

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT Be Known To Us

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: Come, now is the time to worship.
All: We come, for now is the time to give our hearts.
One: Come, just as you are to worship.
All: We come, just as we are, before our God.

+HYMN OF PRAISE What Star Is This #68, vv. 1-3

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we come to worship you with our own expectations and our own agendas. We have made this hour on Sunday mornings about ourselves – the prayers we like, the music we like, the preaching we like, the hymns we like. Or, as is more often the case, we are distracted from you during this hour by those things we don't like. Forgive us, Lord. Help us remember that worship should be focused on you and your desire to be praised in ways that reflect your infinite and diverse nature. Send us your Spirit to remind us that worship is about meeting you, experiencing you, praising you, glorifying you, and pleasing you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE What Star Is This #68, v. 4

+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
+Response Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love #62
+Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Isaiah 6:1-8 p. 651 OT
Psalm 100 p. 515 OT
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 6:1-7 p. 53 NT
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 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice #28
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 As We Break The Bread Althouse
Prayer After Communion

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from The Scots Confession
We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

+SENDING HYMN Go, Tell It on the Mountain #29

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE Lord, Dismiss Us

+POSTLUDE

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND



Communion: We welcome all who follow Jesus, regardless of denomination, 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 Kaylee Arney and Lila Godfrey
the bell ringer is Lizzie Allen
the Big W.O.W. leaders are Jane Leidig and Amanda Godfrey
the Little W.O.W. leaders are Dianne Loomis and Jeni Holt
the nursery volunteers are Connie Bundy
the sound board tech is

COMMUNION WILL BE RECEIVED VIA INTINCTION this morning. To partake, please proceed down the center aisle, break off a piece of bread, dip it in the cup on the side on which you are sitting, and return to your seat via the side aisle.

WE ARE BEGINNING A NEW SERMON SERIES this morning on Reformed Worship. The Reformed Tradition has, from its very beginning, sought to take both tradition and local culture seriously when weaving together a worship experience that honors traditions inherited from the past while engaging the current culture of the local community. Over the next several weeks we will explore the why and the how of Reformed worship, along with all the components of a Reformed worship service.

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:

Table with 3 columns: Date, Scripture, and Sermon Title. Includes entries for Jan 3, Jan 10, Jan 17, and Jan 24.

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF A VOLUNTEER to run the sound board on the 1st Sunday of each month. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Tim or Rick Ratliff.

WE WELCOME SCHERY COLLINS as guest organist to our worship service this morning. Schery is filling in while Joey is out of town.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who remembered our family with cards, gifts, or goodies this Christmas season. We are blessed to serve such a loving and generous congregation! - Love, Tim, Tuesday, Seth & Lily Grace

SPENCER MILLER CONCERT NEXT SUNDAY, January 10th at 3:00 p.m. featuring French Flute Music from Baroque to Jazz. Dr. Nancy Schneeloch-Bingham has performed with many symphonies and is an active recitalist and clinician. She will be accompanied by our own, Dr. Joseph Trivette. All area students of all ages are admitted free and general admission is \$10 at the door.

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

ECUMENICAL FAITH IN ACTION – Many thanks to all who served and financially supported Faith in Action during December. FiA served approximately 1,000 families during the month. To help, you may bring canned food (place in basket at the stairs), donate money (FiA in the memo line), and/or work during our next week, January 24 – January 29.

OUR ANNUAL MITTEN TREE is overflowing with your generous donations of warm hats, coats, mittens and scarves! They will be taken this week to Faith in Action and some local elementary schools. Thanks for your continued support of this special project!

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard

WHEELCHAIR NEEDED ~ if anyone has a foldaway wheelchair they would like to donate, the church would be pleased to accept.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP
Elders: Danny Wilson & Kate Shockley

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Our Wednesday night bible study resumes this Wednesday, January 6th at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor. We are studying the book of Daniel.

ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL AFTER-SCHOOL activities resume this Wednesday, January 6th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES will resume next Sunday, January 10th.

EMPTY PILL BOTTLES ~Thank you for your support with the Pill bottle project for Malawi. We have mailed over 600 bottles thus far! This is an ongoing project so keep bringing your empty plastic pill bottles and placing them in the box in the Narthex.



IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, January 3rd

11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Tuesday, January 5th

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

Wednesday, January 6th

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, January 7th

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

Sunday, January 10th

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
3:00 p.m. Spencer Miller Concert – French Flute

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Stewardship & Attendance for Dec 24 & Dec 27, 2015

Attendance: Dec. 24th – 283; Dec. 27th – 95
Offering: \$10,245.00

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) and Don Preston

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS:

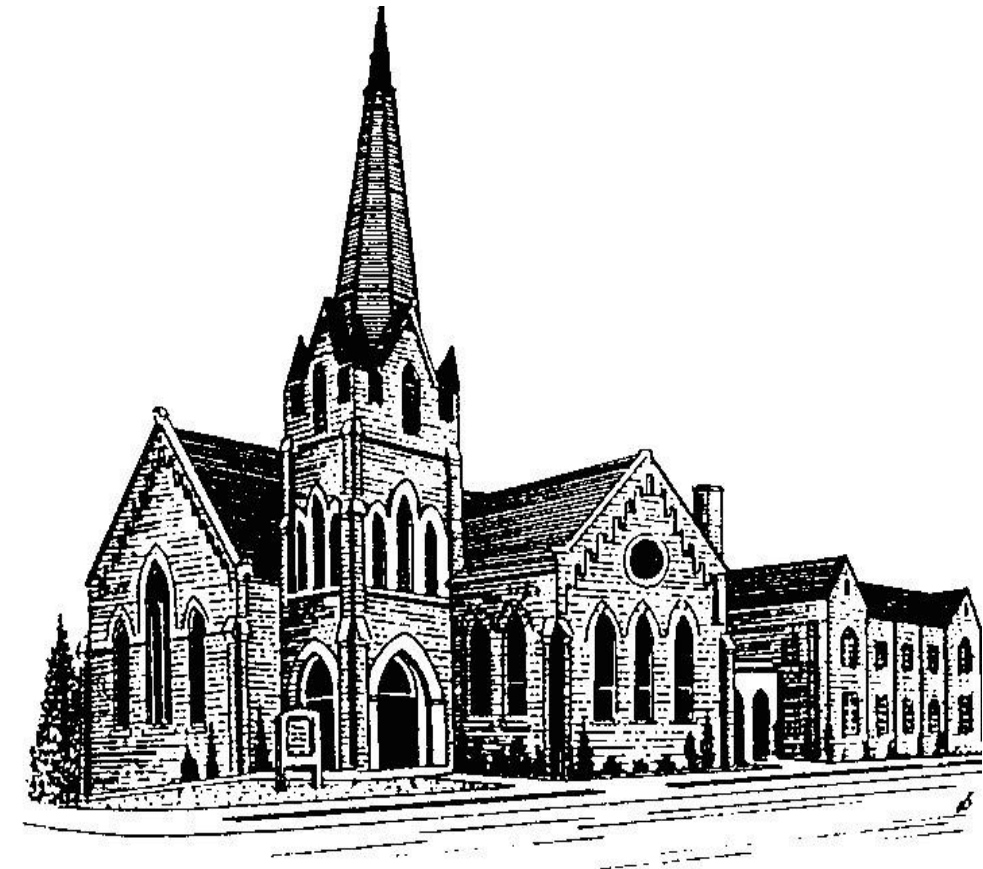
WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Scotty McCoy, Sammy Shuttle and family, Charles Henninger, Richie Hooker, Ernie & Mary Barr, Russell Justus and Dennis Bailey

AND FOR THESE MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY: Joseph 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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