

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 13th, 2015

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *The Heavens Are Telling* *Beethoven*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Who Shall Ascend?*

+CALL TO WORSHIP based on *Psalm 19*

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: All the earth proclaims God's glory!

All: **All the universe and beyond proclaim the vastness of God's creation.**

One: All creation praises you, O God.

All: **Our voices and hearts here this day, proclaim your greatness!**

One: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you this morning,

All: **For you are our Lord – our Rock and our Redeemer!**

+HYMN *All Creatures of Our God and King* #455, vv. 1-3

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wonderful, Creating God, your creation is vast and immeasurable, inspiring artists and poets, scientists and students, throughout the ages. We confess, however, that we too often overlook the truths you reveal to us in your creation. We are too busy or too distracted or too overwhelmed or too burdened to pay attention to what you reveal to us about yourself in the wonder that surrounds us every day. Forgive us for not noticing. Open our eyes and our hearts to the wonder of your creation. Send us your Spirit to give us ears to hear your glory as revealed in nature, that we, too, may proclaim your handiwork. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *All Creatures of Our God and King* #455, v. 6

All creatures, your Creator bless

And worship God in humbleness. O Sing ye! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son

And praise the Spirit, Three in One! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

+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.

+HYMN *Earth and All Stars* #458

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

GOSPEL READING John 1:1-5 p. 79 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Let the Words of My Mouth* *Pepper Choplin*

HEBREW BIBLE READING Psalm 19 p. 461 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 *Trust and Obey* *arr. Raney*

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

+Prayer of Dedication

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *The Presbyterian Study Catechism*

Our confession of God as Creator does not contradict the findings of modern science. It affirms that the triune God, who is self-sufficient, called the world into being out of nothing by the creative power of God's Word for the sake of sharing love and freedom. Natural science has much to teach us about the particular mechanisms and processes of nature, but it is not in a position to answer the questions about ultimate reality, which point to mysteries that science as such is not equipped to explore. Nothing basic to the Christian faith contradicts the findings of modern science, nor does anything essential to modern science contradict the Christian faith.

+HYMN *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* #268

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *The Lord Bless You*

+POSTLUDE *Toccata in C Major* *Zipoli*

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Fred Holt
- the acolytes are Jamie Lee and Hope Shockley
- the bell ringer is Charlotte Moran
- the W.O.W. leaders are Kurt & Amber Moran
- the nursery volunteers are Melissa & Sarah Allen
- the sound board tech is Dennis Bailey

*May the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart
Be acceptable to you, O LORD,
my Rock and my Redeemer.*

Psalm 19:14

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.

SERMONS IN SEPTEMBER will be drawn from the Hebrew Scripture lectionary selections. Beginning in October Pastor Tim will present a new sermon series, *Seussical Spirituality*, which will explore the spiritual relevance of some of Dr. Seuss' most beloved stories.

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:

Sept 20	Psalm 1	Being rooted in the community of faith
Sept 27	Psalm 124	Our help is in the name of the Lord
Oct 4	Ephesians 2:5-9	<i>Seussical Spirituality: The Cat in the Hat</i>
Oct 11	Gen 3 / Rom 6	<i>Seussical Spirituality: The Lorax</i>

MARK SERMON SERIES RECORDINGS: The entire Gospel of Mark sermon series is available on a flash drive for anyone who wishes to have one. The files are 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.

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 are available on the table in the narthex.

VHCC ARTS ARRAY SPENCER MILLER CONCERT SERIES begin today at 3:00 p.m. featuring **Andreas Klein, world famous German Pianist**. He is a master pianist and an expert on Chopin. His acclaimed recordings of Piano Sonatas, Beethoven and Berg have garnered him worldwide fame. Concerts are free for all area students of all ages and \$10 for the general public.

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

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) by **September 14th**. Please state your day preference.

PASTOR LEWIS MWAZEMBE and wife Abbey are thankful for the prayers and assistance provided to the Luwerezi Church of Central Africa Presbyterian through our Sister Congregation relationship. The Session approved a **Special Hunger Offering on September 27th** for Luwerezi to purchase much-needed grain due to major drought conditions across Malawi. Please pray for Luwerezi and give generously to save lives and provide hope to their congregation. Please note "Luwerezi Hunger Offering" on your check or offering envelope. Yewo chomeni! Thank you very much!

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY
Elders: Georgia Crews & Rachel Fowlkes

THE STEPHEN MINISTRY – Christ Caring For People Through People: Our seven Stephen Minister Trainees continue to work hard at preparing to be caregivers. Larry Ball, Kay Bunn, Hazel Ramos-Cano, Jan Frazier, Joy Addison Rowe, Isaac Short and Beth Smith are attending classes two nights a week and an occasional Sunday afternoon. This coming week they will be continuing the discovery of more effective ways of using prayer and Scripture and learning the difference between their role as caregivers and God's role as Caregiver. Please continue to pray for them as we look forward to the work of our Stephen Ministers among us.

CONGREGATION MINISTRY COMMITTEE will meet in back of Sanctuary tomorrow evening at 6:30 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard

DOESN'T OUR CHURCH EXTERIOR look nice with parking lots repaired, resealed, and striped, on-going landscaping work, including trimming, debris cleanup, weeding, painting, mulching, and TLC by many congregational members? Thanks also to the Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church Pre-School for their thoughtful, kind help and support. **WE ALL SUPPORT OUR PRESCHOOL!** Please sign up on the form on table in Narthex if you would like to support the many Stewardship opportunities at our church.

GO PAPERLESS WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS! We now have the capability to send your contribution statements via email rather than through the U.S. mail. If you would like to help the church be a good steward of its resources and save us the cost of postage, send Donna an email and let her know you would like to "go paperless" with your contribution statement. Those choosing to go paperless will receive a statement quarterly. If we do not hear from you then you will continue to receive your statements via U.S. mail annually.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP
Elders: Danny Wilson & Kate Shockley

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: We are studying the book of Daniel this fall in our Wednesday night Bible study. After being conquered by Nebuchadnezzar the Israelites learned that being a follower of God in Babylon was much different than it was in Jerusalem. The book of Daniel teaches what this difference is. Many scholars and theologians suggest that Christians in America face the same difficult lesson; that we must learn to be Christian differently in a pluralistic culture that no longer revolves around our belief system. We invite you to come explore the book of Daniel on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor and see what lessons it holds for us as we train to be disciples of Jesus in a changing world.

MEET THE BUS!! Can you spare 30 minutes on Wednesdays? After School is looking for an adult to meet the Abingdon Elementary school bus on Valley Street beside the Library and walk the children to the church for the After School Program. If you'd be willing to help, let Janet McGraw know! christianeducator@sinkingspring.org

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!

JANET MCGRAW will be out of the office this week September 14-18.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, September 13th

10:00 a.m. Rally Day – Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
3:00 p.m. Spencer Miller Concert – Andreas Klein, Pianist

Monday, September 14th

5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting – Church Parlor
6:30 p.m. Congregational Ministry Committee Meeting – Sanctuary

Tuesday, September 15th

6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training – Grant Room
6:30 p.m. Service & Outreach Committee Meeting - Parlor
8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall
8:00 p.m. AI Anon next to Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 16th

3:00 p.m. After School
6:00 p.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
7:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday, September 17th

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Shoney's
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training – Grant Room
8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 20th

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

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Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard

Stewardship & Attendance for September 6, 2015

Attendance: 160
Offering: \$7,077.00
Hunger: \$785.00

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 (Abingdon Rehab)

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS:

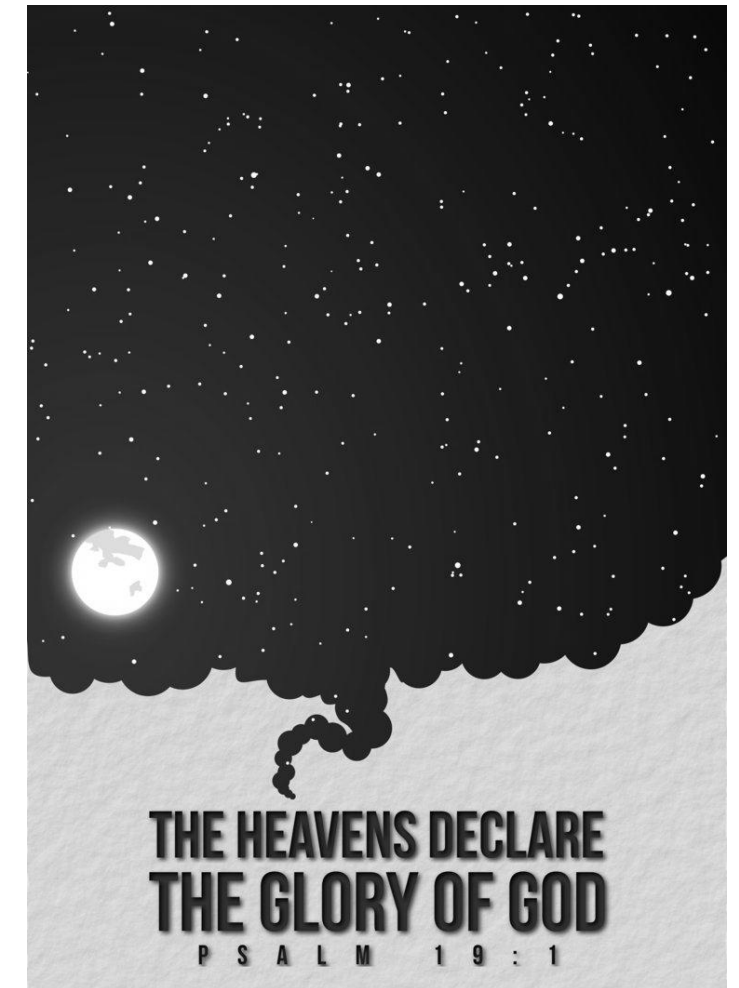
WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: David Thomas, Charles Henninger, Richie Hooker, Sherrye and Robert May, John Nowell and Richard Cano

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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