

1st Sunday in Lent

February 14th, 2016

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *This Is My Father's World* Trad.

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *We Believe That We Are Here*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *from* Psalm 91

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say to the Lord,

All: **God is our refuge and our strength! Our God is the strong fortress in whom we place our trust!**

One: Because you have made the Lord your refuge and the Most High your dwelling place, he will command his angels to guard you in all you do.

All: **God is our refuge and our strength! Our God is the strong fortress in whom we place our trust!**

+HYMN OF PRAISE *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* #482

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, Protector and Provider, we have sought security in shelters of our own making. Instead of trusting your Word and your promises, we have relied upon our own will to overcome evil within and around us. Our will has not been strong enough; when tempted, we have fallen. Forgive us for turning away from the sustaining Bread of Life you have so generously provided us. Send us your Spirit so that we may learn to entrust ourselves wholly to the power of your saving Word, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *Praise Ye the Lord*
Let the amen sound from his people again,
Gladly for aye we adore him

+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 ages 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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION – *Vacation Bible School*

+HYMN OF PREPARATION *O God of Earth and Space* #274

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Genesis 1:1-5 p. 1 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *The Lord Is My Light* Courtney

EPISTLE READING Hebrews 11:1-3 p. 198 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Lamb of God* Larson
+Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* #592
+Prayer of Dedication

+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.

+HYMN OF SENDING *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* #260

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *Go Now And Live For The Savior*

+POSTLUDE *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* arr. Trivette

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Richard Cano
- the acolytes are Hope Shockley and Lila Godfrey
- the bell ringer is Caroline Mason
- the Big W.O.W. leaders are David & Emma Shockley
- the Little W.O.W. leaders are Kay Bunn and Morgan Crum
- the nursery volunteer is Melissa Allen
- the sound board tech is Dennis Bailey

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION
Elders: Matt Crum & Joey Lamie

OUR LENTEN SERMON SERIES is entitled *We Believe*. It is an examination of some of our most basic Christian beliefs as expressed in the articles of The Apostles' Creed.

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:

Feb 14	Gen 1:1-5 / Heb 11:1-3	<i>We Believe: God the Father</i>
Feb 21	Is. 43:1-7 / John 1:1-14	<i>We Believe: Jesus Christ</i>
Feb 28	Gen 1:1-5 / John 20:19-23	<i>We Believe: The Holy Ghost</i>
Mar 6	Acts 1&4 / Ephesians 3&4	<i>We Believe: The Church</i>

NOONTIME LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES: Once again this year the downtown churches are sponsoring Noontime Lenten Prayer Services on Wednesdays at 12:00 noon during Lent. Each is followed by a free luncheon at 12:30 at the sponsoring church. A schedule of which congregations are hosting and when is on the table in the Narthex and listed below. This is a great opportunity to join hands with Christians of other denominations and show our commitment to the Lord and to one another.

Date	Location/Host	Homilist
Feb 17	St. John Lutheran	Parke Deans (Abingdon Baptist)
Feb 24	Sinking Spring Pres.	Kathy Dunagan (St. Thomas)
Mar 2	St. Thomas Episc.	Father Francis Musolooza (Christ the King)
Mar 9	Abingdon UMC	Scott Homesley (St. John)
Mar 16	Abingdon Baptist	Tim Reynolds (Sinking Spring)

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION will be held on Sunday, February 28th following worship. The congregation will receive the Annual Report, receive the budget for 2016, vote on members for the Nominating Committee, and vote on the pastor's Terms of Call. It should last approximately 15-20 minutes.

SPENCER MILLER CONCERT is next Sunday, February 21st at 3:00 p.m. featuring *The Paramount Chamber Players* exploring composers who broke the rules in either music or societal expectations. Admission is free for all area students and \$10 for community members.

THE ROSE on the Communion Table this morning is in honor of "Greyson Everett McGraw" born to Nathan & Emma McGraw and big brother Luke on February 10th. Greyson is the grandson of Dean & Janet McGraw and great-grandson of Virginia Evans. Congratulations!

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR today are to the Glory of God and in loving tribute to all the sweethearts in this church who provided food, cards, care, comfort and prayers three years ago when I was suffering from cancer. Happy Valentine's Day. *Helen Phillips*

SERVICE AND OUTREACH
Elders: Mimi Hull & Alice Rainey

THE ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL LUNCHEON raised \$3,223 for Ecumenical Faith in Action! Our young people would like to thank the congregation for your generosity in helping them to make a difference in this community.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - The new construction manager, Chris Justice, requests volunteers for new repair projects that are in the works over the next several weeks. Week days, weekends and times that fit your schedule and skills are open. If you are interested in helping complete these needed and valuable local projects, please contact Chris at 276.258.5469.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP
Elders: Kate Shockley & Stanley Haynes

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: This week we will begin our Lenten study *Biblical Archaeology in Israel: What Are We Finding?* led by Dr. Donald Hudson, chair of the Philosophy and Religion department at King University. Dr. Hudson travels to Israel twice a year to take students on archaeological digs and will be bringing pictures and artifacts to share with us as he explains their significance for understanding ancient Israel and the Scriptures. If you don't normally come on Wednesday nights, this is the perfect opportunity to start!

THE CHILDREN NEED YOU – Big and Little W.O.W. and the Nursery children are looking for caring adults with a love for the Lord and lap big enough to sit on. If you fit the bill contact Janet McGraw or Kate Shockley. You will receive a detailed lesson and support.

SINKING SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOW HAS AN APP! Our own Alex Gibson has designed an app for listening to sermons on the go. No need to go to the website anymore, just go to the app to stream the sermons from our server. Or you can download them and listen on the go at the gym, in the car, on the Creeper Trail, or wherever you may be. It's only available on Apple devices at this time, so if you have an iPhone, iPad, iPod, or other compatible Apple device, go to the app store and search for "Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church." Tell your friends!

YOUTH DIRECTOR: We are seeking a part-time middle/high school Youth Director. We are asking our Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church Family to please search their hearts and minds to see if you feel the call to honor our Baptismal Vows to our youth. Do you feel this could be you? Does this notice make you think of someone who would be a blessing to our youth? Please pray for this person, wherever they are at this moment, that they will feel led to apply and share themselves with us; teaching and being a loving leader. A detailed job description is on the bulletin board outside the Parlor. Any questions please feel free to contact Kate Shockley @ 276.525.5108.

WINTER WEATHER POLICY:

Sunday Worship: Worship is not cancelled due to weather. Please use your own discretion in deciding whether or not to come. Please stay home if you don't feel you can make it safely.

Sunday School: The teachers of each class will determine whether or not to meet. Teachers will call class members *only* if class is cancelled.

Wednesday After School Programs, Bible Study and Preschool: These activities follow the Washington County School schedule. If Washington County Schools are closed or dismissed early, then these activities will be cancelled.

All Other Activities: These will be determined on a case by case basis. The church office will be closed only in the event of *extreme* weather.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, February 14th

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

Tuesday, February 16th

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

Wednesday, February 17th

12:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service – St. John Lutheran
 3:00 p.m. After School
 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir
 6:00 p.m. Bible Study – Dr. Donald Hudson
 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
 7:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday, February 18th

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

Saturday, February 20th

6:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 21st

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
 3:00 p.m. Spencer Miller Concert – *The Paramount Players*

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard

Stewardship & Attendance for Feb. 7, 2016

Attendance: 172
 Offering – Week of Feb 7: \$10,936
 Hunger Offering: \$290

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

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS: Dennis Bailey and Senah Seagle

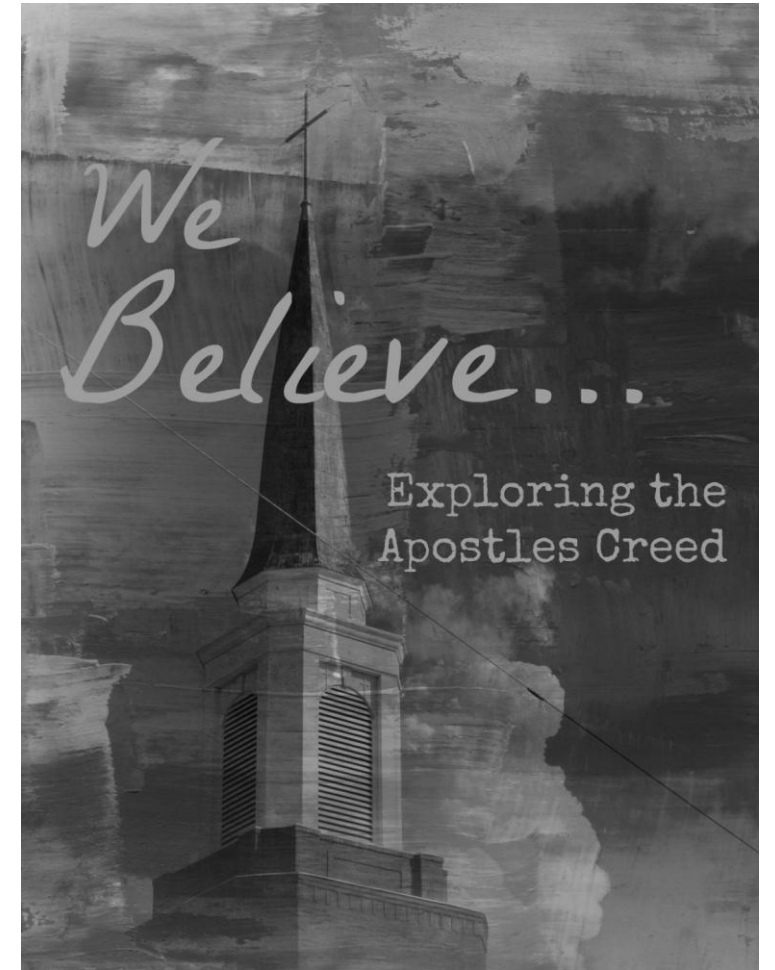
WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Charles Henninger, Richie Hooker, Ernie & Mary Barr, Walter Holcomb, Blue Gotham, Sara Gilley, Paul Oliver, Carol Yates and family

AND FOR THESE MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY: Joseph McGraw, Mark Widener, 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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