

Easter Sunday

March 27th, 2016

11:00 a.m.

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Christ Arose* *arr. Trivette*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Welcome This Resurrection Day*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 118*

One: Hear the good news: The grave is empty! Christ is risen!

All: **He is risen indeed!**

One: Let there be songs of victory to you, O God. Let the whole assembly sing of your salvation.

All: **You are our strength and our salvation, O Lord; we have cried to you, and you have answered.**

One: You are our God, and we will give thanks to you. You are our God, who has given us life.

All: **We give thanks to you, O God, for you are good. Your steadfast love endures forever!**

One: Your steadfast love, O Lord, is made evident in this eternal truth: Christ is risen!

All: **He is risen indeed!**

+HYMN OF PRAISE *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to you by both be given; Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we do not always believe in the resurrection, in the victory over sin and death. We say we believe on Easter morning, but we do not live as Easter people. We scurry around from crisis to crisis, worrying over what will happen next. We go through life focused on ourselves, oblivious to the world that needs to see and hear your Easter message of hope and life. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to live as Easter people. Send us your Spirit that we may hear the resurrection call of Jesus Christ to wake from our slumber and live confident, hopeful lives of service and mission. We pray in the name of our victorious Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *Christ Is Alive* #108, vv. 1,3,5

+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.

+HYMN *The Day of Resurrection!* #118

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

FIRST READING Job 19:23-27 p. 431 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *All Heaven Declares* *Richards/Fettke*

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:1-26 p. 155 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED *Tim Reynolds*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

+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.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Crown Him Lord of All* *Rouse*

+Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* #592

+Prayer of Dedication

+HYMN OF SENDING *Thine Is the Glory* #122

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *For Thine Is the Kingdom*

+POSTLUDE *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord* *Fisbel*

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION
Elders: Matt Crum & Joey Lamie

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Mimi Hull
- the acolytes are Morgan Crum and Hope Shockley
- the bell ringer is Ben Campbell
- the W.O.W. leaders are John & Jamie Hortenstine
- the Little W.O.W. leaders are Jan Hardman and Jill Childress
- the nursery volunteers are Rachel Fowlkes, Melissa Allen
- the sound board tech is Seth Reynolds

VISITORS: We are delighted to have you with us this morning and hope you feel at home. Please let us know a bit about you by filling in your information in the Friendship Register this morning. **A Nursery is available** for infants and children through age 3. If you need directions an usher can assist you.

HEARING DEVICES are available for the hearing impaired from an usher.

TODAY WE CONCLUDE OUR LENTEN SERMON SERIES entitled *We Believe*, an examination of some of our most basic Christian beliefs as expressed in The Apostles' Creed. Next week we will begin a sermon series on *The Book of James*.

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:

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>
Apr 17	James 1:19-27	<i>James: The Word at Work</i>

THE FLOWERING OF THE CROSS: All are invited to take part in our annual "Flowering of the Cross" this morning. Place any flowers you brought with you on the cross before worship this morning. If you forgot, no worries – there are flowers down front for you! Following worship the cross will be carried outside as symbol of life from death for all to see. Please feel free to take photos in front of the cross!

WE WANT TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION to Dr. Donald Sorah, Kelly Sorah, Gary Skeen, Ben Parks and Jason Hurd for their contribution to our Easter music today.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, MARCH 28TH in celebration of the Easter holiday. Pastor Tim will be out of the office on vacation through Saturday.

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. 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 is next Sunday April 3rd following worship 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 by Wednesday March 30.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH
Elders: Mimi Hull & Alice Rainey

A SPECIAL PCUSA OFFERING, One Great Hour of Sharing, will be collected this morning. Your gift will enable the church to serve people in our community and around the world. Please place your donation in the offering envelope in pew and write "OGHS" on the outside and place in offering plate; if donating by check please notate "OGHS on your check's memo line. Thanks in advance for your support!

THE SERVICE & OUTREACH TEAM is pleased to announce that a \$20,000 grant has been awarded by the Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (USA) to Luwerezzi for its Women's Bee Keeping Enterprise project. Kathy Reeves, Mission Associate for the Presbyterian Women in the PCUSA has notified Luwerezzi's new pastor, Rev Hathor A. Mhoni, of this award. We look forward to getting to know Reverend Mhoni and to follow the progress of the Bee Keeping project.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP
Elders: Kate Shockley & Stanley Haynes

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: 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, is being held over a week! Dr. Hudson has so much to share and we have so much to learn that we invited him to come back for another week! Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL this morning.

LOOKING AHEAD ~ There will be an organizational meeting for Vacation Bible School in the parlor on Sunday, April 10th 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. Vacation Bible School dates are July 11th – 14th.

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.

SINKING SPRING PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL will be closed Monday, March 28 in observance of Easter holiday.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, March 27th Easter
 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, March 28th
 Church Office Closed for Easter Holiday

Tuesday, March 29th
 8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall
 8:00 p.m. AI Anon next to Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 30th
 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 31st
 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Shoney's
 8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 2nd
 6:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 3rd Communion
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
 12:00 p.m. Discovery Class

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard

Stewardship & Attendance for Mar. 20, 2016
 Attendance: 177
 Offering – Week of Mar 20: \$4,650

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: John Nowell and family

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Charles Henninger, Richie Hooker, Ernie & Mary Barr, 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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