

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 30th, 2016

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* Gesche
Handbells

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *O Lord, My Lord*

+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 *Faith Medley #1* See insert

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of steadfast love and purpose, you know how we love to serve you in the sunshine of success and popularity, and how we shrink away when you ask us to walk through the fire of trial and suffering! Forgive our unfaithfulness, and teach us to walk with steady obedience in both joy and suffering, through Jesus Christ, your faithful servant. 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 *Faith Medley #2* See insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE GOSPEL TEXT Hebrews 11: 5-7 p. 199 N.T.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. Mark Hayes

HEBREW BIBLE READING Genesis 6: 5-7, 10 p. 5 O.T.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED Obedience and Faithfulness Larry Ball

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Limbaugh

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

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles Creed*

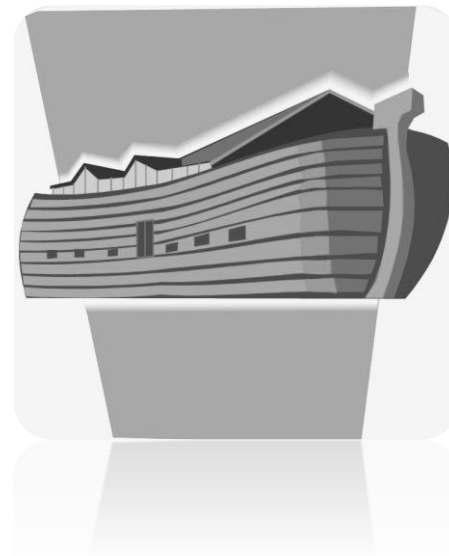
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; 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 *Faith Medley #3* See insert

+BENEDICTION & RESPONSE *God Be With You*

+POSTLUDE *Celebration* Paxton

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND.



WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION Elders: Matt Crum & Joey Lamie

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Richard Cano
- the bell ringer is Emmie Allen
- the acolytes are: Kaylee & Cate Arney
- the Big WOW. leaders are: Sandy Smith and Jill Childress
- the Little WOW. leaders are: Melissa & Sarah Allen
- the nursery volunteer is: Amanda Livingston and Sydney Johnson
- the sound board tech is Rick Ratliff

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 REVEREND LARRY BALL to the pulpit today. Larry is an Ordained Minister with the First Church of God. He received his certification of ministerial studies from Anderson University School of Theology and served as pastor of Maxwell First Church of God in Pounding Mill, VA. Larry is also a Stephen Minister leader here at the church.

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 for information.

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.

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 & DISCIPLESHIP
Elders: Kate Shockley & Stanley Haynes

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

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.

THE ANNUAL ST. JUDE'S TRIKE-A-THON held by the Preschool on October 20th was an annual fundraiser to raise funds for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. The first Trike-A-Thon was held at the Preschool in 2006. The children raised \$2,160.39 this year which totals over \$26,000 raised by our children in the past 10 years. Our children thank you!

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 table outside the office.

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 **this week** 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.

BEE-KEEPING ENTERPRISE: The Service and Outreach Committee is **very pleased** to announce that the Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Inc. has accepted our grant request for funding in the amount of \$20,000 for the Women's Bee-Keeping Enterprise-Luwerezi Church of Central Africa Presbyterian. We will be working with the Mission Associate for PW in getting this project up and running. Chiuta wave name – God be with you!

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, October 30, 2016

11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

Monday, October 31, 2016

Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church Preschool Trunk-a-Thon

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

5:30 p.m. Spiritual Formation & Discipleship Committee Meeting
6:30 p.m. Property Management Steering Team Meeting
8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 2, 2016

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, November 3, 2016

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

Saturday, November 5, 2016

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

Sunday, November 6, 2016 Communion

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 23, 2016

Attendance: 150
Offering: \$3,500

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 (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:

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

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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