

# Palm Sunday

March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016

11:00 a.m.

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Ring Glory, Laud, And Honor* Larson  
Handbell Choir

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Hosanna To The King*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 118*

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

All: **Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven.**

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; the steadfast love of the Lord endures forever!

All: **Let those who trust the Lord say, "God's steadfast love endures forever!"**

+HYMN OF PRAISE *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* #88

## +PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Strong Savior, we join the voices of the great cloud of witnesses in praise to you, gladly proclaiming you as our King. Yet we have not followed your rule. We seek more to fulfill our own desires than to accomplish your will. We strive more to extend our own influence than to seek your kingdom and extend its influence in the world. Forgive us, Lord, for saying one thing while living another. Help us by your Holy Spirit to walk in the way of the cross, to love you with all our heart, and to love and serve our neighbors in the same way we love and serve ourselves. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## +ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* #89, v. 3

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing  
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King  
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice  
And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice

## +PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Stephen Ministry*

## 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 *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* #347

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Psalm 103:1-22 p. 517 OT

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

ANTHEM *Just Beyond The Palms* Martin/Angerman

GOSPEL READING Matthew 18:21-35 p. 17 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 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* arr. Burkhardt

+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.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 21:1-11; 27:15-26 p. 19 & 28

SPECIAL MUSIC *Via Dolorosa* Borop/Sprague  
Joey Trivette, soloist

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *Now That The Service Is Ending*

+POSTLUDE *What Wondrous Love is This* arr. Burkhardt

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

### THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Jared Oliver
- the acolytes are Jeni Holt and Hope Shockley
- the bell ringer is Charlotte Moran
- the Big W.O.W. leaders are Sandy Smith and Jill Childress
- the Little W.O.W. leaders are Jane and Wiley Leidig
- the nursery volunteer is Janet McGraw
- the sound board tech is Austin Patrick



## 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 20	Psalm 103 / Matt. 18:21-35	<i>We Believe: Forgiveness of Sins</i>
Mar 27	Romans 6 / 1 Thess 4&5	<i>We Believe: Resurrection</i>
Apr 3	James 1:1-8	<i>James: The Challenge of Faith</i>
Apr 10	James 1:9-18	<i>James: The Snares of the World</i>

THE NEXT SPENCER MILLER CONCERT is TODAY 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: This 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 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 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** – This 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. You will use skills you learn not only in your caring ministry but also in your 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.

**THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** next week Easter Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

**ELEMENTARY AFTER SCHOOL** children will have an Easter Egg hunt Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Each child is asked to bring (1) one dozen eggs filled with a treat.

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

**LOOKING AHEAD** ~ there will be an organizational meeting for Vacation Bible School in the parlor on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> following worship. We will be finished by 1:00 p.m. If you signed up or are willing to help in any way with VBS, you are invited to attend.

**IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

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

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

**Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

6:30 p.m. Session Meeting

**Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

6:00 p.m. Congregational Ministry Committee Meeting  
 8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall  
 8:00 p.m. Al Anon next to Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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 24<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Shoney's  
 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service  
 8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

**Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 p.m. Good Friday Service – St. Thomas Episcopal  
 4:00 p.m. Community Good Friday Service – Farmer's Mkt. Pavilion

**Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday**

11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

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

<p><b>Stewardship &amp; Attendance</b> for Mar. 13, 2016</p> <p>Attendance: 156                  Offering – Week of Mar 13: \$6,406</p>
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**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: Dottie Nowell

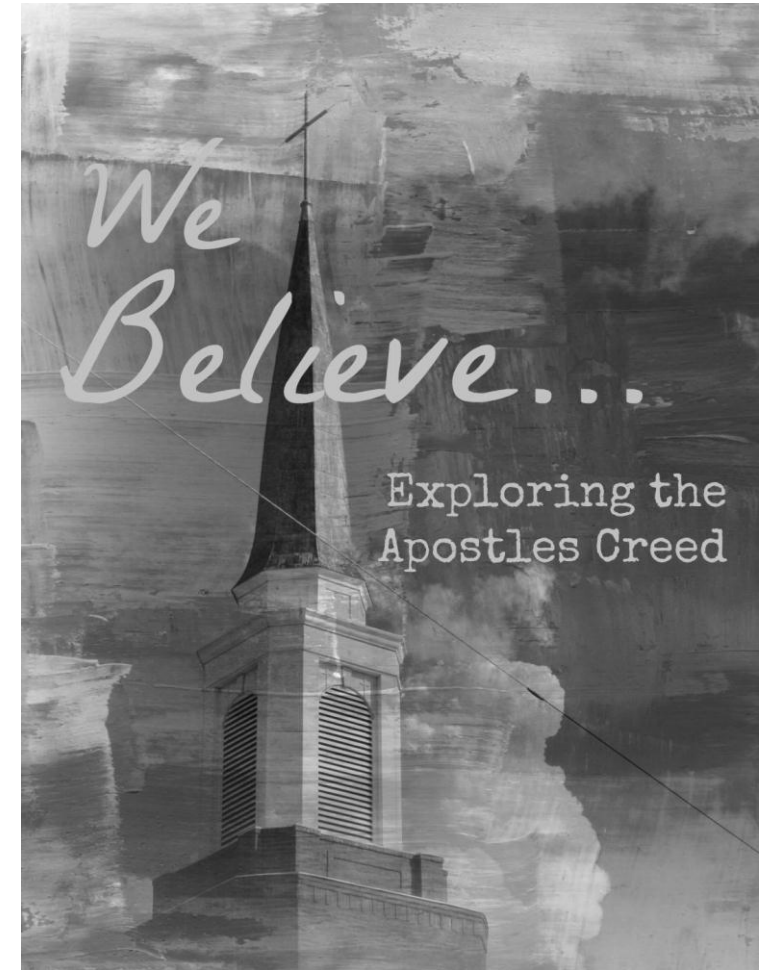
WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Charles Henninger, Richie Hooker, Ernie & Mary Barr, Donny Dowell, Elizabeth Lowe and Cozart family

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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