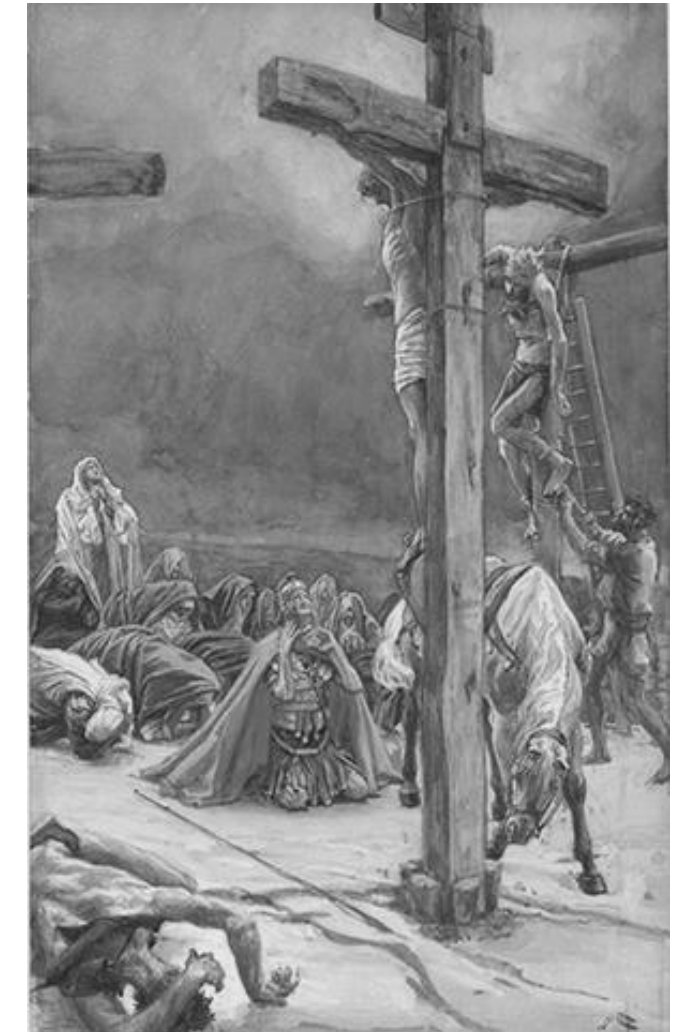
WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Charles Henninger, Richie Hooker, Sherrye May and Robert May

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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