

# 3<sup>d</sup> Sunday in Lent

February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016

11:00 a.m.

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Spirit Allegro* Graupner/Trivette

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Holy Spirit, Fall On Me*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 143*

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: Hear our prayers, O Lord, and give ear to our supplications!

All: **We stretch out our hands to you; our souls thirst for you like the desert thirsts for water.**

One: Answer us quickly, O Lord; do not hide your face from us!

All: **Let us hear of your steadfast love in this morning, for in you we put our trust.**

One: We lift our souls to you! Teach us the ways in which we should go.

All: **Teach us to do your will, for you are our God. Let your Good Spirit lead us on a level path.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE *Spirit, Working in Creation* IN BABILONE

Spirit working in creation, bringing order out of strife  
Come around God's gathered people, giving harmony and life  
Spirit, speaking through the prophets so the voice of God was heard  
Come, inspire, alert your people to this day's prophetic word

Spirit overshadowing Mary as the Christ child in her grew  
Come, so that the Christ within us may today be born anew  
Spirit, coming from the Father as a dove upon our Lord  
Come upon your favored people, and your blessings be outpoured

Spirit, driving to the desert even God's Anointed One  
Come to us in trial and testing that God's will in us be done  
Spirit, breathed on the disciples, giving peace where there was fear  
Come among us, touch us, send us, making Jesus' presence near

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you poured out your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess, however, that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *Spirit, Working in Creation* IN BABILONE

Spirit, wind and flame, empowering fearless witness to the lost  
Come, unite, renew your wonders as of a new Pentecost  
Praise and glory, Holy Spirit, for your love on us outpoured  
Giving honor to the Father and proclaiming Jesus Lord

+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 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.

+HYMN *Spirit Of God, Descend Upon My Heart* #326

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 *Many Gifts, One Spirit* Pote

GOSPEL READING John 20:19-22 p. 101 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 *Who Is That Man?* Besig/Price  
+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.

+SENDING HYMN *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* #316

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

+HYMN OF ADJOURNMENT *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* #438, v. 1

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *The Lord Bless You*

+POSTLUDE *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* trad.

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION  
Elders: Matt Crum & Joey Lamie

### THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is John Legard
- the acolytes are John Godfrey and Noah Gibson
- the bell ringer is Adryana Counts
- the Big W.O.W. leaders are Joey & Bridget Lamie
- the Little W.O.W. leaders are Rachel Fowlkes and Summer Allen
- the nursery volunteer is Vickie Crigger
- the sound board tech is Isaac Short

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 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>
Mar 20	Ephesians 2 / Romans 5	<i>We Believe: Forgiveness of Sins</i>

NOONTIME LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES: Ecumenical Noontime Lenten Prayer Services continue on Wednesdays during Lent at 12:00 noon during Lent. Each is followed by a free luncheon at the sponsoring church. A schedule of which congregations are hosting is 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
Mar 2	St. Thomas Episc.	Father Francis Musolooza (Christ the King)
Mar 9	Abingdon UMC	Scott Homesley (St. John)
Mar 16	Abingdon Baptist	Kathy Dunagan (St. Thomas)

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION will be TODAY at the conclusion of 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.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH  
Elders: Mimi Hull & Alice Rainey

THANKS FOR ALL who worked and donated to Faith in Action during January. Our church provided financial support to purchase approximately 660 food items. We provided 100 hours from 27 volunteers, who served 157 families = 482 individuals including 157 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 on March 20 – 26. Thanks for your continued faith in action!

MEET THE SERVICE AND OUTREACH MEMBERS: Alicia Arney, Kay Bunn, Lisa Crum, Betty Edmondson, Angie Haynes, Mimi Hull, Wythe Hull, Lisa Johnson, Dianne Loomis, Bev Meadows, Paul Oliver, Alice Rainey and Sara Young. New subcommittees and task force groups have recently been formed with one or more of these individuals as leaders or participants. If you would like to know more about the different outreach ministries or how you might become involved please contact any of these individuals. There are exciting new opportunities to serve that might appeal to you and allow you to use the special gifts you have been given.

**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** for listening to sermons on the go. 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."

**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 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

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

**Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

12:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service – St. Thomas Episcopal  
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, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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

**Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> Communion**

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

**STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY**

**Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard**

**Stewardship & Attendance** for Feb. 21, 2016

Attendance: 165  
Offering – Week of Feb 21: \$5,216

**THE 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, 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: Donny Dowell (father of Jonathan Dowell)

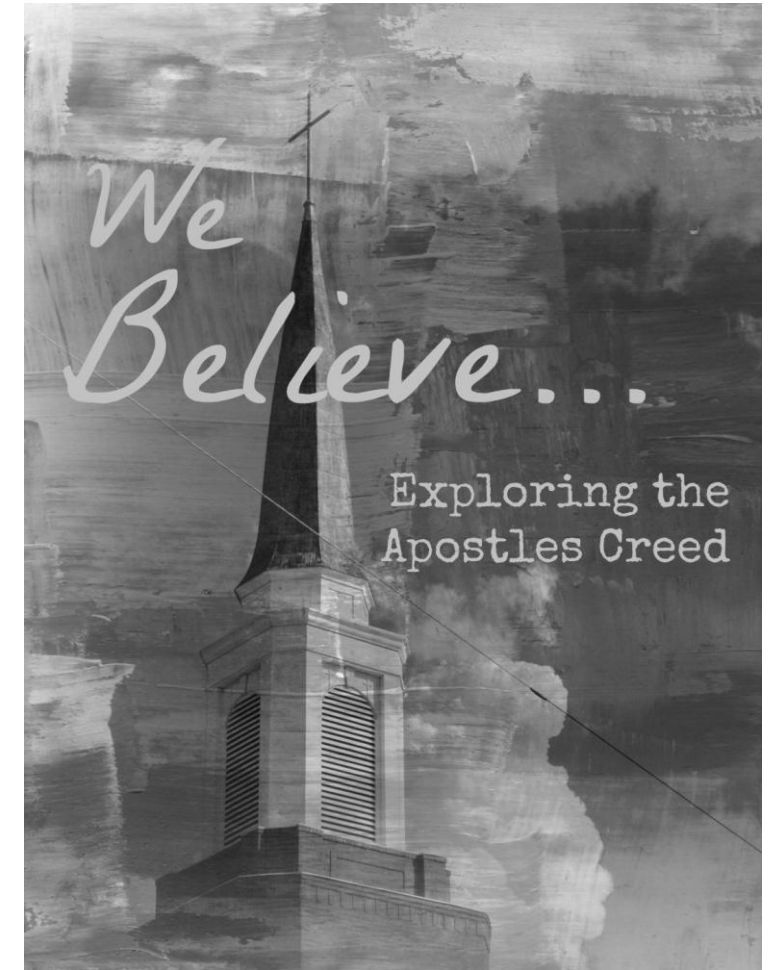
WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Charles Henninger, Richie Hooker, Ernie & Mary Barr, Paul Oliver, Carol Yates, Dennis Bailey, Senah Seagle

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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