

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 31st, 2016

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *I Love to Tell the Story* *arr. Fischer*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Come, Let Us Worship God*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 119*

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: Open our eyes, O Lord, so that we may behold the wondrous things out of your word.

All: **Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord; your salvation according to your promise.**

One: Your commandments have been our delight; your statutes have been our songs; your word has been our hope.

All: **Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.**

One: Let our cry come before you this morning, O Lord, and give us understanding according to your word.

All: **Let our lips pour forth praise, our tongues sing of your promise, and our lives delight in your law.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE *God We Praise You* AUSTRIAN HYMN

Sung to the Tune of Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

God, we praise you! God, we bless you! God we name you Sovereign Lord!

Mighty King whom angels worship, Father, by your church adored

All creation shows your glory, heaven and earth draw near your throne

Singing, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts, and God alone."

Jesus Christ the King of Glory, everlasting Son of God
Humble was your virgin mother, hard the lonely path you trod
By your cross is sin defeated, hell confronted face to face
Heaven opened to believers, sinners justified by grace

Holy Spirit, dove descending, come into this place today
You, our friend, our guide and helper, show us how to live, we pray
Teach us ways to show God's justice and to let the oppressed go free
Here and now renew our spirits that our lives may be lived for Thee

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wonderful Father, you have told us the Story of your love for us through your covenant people, Israel, and through your Son, Jesus Christ. You gave us faithful servants who wrote down their stories so that we might know your Story. Throughout the ages men and women have sacrificed their lives so that this Story might be carried into all the world. Forgive us, Lord, for taking your Story for granted. Forgive us for making it a best-seller, but not a must-read. Send us your Spirit to help us engage your Story with the same passion and eagerness as we do stories written by people like J.K. Rowling, Dan Brown, John Grisham, and Suzanne Collins. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, the Living Word. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *God We Praise You*

True apostles, faithful prophets, saints who set the world ablaze
Martyrs, once unknown, unheeded, join one growing song of praise
While your church on earth confesses one majestic Trinity
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God, our Hope eternally

+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 OF PREPARATION *Wonderful Words of Life* WORDS OF LIFE

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life

Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life

Words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life (Repeat)

Christ, the blessed One, gives to all wonderful words of life

Sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life

All so freely given, wooing us to heaven

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life (Repeat)

Sweetly echo the Gospel call, wonderful words of life

Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life

Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life (Repeat)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Deuteronomy 4:5-14 p. 149 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Let The Words Of My Mouth* *Choplin*

EPISTLE READING 2 Timothy 3:10-17 p. 188 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 *Thy Word* *Grant/Smith*

Tuesday Reynolds, soloist

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

+Prayer of Dedication

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from The Second Helvetic Confession*

We believe and confess the canonical Scriptures of the holy prophets and apostles of both Testaments to be the true Word of God, and to have sufficient authority of themselves. And in this Holy Scripture, the universal Church of Christ has the most complete exposition of all that pertains to a saving faith, and also to the framing of a life acceptable to God.

+HYMN OF SENDING *I Love to Tell the Story* HANKEY

I love to tell the story of unseen things above

Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love

I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true

It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory

To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love

I love to tell the story, 'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet

I love to tell the story for some have never heard

The message of salvation from God's own Holy Word

Refrain

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song

'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long

Refrain

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *Go With Us, Lord*

+POSTLUDE *Tocatta on "O Worship the King"* *Haydn*

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION

Elders: Matt Crum & Joey Lamie

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Hazel Ramos-Cano
- the acolytes are Kaylie Cornelius and Madison Counts
- the bell ringer is Charlotte Moran
- the Big W.O.W. leaders are Dianne Loomis and Jill Childress
- the Little W.O.W. leaders are Kurt & Amber Moran
- the nursery volunteer is Lila Thurmond
- the sound board tech is Rick Ratliff

OUR CURRENT SERMON SERIES is 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:

Jan 31	Deut 4 / 2 Tim 3	<i>Reformed Worship: Proclaiming</i>
Feb 7	Jer 1 / Matt 28 / 1 Cor 6	<i>Reformed Worship : Responding</i>
Feb 14	Gen 1:1-5 / Heb 11:1-3	<i>We Believe: God the Father</i>
Feb 21	Is. 43:1-7 / John 1:1-14	<i>We Believe: Jesus Christ</i>

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY
Elders: Georgia Crews & Jan Hardman

THE STEPHEN MINISTRY INFORMATIONAL MEETING scheduled for **today** has been postponed to a later date. If you have questions about becoming a Stephen Minister please call Toni Oliver (276.206.3321) for more information. Also, remember we have commissioned Stephen Ministers ready to receive those who are in need of care. If you or someone you know are interested in having a Stephen Minister, please use the same contact information as above.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH
Elders: Mimi Hull & Alice Rainey

THE ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL LUNCHEON is NEXT Sunday, February 7th. Following worship our Middle and High School students will be hosting a soup & sandwich luncheon in the Fellowship Hall to raise money for the alleviation of hunger right here in Washington County. All proceeds will go to Faith in Action. You may donate whatever amount you like for lunch that day. **There is a signup sheet in the Narthex** for those who are willing to provide soups or sandwiches for the luncheon.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP
Elders: Kate Shockley & Stanley Haynes

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Our Wednesday night bible study continues on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor. We are studying the book of Daniel. You can join at any time as each week is its own self-contained study.

THE CHILDREN NEED YOU – Big and Little W.O.W. and the Nursery children are looking for caring adults with a love for the Lord and lap big enough to sit on. If you fit the bill contact Janet McGraw or Kate Shockley. You will receive a detailed lesson and support.

SINKING SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOW HAS AN APP! Our own Alex Gibson has designed an app for listening to sermons on the go. No need to go to the website anymore, just go to the app to stream the sermons from our server. Or you can download them and listen on the go at the gym, in the car, on the Creeper Trail, or wherever you may be. It's only available on Apple devices at this time, so if you have an iPhone, iPad, iPod, or other compatible Apple device, go to the app store and search for "Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church." Tell your friends!

WINTER WEATHER POLICY:

Sunday Worship: Worship will never be cancelled due to weather. Please use your own discretion, however, in deciding whether or not to come. Safety is of primary importance; stay home if you don't feel you can make it safely.

Sunday School: The teachers of each class will determine whether or not to meet. Teachers will call class members *only* if class is cancelled.

Wednesday After School Programs, Bible Study and Preschool: These activities follow the Washington County School schedule. If Washington County Schools are closed or dismissed early, then these activities will be cancelled.

All Other Activities (Choir, Session, Committees, etc.): These will be determined on a case by case basis. The church office will be closed only in the event of *extreme* weather.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, January 31st

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

Monday, February 1st

6:30 p.m. Service & Outreach Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 2nd

5:30 p.m. Spiritual Formation & Discipleship Committee Mtg.
8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall
8:00 p.m. Al Anon next to Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 3rd

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, February 4th

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

Saturday, February 6th

6:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 7th Communion

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

ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL LUNCHEON

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard

Stewardship & Attendance for Jan 17 & Jan 24, 2016

Attendance: Jan 17 – 147 / Jan 24 – 52
Offering – Week of Jan 17 & 24: Jan 17 – 5170 / Jan 24 – 2895

THE HUNGER OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED NEXT SUNDAY

CHURCH BULLETINS are 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 Claude Greever (Abingdon Rehab)

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS: Carol Yates and family

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Charles Henninger, Richie Hooker, Ernie & Mary Barr, Dennis Bailey, Dottie Nowell, Walter Holcomb, Blue Gotham and Sara Gilley

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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