

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 23, 2016

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Little Prelude in F Major* Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Come, Gentle Jesus*

+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 *All Creatures of Our God and King* #455
V: 1, 3, 6

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, when we limit you; when we remake you in our image; when we claim our causes as your own; when we box you in, and explain you away. Forgive us for our human impulses that change us. Awaken us God to you blinding glory; confound us by your love, and shower us with your grace so that we will be made new; recreated in your image, and grateful for all that we cannot know. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *Praise Ye the Lord* #258
Chorus, V: 1, Chorus

+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 *Now Thank We All Our God* #555

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Joel 2: 23-32 p. 800 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *You Raise Me Up* arr. Chinn

THE GOSPEL TEXT Luke 18: 9-14 p. 70 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED Kent Peterson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Great is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Shackley

+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 *Amazing Grace* #280

+BENEDICTION & RESPONSE *May The Spirit Of The Lord*

+POSTLUDE *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* arr. Young

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND.

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION
Elders: Matt Crum & Joey Lamie

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Kate Shockley
- the bell ringer is Adryana Counts
- the acolytes are: Hope Shockley and Muriel Dillow
- the Big WOW. leaders are: Robin & Madi Cozart
- the Little WOW. leaders are: Amanda & Lila Godfrey
- the nursery volunteers are: Mary Beverly and Rachel Fowlkes
- the sound board tech is Gloria Wadle

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.

SINKING SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WEBSITE: Richard Cano is leading the team to update the SSPC website; it is quite dated and we will be hiring a third party to design and host. Please go to: <http://sinkingspring.org/> and let us know of any comments and suggested changes in content by return email to: office@sinkingspring.org Our first change will be to ensure our sermons and bulletins are more easily accessible and can be downloaded to smartphone apps.

INTERESTED IN OPERATING THE SOUND BOARD? Volunteers are needed to operate Sound Board for the Second Sunday of each month. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 276.628.3361 or see Matt Crum or Joey Lamie on Sunday morning.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY
Elders: Georgia Crews & Jan Hardman

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 & DISCIPLESHP
Elders: Kate Shockley & Stanley Haynes

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with Dr. Donald Hudson.

YOUTH OUTING – a big **THANK YOU** to Kurt, Amber and Charlotte Moran for taking our Youth Group to the Brumley Gap Cornfusion Corn-Maze last Sunday. It was a perfect day to run around in a corn field and have fellowship. Don't forget to check out the pictures in the Narthex of the fun enjoyed by all. Our next outing will be on November 13th, save the date! More details soon.....!

T.A.G. – TEENS AND GOD! – meets in the Grant Room.

C.S.I. – CHRISTIANS SEEKING INSTRUCTION! – Adult class in the Parlor. Studying Timothy Keller's book, "Gospel in Life, Grace Changes Everything".

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. J.A.M. is also looking for a *coffee table* to use in the tent. Tables were low to the ground in Jesus' time and people sat or reclined around the table to eat. If you have one you would donate, let Janet McGraw know at 628.3361 or 492.7100.

THE ANNUAL ST. JUDE'S TRIKE-A-THON was held by the Preschool on October 20th. The Trike-A-Thon is an annual fundraiser held in order to raise funds for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. The first Trike-A-Thon was held at the Preschool in 2006. Over \$24,000 dollars has been raised by the children in succeeding years. If you would like to donate, please make check payable to St. Jude and notate SSPC Preschool in the memo line and place in offering plate. Our children thank you!

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.

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.

ABINGDON MANOR ANGEL TREE: during this Christmas gift giving season we have the privilege of adopting residents of Abingdon Manor to receive our gifts. We will be replacing the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Program and the Mitten Tree with the new Angel Tree program as described in the bulletin insert. What a wonderful opportunity to help those in our local community in a fun and beneficial way. If you choose to adopt an Angel, gifts should be left under the Angel Tree by December 4th, labeled with the chosen Angel's identity.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, October 23rd

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

Monday, October 24th

6:30 p.m. Session Meeting

Tuesday, October 25th

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

Wednesday, October 26th

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

Thursday, October 27th

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

Saturday, October 29th

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

Sunday, October 30th

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 16, 2016

Attendance: 145
 Offering: \$9,800

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: Family of Shelia Reynolds

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

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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