

PRELUDE *Rondeau* *Mouret*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *I Will Remember Thee*

+CALL TO WORSHIP from *Psalms 125*

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people!

All: **It shall be so from this time on and forevermore!**

One: The Lord does good to those whose hearts are upright.

All: **Peace be upon those whose God is the Lord!**

+HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* #376, vv. 1&2

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal Maker, we often forget that we are all created by you in your image. We focus on the surface, creating distinctions based on class or race or nationality. We are influenced by our culture, choosing to make friends and share our lives only with those who seem appealing. Loving God, forgive us. Overlook the lines we draw between us and do not abandon us to our shallow vision. Give us new eyes so that we may see each other, living your law of love, sharing the Good News of your love with all. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* #376, v. 3

Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all thy life receive

Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave

Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above

Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love

+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 *We Are Marching in the Light of God* arr. Carter

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

+Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

EPISTLE READING Romans 12:1-2 p. 141 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HEBREW BIBLE READING Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 p. 566 OT

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 *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* #504

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 *A Communion Invitation* P. Martin/Courtney

Prayer After Communion

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Nicene Creed*

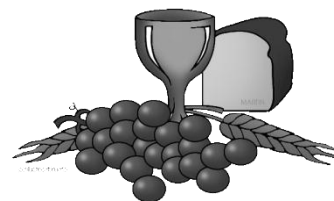
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

+ HYMN *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* #408, vv. 1,4,6

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *May The Spirit*

+POSTLUDE *Holy, Holy, Holy* arr. Trivette

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND



Communion: We welcome all who follow Jesus to the Lord's Table this morning, including children. Parents who wish to go get their children from the Nursery or from W.O.W. to celebrate communion as a family may do so during the singing of the Communion preparation hymn.

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Tim Reynolds
- the acolytes are Kaylie Cornelius and Madison Counts
- the bell ringer is Emmie Allen
- the W.O.W. leaders are David and Emma Shockley
- the nursery volunteers are Lila Thurmond and Jan Hardman
- the sound board tech is Seth Reynolds

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.

COMMUNION WILL BE RECEIVED VIA INTINCTION this morning. At the appropriate time you are invited to come forward down the center aisle, break off a piece of the bread, and dip it in the chalice on the side on which you are seated. Please return to your seat via the side aisles. **Anyone for whom mobility is an issue** is invited to remain seated and an elder will serve you where you are.

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 13	Psalms 19	Relationship between faith & science
Sept 20	Psalms 1	Being rooted in the community of faith
Sept 27	Psalms 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>

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 are available on the table in the narthex.

HAZEL RAMOS-CANO & RICHARD CANO ~ we would like to thank all those folks who came to our rescue and helped us move last week, including those who brought food and water to hydrate those who were sweltering Wednesday afternoon. We would especially like to thank Michael & Robin Cozart for providing us with a storage POD. Tim put out an email to the congregation and we were overwhelmed by the response. We had 20 to 30 of our church family respond. God had all the while been keeping watch over us. Again, THANK YOU to all of you who expressed the true meaning of Christian love. Praise God!

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

FAITH in ACTION: This is our week to serve, however Faith in Action will be closed tomorrow, September 7th in observance of Labor Day. Therefore no Sunday packing also. Please sign up for Tuesday or Friday on the narthex bulletin board. We need you!

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: This coming week the Stephen Ministry training class will be considering the subjects of The Art of Listening and Distinctively Christian Caring. They will be honing their listening skills and finding out that listening well is extremely helpful and caring but is also hard work. They will also be discovering more effective ways of using resources such as prayer and Scripture as tools in caring ministry. We thank God for the continuing dedication of our Stephen Minister trainees, and ask your continued prayers for them and for God's blessings upon their ministries.

ATTENTION SENIORS ~ Seats are still available for the matinee performance "Anything Goes" in Jonesborough on September 12th at 2:00 p.m.; please let Winkie know **no later** than Tuesday morning if you would like to go. Cost is \$14 per person. Van will leave at 12 noon with plans to eat before performance. Sign-up sheet is on bulletin board in Narthex.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP
Elders: Danny Wilson & Kate Shockley

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Our Wednesday night Bible study resumes this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. This fall we will be studying the book of Daniel. 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 and see what lessons it holds for us as we train to be disciples of Jesus in a changing world.

RALLY DAY IS NEXT SUNDAY!! 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Donuts, coffee, and juice will be provided. This will be the **first Sunday School Class** of the year. All classes and ages will meet downstairs at 10:00 a.m. for refreshment, meet your teachers and *Rally Together* with a prayer before going to class. Come by the Fellowship Hall and see what class hits your fancy and share a bite to eat.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL – begins this Wednesday September 9th! Parents **MUST** have registration forms in for Elementary children before Tuesday September 8th in order for their child to be picked up.

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!

CALLING ALL ADULTS! Adult leadership is needed for the Nursery and W.O.W. Ask God to show you where you are needed. He will equip you to do what He calls you to do. Speak to Janet McGraw today or send an email to: christianeducator@sinkingspring.org

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, September 6th Communion
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
Faith in Action (*no packing today*)

Monday, September 7th
Church Office Closed / Labor Day
Faith in Action Closed / Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8th
9:00 a.m. Sinking Spring Preschool Starts Fall Term
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall
8:00 p.m. Al Anon next to Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 9th
3:00 p.m. After School Programs Start
6:00 p.m. Bible Study Resumes
6:30 p.m. Bells Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday, September 10th
7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Shoney's
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 13th
10:00 a.m. Rally Day – Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard

Stewardship & Attendance for August 30, 2015
Attendance: 116
Offering: \$5,460.00

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, and Margaret Peters (moved to Abingdon Rehab)

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS: John Nowell, Richard Cano

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: David Thomas, Charles Henninger, Richie Hooker, Sherrye 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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