

# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016

11:00 a.m.

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

## INTROIT

*O Lord, My Lord*

## +CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 126*

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let us rejoice, for the Lord has done great things for us!

All: **Let our mouths be filled with laughter and our tongues with shouts of joy!**

## +HYMN OF PRAISE

*God of the Ages*

#262, vv. 1-3

## +PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you have promised in Jesus Christ.

## +ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

## +RESPONSE

*God of the Ages*

#262, v. 4

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way  
Lead us from night to never-ending day  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine  
And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine

## +PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*Hear the Word and Give Thanks*

Children's Choir

## 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

*I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

## HEBREW BIBLE READING

Genesis 17:1-8

p. 12 OT

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

## ANTHEM

*We Live By Faith*

*Choplin*

## EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 11:1-12:2 - selections

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

*And No Bird Sang*

*Martin*

+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

*Faith of Our Fathers*

ST. CATHERINE

Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword

O how our hearts beat high with joy when'er we hear that glorious Word!

Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to you till death

Faith of our mothers, we will love both friend and foe in all our strife

And preach it, too, as love knows how, by kindly words and virtuous life

Faith of our mothers, holy faith, we will be true to you till death

Faith of the martyrs who, though bound, were still in heart and conscience true

How blest would be their children's fate, if they, like them, should live for you

Faith of the martyrs, holy faith, we will be true to you till death

## +BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

*Go With Us Lord*

## +POSTLUDE

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

### THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Kate Shockley
- the acolytes are Madison Counts and Kaylie Cornelius
- the bell ringer is Emmie Allen
- the Big W.O.W. leaders are David & Emma Shockley
- the Little W.O.W. leaders are Kay Bunn and Jeni Holt
- the nursery volunteer is Connie Bundy
- the sound board tech is Dennis Bailey

## WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION

**Elders: Matt Crum & Joey Lamie**

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

## UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:

Mar 13 Hebrews 11&12

*We Believe: Communion of Saints*

Mar 20 Ephesians 2 / Romans 5

*We Believe: Forgiveness of Sins*

Mar 27 Romans 6 / 1 Thess 4&5

*We Believe: Resurrection*

Apr 3 James 1:1-8

*James: The Challenge of Faith*

**NOONTIME LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES:** Ecumenical Noontime Lenten Prayer Services conclude this week at Abingdon Baptist Church with Rev. Kathy Dunagan preaching. The service is at noon and is followed by a free luncheon. This is a great opportunity to join hands with Christians of other denominations and show our commitment to the Lord and to one another.

**SPENCER MILLER CONCERT** is next Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. featuring Brass 5 performing selections from traditional settings to clever arrangements of favorites. Admission is free for all area students and \$10 for community members.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE:** On Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the sacrament of communion at a service commemorating Maundy Thursday. The term Maundy Thursday comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, which means "commandment". It references the Last Supper when Jesus, after washing the disciples' feet, instructs them, "As I have done for you, you also should do for one another." The service will begin at 6:30 p.m., last approximately an hour, and end with a brief Service of Darkness as we turn towards Good Friday.

**NOON GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE:** The congregations of Abingdon United Methodist, St. Thomas Episcopal, and Sinking Spring Presbyterian will join together in worship and prayer at noon on Good Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, to commemorate the death of our Lord and to pray for ourselves and the world. The service will take place at St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

**COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE:** The congregations of St. John Lutheran, Abingdon United Methodist, and Sinking Spring Presbyterian churches are hosting a Community Good Friday Service on Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. The service will be an Ecumenical Stations of the Cross and will be held at the Farmers Market Pavilion. The journey through the stations will begin on the hour and the half hour and will take approximately 20 minutes. We hope you will join us for this poignant observance of Good Friday.

**THE FLOWERING OF THE CROSS:** All are invited to take part in our annual "Flowering of the Cross" on Easter morning. Simply bring flowers from your yard, garden, the store, or even the side of the road with you to worship. Prior to the service you will place your flowers on the cross and it will be carried outside following the service as symbol of life out of death for all to see.

### Holy Week Worship Opportunities

**Maundy Thursday (March 24) Worship & Communion** 6:30 pm

*SSPC Sanctuary*

**Good Friday (March 25) Noon Prayer** 12:00 pm

*St. Thomas Sanctuary*

**Stations of the Cross** 3:00-6:00 pm

*Farmers Market Pavilion*

**Easter Sunday (March 27) Worship** 11:00 am

*SSPC Sanctuary*

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

**A SPECIAL PCUSA OFFERING**, One Great Hour of Sharing, will be collected on Easter Sunday. Your gift will enable the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, providing food to the hungry and help to empower the poor and oppressed. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

**ECUMENICAL FAITH IN ACTION** – The week of March 20 – March 26, is our week to serve! Sign-up sheet is on board in Narthex.

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

**STEPHEN MINISTRY NEEDS YOU:** Being a Stephen Minister requires commitment of time and effort but it also brings joy and fulfillment. In addition, you will use skills you learn not only in your caring ministry but also in your everyday relationships with family, friends, neighbors and coworkers. **THINK AND PRAY ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY.** If you decide you MAY be interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, you can attend an INFORMATIONAL meeting. Please call Toni Oliver, 276.206.3321 to indicate your interest. The date for the INFORMATIONAL and TRAINING class has not yet been set, but will be announced as soon as there is a full class.

**DISCOVERY CLASS:** Interested in uniting with the congregation? Just want to know more about being Presbyterian? Then please set aside Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup> following worship to attend the Spring Discovery Class downstairs in the fellowship hall. Following lunch provided by the church, Pastor Tim will lead us in learning about the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Reformed Tradition, and the Sinking Spring congregation. Also, there will be time for questions and answers. Please RSVP to Donna in the church office at 628.3361 or email: [office@sinkingspring.org](mailto:office@sinkingspring.org) by Wednesday March 30.

**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. Everyone is welcome on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**THE CHILDREN NEED** more adult leadership participation with the W.O.W. program. Prayerfully consider how you might take part in this children's ministry. Contact Janet McGraw if you are interested.

**CHILDREN'S PALM PARADE:** Our children will have a palm parade around the sanctuary during the first hymn NEXT SUNDAY. If your child would like to be in the parade, be upstairs in the WOW room at 10:45 a.m.

**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.

**IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**TODAY, Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service – Abingdon Baptist Church  
 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 17<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
 3:00 p.m. Spencer Miller Concert – Brass 5

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

<b>Stewardship &amp; Attendance</b> for Mar. 6, 2016	
Attendance:	154
Offering – Week of Mar 6:	\$6908
Hunger Offering:	\$285

**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:**

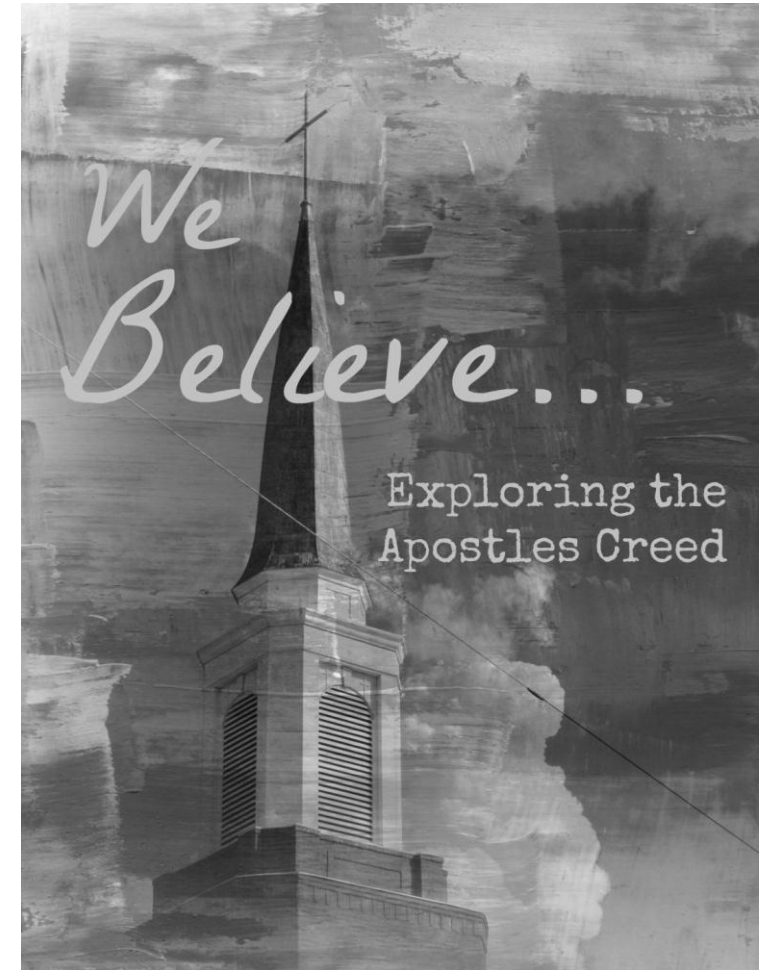
**WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS:** Charles Henninger, Richie Hooker, Ernie & Mary Barr, Donny Dowell, Elizabeth Lowe and Cozart family

**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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