

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27th, 2015

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *A Mighty Fortress* *Wold*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *O Worship The Lord*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 124*

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side – let all God’s people now say –

All: **If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,**

One: our enemies would have swallowed us up alive,

All: **and we would have been swept away in the raging waters.**

One: Blessed be the Lord who has ensured our safety.

All: **Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

+HYMN *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* #457, vv. 1,3,5

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of salvation, you have not left us alone in times of distress. Rather, you have drawn near to us through your Son, through your Spirit, and through the community of the church, to comfort us, bind up our wounds, bring light into our darkness, and make our way safe. Yet we have turned away from you, isolating ourselves, looking to other sources for comfort and prosperity, to other teachers for wisdom, and to other healers for wholeness. In your mercy, forgive us. Draw us near to you once again, through the power of your Spirit and the people of your church, that our hearts may be rekindled to trust you and proclaim your Good News. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE

+RESPONSE *Glory Be to the Father* #579

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be

World without end. Amen, Amen.

+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 *O Word of God Incarnate* #327

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

GOSPEL READING Colossian 2:1-6 p. 177 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *More Love To Thee* *arr. Shaw*

HEBREW BIBLE READING Psalm 1 p. 452 OT

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 *Just a Closer Walk* *arr. Carter*

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

+Prayer of Dedication

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from The Confession of 1967*

The new life [in Christ] takes shape in community in which we know that God loves us and accepts us in spite of what we are. We therefore accept ourselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God’s grace. The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death. The teaching of the apostles and prophets guides us in living this life, and the Christian community nurtures and equips us for our ministries.

+HYMN *They’ll Know We Are Christians*

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored

And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love

Yes they’ll know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand

And together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land

Refrain

We will work with each other, we will work side by side

We will work with each other, we will work side by side

And we’ll guard each one’s dignity and save each one’s pride

Refrain

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come

And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son

And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one

Refrain

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *Lord Let Us Now Depart In Peace*

+POSTLUDE *Joyful, Joyful* *arr. Smith*

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION Elders: Matt Crum & Joey Lamie

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Kate Shockley
- the acolytes are Noah Gibson and Lila Godfrey
- the bell ringer is Katherine Hortenstine
- the W.O.W. leaders are John & Jamie Hortenstine
- the nursery volunteers are Grace Chi and Vickie Crigger
- the sound board tech is Isaac Short

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:

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>
Oct 18	TBD	Pastor Tim out of town
Oct 25	Psalm 23 / Rom 5 / Phil 4	<i>Seussical Spirituality: I Had Trouble Getting to Solla Sollew</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.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY Elders: Georgia Crews & Rachel Fowlkes

THE STEPHEN MINISTERS trainees will continue their journey this week with learning more about being fully assertive Christians. They will be exploring how to best express criticism and practicing assertively making, granting, refusing and negotiating requests. The Stephen Ministry is adding an important dimension to the ministry here at Sinking Spring. We thank God for this opportunity He has given us for growth and service.

A NEW DIVORCE CARE GROUP is starting this Monday. Meetings will be every Monday from 7:00-9:00 at 155 Bogey Drive here in Abingdon. If you would like more information please contact Ann Cunningham at 276.356.1790 or by email at acunningham@bvunet.net.

OUR NEXT DISCOVERY LUNCHEON IS OCTOBER 25TH! If you have been visiting Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church in recent months and want an opportunity to know more about us (and a free lunch!) plan on coming to our next Discovery luncheon after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Tim and members of the session will be there for a brief presentation and to answer questions you might have. Please RSVP to Donna at the church office (628-3361) if you would like to attend.

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

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 for TODAY** 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!

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard

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. The book of Daniel teaches about the difference between being faithful to God in Jerusalem vs. being faithful in Babylon. We invite you to come explore the book of Daniel on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. *in the Church Parlor.*

MEET THE BUS!! 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 keep saving your plastic milk jug caps for a project the children will be doing in After School. You can put your washed caps in the container on the Children's Worship Clipboard table. Thank you!

ATTENTION WORSHIP OUR WAY VOLUNTEERS: The Spiritual Formation & Discipleship Committee would like to invite any current leaders/helpers and any folks who are considering joining the W. O. W. team to our meeting on October 6th at 5:30 p.m. We want to hear from you to discuss the program and where we would like to take it to the next level! Lots of hands make light and fun work!

KID'S CHOIR HAS BEGUN!! Kid's Choir began this past Wednesday. If your child is interested in participating meet upstairs at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon. You do not have to attend After School to participate in the choir.

A NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will begin in October. The Armor of God by Priscilla Shirer is a 7-week study, which is more than a Biblical description of the believer's inventory, it is an action plan for putting God's armor and developing a personalized strategy to secure victory. If you are interested, see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board beside the parlor.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, September 27th

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

Tuesday, September 29th

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting
8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall
8:00 p.m. Al Anon next to Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 30th

3:00 p.m. After School
5:00 p.m. Children's Choir
6:00 p.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
7:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday, October 1st

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Shoney's
6:15 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training – Grant Room
8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 4th Communion

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 20, 2015

Attendance: 143
Offering: \$8,879.00

THE HUNGER OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED NEXT SUNDAY

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) and Don Preston

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS: Arville Mullins, Scotty McCoy (Penny McCallum's brother)

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Charles Henninger, Richie Hooker, Sherrye and Robert May, John Nowell, Richard Cano and Family of Margaret Peters

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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