

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 16, 2016

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *The Heavens Are Telling* *Beethoven/Schreiner*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Come Holy Spirit*

+CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 52

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: In the Lord we take our refuge. We are like green olive trees, standing in the house of God.

All: **We will trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.**

One: Let us thank the Lord because of what the Lord has done for us.

All: **In the presence of the faithful we will proclaim the name of the Lord, for the Lord's name is good.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE *The Day of Resurrection!* #118

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Holy God, we know that we have fallen short. We turn our backs when we could embrace others. We remain silent when we could speak. We speak when we could listen. We close the door when we could fling it wide open. We judge when we could seek understanding. We cling when we could give. Forgive us, O God, for being so very human at times, and help us to continue to grow into the people that you created us to be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *Glory Be to the Father* #579
Gloria Patri

+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 age 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.

+ PREPARATORY HYMN *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* #310

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Isaiah 43: 16-26 p. 632 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Prayer of Saint Patrick* *arr. V. Johnson*

THE GOSPEL TEXT Philippians 3: 1-14 p. 175 OT

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED "The Spiritual Discipline of Forgetting" Dr. M. Dotterweich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* *J.S. Bach/Keith*

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

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

+ SENDING HYMN *Fight the Good Fight* #307

+BENEDICTION & RESPONSE *A Parting Prayer*

+POSTLUDE *Processional of Joy* *Hopson*

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND.

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION Elders: Matt Crum & Joey Lamie

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is John Legard
- the bell ringer is Judge Dillow
- the acolytes are: Madison Counts and Kaylie Cornelius
- the Big WOW. leaders are: David and Emma Shockley
- the Little WOW. leaders are: Trent & Rachel Bales
- the nursery volunteers are: Jan Hardman 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 this morning. **A Nursery is available** for infants and children through age 3. If you need directions an usher can assist you.

HEARING DEVICES are available for the hearing impaired from an usher.

WE WELCOME DR. MARTIN DOTTERWEICH to the pulpit this morning. Dr. Dotterweich is from Knoxville, and graduated from Wheaton College (IL), Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, and the University of Edinburgh. He specializes in the Reformation, Scottish history, and book history. He has taught at King since 2004, and lives in Bristol with wife Heather, and children Kathleen and Peter.

WE WELCOME JOAN KEITH to worship this morning. Joan is filling in for Joseph Trivette.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY Elders: Georgia Crews & Jan Hardman

MAZIE COOK has moved back to Abingdon. Ms. Cook, longtime member of Sinking Spring who recently resided in an assisted living facility in Wytheville, has moved to Commonwealth Assisted Living, Room 305 in Abingdon. She would love visits from old friends and new.

OUR FOUR STEPHEN MINISTERS TRAINEES have just completed learning about maintaining boundaries in caregiving and studying exactly what happens when a person goes through a crisis. Their next lesson will explore the principles of confidentiality so that anyone who is ministered to by a Stephen Minister can be confident that any communication will be kept secret and private. We thank God for the continuing dedication of Bridget Lamie, Jane Leidig, Kent Peterson and Helen Philips as they move toward a commissioning service. This ministry requires much time, commitment and effort so please continue to pray for them.



SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP
Elders: Kate Shockley & Stanley Haynes

YOUTH OUTING – TODAY to the **Brumley Gap Corn Maze**. Plan to meet at church by approximately 2:00 p.m. for departure.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY started this past Wednesday, October 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with Dr. Donald Hudson, chair of the Philosophy and Religion department at King University. Topic for the class is “Christianity”. Classes will continue through November 2nd.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM resumes Wednesday, October 19th at 3:30 p.m.

T.A.G. – TEENS AND GOD! the Middle School and High School Youth meet in the Grant Room for class to learn and hear about having a servant heart for God. See you there!

C.S.I. – CHRISTIANS SEEKING INSTRUCTION! Has begun.... the Adult Sunday School class will meet in the parlor to study the word of God and seek how God is looking to use each of us to be his servants.

CHILDREN’S BULLETINS are available for all children. If you do not receive one when you enter the Sanctuary, ask an usher for one. There are crayons in a basket on the table outside the office.

J.A.M. ~ A new format for Children at 10:00 a.m. Children will participate in activities that will transport them back in time to when Jesus walked on the earth. J.A.M. stands for Jesus and Me. The room has been transformed into a Biblical village which will add something new each week. Every Sunday until Advent the children will learn what it might have been like for Jesus growing up in Nazareth and what it is like today to have him as their friend.

THROW PILLOWS FOR J.A.M. CHILDREN: if you have any “throw pillows” you are not using; the children can use in the Bible tent upstairs. The pillows will lend authenticity to the inside of tent. You can bring pillows and put them in the box in the Narthex. Thanks!

SERVICE AND OUTREACH
Elders: Mimi Hull & Alice Rainey

SOCIAL CLUB IN NOVEMBER! Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church will host the Social Club on November 17th at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. **Volunteers are needed.** If you have any small “gift” items you’d like to donate for use as **bingo prizes**, they would be most appreciated. Prizes may be brought to the church office Monday – Thursday between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

TOOTHPASTE FOR INMATES – The Chaplain’s Office at *Good News Jail & Prison Ministry* would like to show the love of Christ to each inmate by giving each a gift on Christmas Day. We have been asked to help with this effort by supplying **200 tubes of toothpaste**. Please help us make Christmas a little brighter for ones who are often forgotten by a society celebrating Our Lord and Savior’s birth. Cost to purchase is often \$1.00 or less. **Your gifts may be added to the bin outside the church office through today.**

OUR OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE at *Faith in Action* is coming up October 30th – November 4th. Tuesday and Friday will be especially busy being the first of the month. Please mark your calendar and sign up in the narthex on the mission’s bulletin board. Thanks in advance for serving our neighbors in need.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, October 16th

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
2:00 p.m. Youth – Brumley Gap Corn Maze

Monday, October 17th

6:30 p.m. Session Meeting

Tuesday, October 18th

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

Wednesday, October 19th

3:30 p.m. After School Program
6:00 p.m. Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
6:30 p.m. Bell Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday, October 20th

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

Saturday, October 22nd

6:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 23rd

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard

Stewardship & Attendance for October 9, 2016

Attendance: 140
Offering: \$3,800

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 (Commonwealth Assisted Living), Reed Cooke (Commonwealth Assisted Living), Hazel Warden (Abingdon Rehab), Don Preston, Claude Greever (English Meadows), Marjorie Addison (English Meadows) and Helen Napps

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS: Dean Barr and family

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Richie Hooker, Mary Barr and Ted Latham

AND FOR THESE MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY: Joseph McGraw, Walter Holcomb Jr., John Nowell II, John Nowell III, Dexter Bevis and Miles Ratliff

*Names remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer

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*Responding to God’s grace,
we are called to be a welcoming community,
following Jesus, serving joyfully,
and sharing God’s love with each other and the world.*



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