

Christ the King Sunday

November 20, 2016

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *For the Beauty of the Earth* D. Christensen
Handbell Choir

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *from Revelation 5:9-13*

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: And they sang a new song, saying,

All: **“You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God and they will reign on earth.”**

One: Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with a full voice,

All: **“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”**

One: Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

All: **“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”**

+HYMN OF PRAISE *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* #150

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our great and most loving God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, whom by grace we know through Jesus the Christ, our Lord and King, we joyfully worship you this day and own you as the king of our lives and this your church. We also confess that we at times bring other kings into our lives and church. We stray by serving them instead of solely and with pure zeal the one true King who gave himself for our salvation and redeemed us and reconciled us to You, our God. Too often we refuse or simply fail to place our hearts and minds, our goals and desires under the reign of Christ our King. In your loving grace forgive us these transgressions that we confess and those that we do not yet know to confess. Transform our hearts and minds that we may increasingly grow into welcoming Christ’s reign over every aspect of your redeemed lives. We pray this through Christ our King, our Mediator and Lord, Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE

+RESPONSE *For the Fruit of All Creation* #553

For the fruit of all creation, Thanks be to God!

For the gifts to every nation, Thanks be to God!

For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping;

Future needs in earth’s safe keeping, Thanks be to God!

+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 *Rejoice, the Lord is King* #155

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Jeremiah 23:1-8 p. 684 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Thanksgiving Medley* Berry

THE GOSPEL TEXT Luke 23:32-43 p. 77 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED The Duty of the King Pastor P. Doriani
MUSIC JUST PRIOR TO *Amazing Love* Paul & Linda Doriani
SERMON CONCLUSION

I'm forgiven, because you were forsaken. I'm accepted. You were condemned.
I'm alive and well. Your Spirit lives within me because you died and rose again.

Repeat verse.

Refrain:

Amazing love, how can it be, that you my king should die for me?

Amazing love, I know it's true. And it's my joy to honor you.

In all I do I honor you.

Tag:

You are my King. You are my King. Oh, you are my King.

Jesus, you are my king.

Repeat refrain.

Luke 23:32-43

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory

Soon and Very Soon

Crouch/Schrader

+Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

#592

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Larger Catechism (#45)

How does Christ carry out the office of our king?

Christ executes the office of a king in calling out of the world a people to himself, and giving them officers, laws, and disciplines, by which he visibly governs them, in bestowing saving grace upon his elect people, rewarding their obedience, and correcting them for their sins, preserving and supporting them under all their temptations and sufferings, restricting and overcoming all of their enemies, and powerfully ordering all things for his own glory, and their good, and also in taking vengeance on the rest, who know not God and obey not the gospel.

+ SENDING HYMN *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* #145

Verse: 1, 4

+BENEDICTION & RESPONSE *Go Forth with Thanksgiving*

+POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* Cruger

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND.

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Fred Holt
- the bell ringer is Katherine Hortenstine
- the acolytes are: Noah Gibson and John Godfrey
- the Big WOW. leaders are: John & Jamie Hortenstine
- the Little WOW. leaders are: Emily Gibson and Sydney Johnson
- the nursery volunteers are: Melissa & Sarah Allen
- the sound board tech is Isaac Short

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION Elders: Matt Crum & Joey Lamie

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.

Today and in weeks to come, you will have an opportunity to meet and hear several pastors who are interested in serving as our Interim/Transitional Minister. **Today, WE WELCOME PASTOR PAUL DORIANI.** Pastor Paul is presently interim minister at Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Erie, Pennsylvania. He and his wife, Linda, live in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, home of the annual Groundhog Day celebrations. Paul is an official Groundhog Ambassador, having been appointed to that position in 1994. Pastor Paul has served churches in Northern Pennsylvania, Northern Michigan, the Black Hills of South Dakota, Central Indiana, and Charlotte, North Carolina.

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTERS NEEDED: If you, your family, your group of friends, Sunday School Class, Fellowship Group, or any other combination of folks are interested in lighting the Advent wreath candles on one of the Sundays in Advent, please let Matt Crum or Joey Lamie know or contact church office at 276.628.3361. Advent begins on November 27th.

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION.... continued

THERE WILL BE A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING on **Sunday, December 4th** following worship for the purpose of electing elders to the Session Class of 2019.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE – TONIGHT AT 6:30 P.M. Once again we will celebrate Thanksgiving with our Christian brothers and sisters on the block. The congregations of Sinking Spring, St. Thomas Episcopal, and Abingdon United Methodist will gather at the Abingdon United Methodist Church for worship. Everyone is invited to attend.

BOOKLOVER’S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL PROGRAM – Thursday, December 1st at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, **everyone** is invited to come and enjoy music by Joey Trivette and student musicians from Southwest Virginia Community College.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT ~ Saturday, **December 3rd at 8:00 p.m.** ~ “The Music of Christmas” will be an hour of sacred and secular holiday songs, mostly familiar but a few new. Dr. Joey Trivette and the returning 9-piece professional orchestra will accompany, and the handbells will perform selections. A reception with light refreshments will follow. Nursery is not provided. The concert is free, but donations to Faith in Action are appreciated. Come early to get a good seat.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY
Elders: Georgia Crews & Jan Hardman

UPDATE: SENAH SEAGLE – suffered another stroke last weekend and needs prayer. She is with her daughter in North Carolina. Her daughter Senah Andrews (named after her mother) has established a Caringbridge.org site where updates will be posted.

For those wishing to send cards: Senah Andrews
146 Spring St. NW
Concord, NC 28025

SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP
Elders: Kate Shockley & Stanley Haynes

NO AFTER SCHOOL – Wednesday, November 23rd due to Thanksgiving Break.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH
Elders: Mimi Hull & Alice Rainey

ABINGDON MANOR ANGEL TREE: All angels have been adopted. When the adopted “angel”(s)” gifts are returned, each angel should have **one** gift bag, gift box or container that includes all items purchased for that angel with the tag taken from the tree taped, tied or otherwise affixed so that gift is given to the correct “angel”. **All gifts need to be returned by December 4th.**

THANKS FOR ALL who worked and donated to Faith in Action during October and November. Our church donated financially to purchase approximately 3,200 food items and brought in 21 food items. We provided over 71 hours from 28 volunteers, who served 276 families = 771 individuals including 232 children. To help, you may bring canned food (place in basket at the stairs), donate money (FiA in the memo line), and/or serve during our next turn, February 19th – 24th, 2017. (FiA will be closed the week after Christmas). Thanks for your continued faith in action!

TOOTHPASTE FOR INMATES: Good News Jail & Prison Ministry would like to express their gratitude for your generous gifts of toothpaste that will add to the inmates Christmas gift bags.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, November 20th

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Community Worship Service – Abingdon United Methodist

Monday, November 21st

6:30 p.m. Session Meeting

Tuesday, November 22nd

5:15 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training – Grant Room
8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall
8:00 p.m. AI Anon next to Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 23rd

3:30 p.m. **NO** After School Program
6:30 p.m. **NO** Bell Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. **NO** Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 24th Happy Thanksgiving
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

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

Saturday, November 26th

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

Sunday, November 27th First Sunday of Advent

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

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard

Stewardship & Attendance for November 13, 2016

Attendance: 140
Offering: \$5,300

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), Dorothy Phillips (English Meadows) and Helen Napps

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS: Senah Seagle (stroke)

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Richie Hooker, Mary Barr and Joe Hutton and Family

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

Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church
Organized 1772

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)



*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.*



SINKING SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

136 E. Main St. + Abingdon, VA 24210

Church Office: 276.628.3361

Email: office@sinkingspring.org

Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

www.sinkingspring.org

Ministers: Members & Friends of the Congregation
Teaching Elder: pastor@sinkingspring.org
Director of Music: Arch Snyder agstonsilcoach@gmail.com
Dir. of Christian Ed: Janet McGraw christianeducator@sinkingspring.org
Office Administrator: Donna Hale office@sinkingspring.org
Organist: Joey Trivette Joseph.Trivette@sw.edu
Preschool Director: Gypsy Holt preschool@sinkingspring.org

November 20th, 2016