

2nd Sunday in Lent

February 21st, 2016

11:00 a.m.

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Praise to the Lord, The Almighty* arr. Kerr

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Come, Gentle Jesus*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 27*

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: The Lord is our light and our salvation.

All: **We shall not fear.**

One: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

All: **We shall not be afraid.**

One: One thing we ask of the Lord; one thing we seek after:

All: **Let us live in your house, O Lord, all the days of our lives. Let us behold your beauty in your Holy Temple!**

+HYMN OF PRAISE *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* #142, vv. 1-3

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal Ruler and Creator of All, you have made us citizens of your glorious realm, led us into a land of milk and honey, and given us a place in your house. Yet we have lived as though your table were bare, and your promises were empty. Forgive us, Father Almighty. Quicken us to believe your words of promise; open our eyes to see the goodness and bounty of our inheritance in Christ. Teach us to live as children of heaven, trusting fully the goodness of your rule, the greatness of your power, and the extravagance of your love made visible and evident in the birth, life, suffering, death, and resurrection of your son, Jesus, who was and is the Christ, and in whose name we pray. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* #142, v. 4

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS – Mike & Karen Mason

Presentation

Profession of Faith

Prayer

Welcome & Charge

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM – Rhys Patrick Mason

Presentation

Baptismal Vows

Profession of Faith – The Apostles' Creed (*The Hymnbook* – p. 14)

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism & Welcome

+BAPTISMAL HYMN *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized* #70

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Isaiah 43:1-7 p. 631 OT
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *Be Not Afraid* Courtney

GOSPEL READING John 1:1-5, 10-14, 16-18 p. 79 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 *When You Prayed Beneath The Trees* Larson
+Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* #592
+Prayer of Dedication

+SENDING HYMN *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* NETTLETON

Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light
Praise the One who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight
Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease
Calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace

Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word
Praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing two-edged sword
Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand
From this well comes living water quenching thirst in every land

Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done
Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *May The Grace*

+POSTLUDE *Praise to the Lord, The Almighty* arr. Kerr

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Fred Holt
- the acolytes are Madison Counts and Kaylie Cornelius
- the bell ringer is Lizzie Allen
- the Big W.O.W. leaders are Sandy Smith and Jill Childress
- the Little W.O.W. leaders are Dianne Loomis and Emily Gibson
- the nursery volunteer is Jan Hardman
- the sound board tech is Jasper Leidig

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 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>
Mar 13	Hebrews 11&12	<i>We Believe: Communion of Saints</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 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 next 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.

THE NEXT SPENCER MILLER CONCERT IS THIS AFTERNOON, 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.

NEW MEMBERS – We welcome Mike, Karen, Caroline and Rhys Mason into the Sinking Spring family this morning. They are joining via letter of transfer. We are also celebrating the sacrament of baptism for their infant son, Rhys. Please give them a warm Sinking Spring welcome!

THE ROSE on the Communion Table this morning is in honor of Eliza Ruth Land, infant daughter of Seth and Sarah Land and big brother Abe, born on February 15th. Congratulations!

THE PRESCHOOL would like to honor two new additions: Sophie Claire Cleary, born to Melissa, Jamie and big sisters Ella and Natalie; and Greyson Everett McGraw born to Emma, Nathan and big brother, Lukas. Blessings to these precious gifts from God!

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.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY
Elders: Georgia Crews & Jan Hardman

STEPHEN MINISTERS are continuing their training and will be learning to care emotionally and spiritually for people who are dying and those close to them. While some ministers are involved in caring relationships, others are available to care for those in need. Refer to us your brothers and sisters that can benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister. Call the church office or contact Toni Oliver at 276.206.3321.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP
Elders: Kate Shockley & Stanley Haynes

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Our Lenten study is *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!

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS are available for your use during Lenten season on table outside of the church office. Please take one.

THE MALAWI PROJECT of collecting prescription bottles has ended. Thank you to everyone who participated. Sinking Spring Presbyterian After School children sent over 1,000 pill bottles to help with the project.

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 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*

Monday, February 22nd

6:30 p.m. Session Meeting

Tuesday, February 23rd

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

Wednesday, February 24th

12:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service – Sinking Spring Presbyterian
 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 25th

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

Saturday, February 27th

6:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 28th

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
 12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard

Stewardship & Attendance for Feb. 14, 2016

Attendance: 154
 Offering – Week of Feb 14: \$2,970

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:

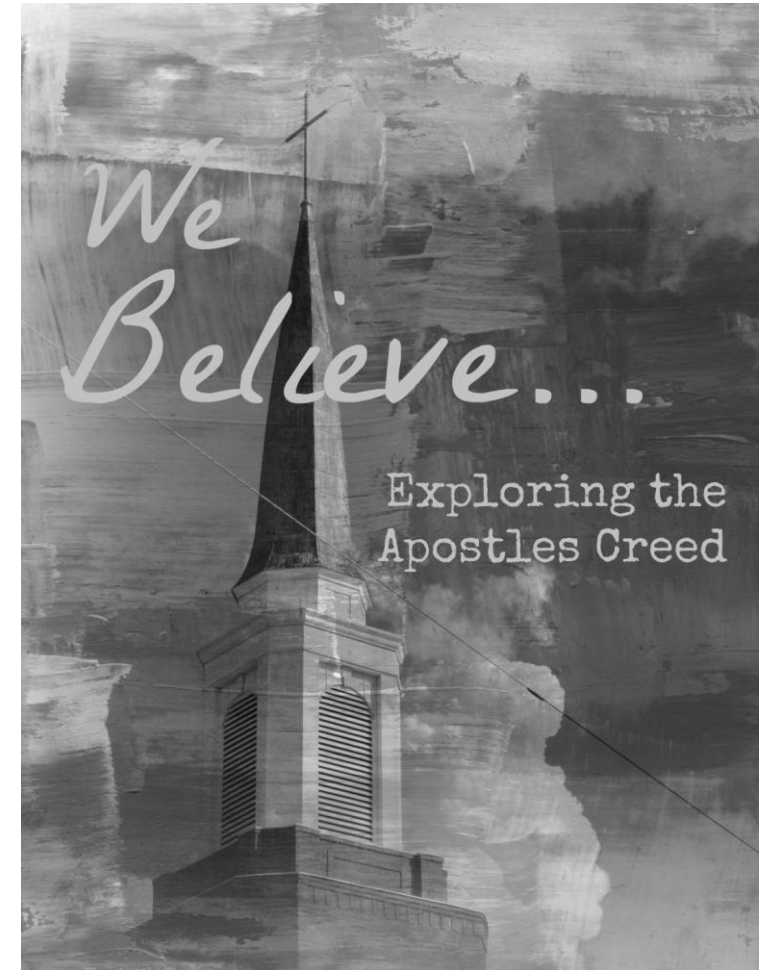
WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Charles Henninger, Richie Hooker, Ernie & Mary Barr, Paul Oliver, Carol Yates, Dennis Bailey, Senah Seagle

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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