

## 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 9, 2016

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* *Luther*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *O Worship The 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 *The God of Abraham Praise* #488

+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 *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 3<sup>rd</sup> grade may go to Worship Our Way (W.O.W.) while children in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and older are invited to worship with their families.

+ PREPARATORY HYMN *When Israel Was in Egypt's Land* #334

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Exodus 6: 1-13 p. 49 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *The Glory Of His Promises* *Kern*

HEBREW BIBLE READING Jeremiah 31: 31-38 p. 694 OT

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Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED *Isaac Short*

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Trust and Obey* *arr. Raney*

+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 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* #446

+BENEDICTION & RESPONSE *The Grace of Our Lord*

+POSTLUDE *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* *arr. Young*

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND.



"The time is coming,"  
declares the Lord,  
"when I will  
make a new  
covenant with  
the house of Israel  
and the house  
of Judah."  
~Jeremiah 31:31

### WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION Elders: Matt Crum & Joey Lamie

#### THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Amanda Livingston
- the bell ringer is Ben Campbell
- the acolytes are: Noah Gibson and John Godfrey
- the Big WOW. leaders are: Kurt & Amber Moran
- the Little WOW. leaders are: Emily Gibson and Kaylee Arney
- the nursery volunteer is: Connie Bundy
- the sound board tech is Brice Crum

**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 ISAAC SHORT TO THE PULPIT TODAY.** Isaac graduated Magna Cum Laude with honors from Emory & Henry College on May 9, 2015 with a BA in Religion and Mathematics. He also completed an Honors thesis entitled, "Father, Son, Paraclete: Prototrinitarian Doctrine in the Johannine Farewell Discourse." Currently, Isaac is living in Gate City, VA while working as a Network Technician for Saratoga Technologies in Johnson City, TN. He has aspirations to attend divinity school in 2017.

**JAZZ AT THE HEARTWOOD:** Dr. Joseph Trivette and the Southwest Virginia Community College Jazz Combo will be playing at Heartwood for Lunch on October 11<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Come and enjoy lunch and some great music.

### CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY Elders: Georgia Crews & Jan Hardman

**NEWS FLASH:** Ms. 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.

**NEW ADDRESS:** Dorothy Phillips has moved to English Meadows. Her New Mailing Address is below and her phone number will stay the same.

**Dorothy Phillips**  
**English Meadows (#209)**  
**15089 Harmony Hills Lane**  
**Abingdon, VA 24211**

**SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP**  
**Elders: Kate Shockley & Stanley Haynes**

**APOLOGIES FOR LATE CANCELLATION OF WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY THIS PAST WEEK.** Information was received last minute with news that Dr. Hudson was very sick and on his way to hospital. Bible Study is still planned for Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. If there are any changes the church office will send out an email, for those without email please call the church office at 628.3361 after Tuesday for an update.

**THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM ON WEDNESDAY, OCT. 12<sup>TH</sup>**  
 After School will resume Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.

**YOUTH OUTING** – October 16<sup>th</sup> to the **Brumley Gap Corn Maze**. All youth are invited and will receive an email to verify participation. A response is requested, the church will pay for entrance fee, food and also provide transportation.

**T.A.G. – TEENS AND GOD!** the Middle School and High School Youth will 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.

**SERVICE AND OUTREACH**  
**Elders: Mimi Hull & Alice Rainey**

**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 next Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**OUR OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE** at Faith in Action is coming up October 30<sup>th</sup> – November 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 9<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 p.m. Congregational Ministry Committee Meeting  
 8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall  
 8:00 p.m. AI Anon next to Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

NO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM  
 6:00 p.m. Bible Study  
 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training  
 6:30 p.m. Bell Rehearsal  
 7:30 p.m. Choir

**Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**

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

**STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY**  
**Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard**

**Stewardship & Attendance for October 2, 2016**

Attendance: 123  
 Offering: \$6,000  
 Hunger: \$365

**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), Helen Napps, and Ernie Barr (Valley)

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS: Ted Latham (Peggy Semancik)

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Richie Hooker and Mary 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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