

4th Sunday in Lent

March 6th, 2016

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Pastorale on Holy Manna* arr. Young

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Break Thou The Bread Of Life*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 32*

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: We gather as the faithful to offer our prayers to you, O Lord!

All: **You are our hiding place, Lord; you preserve us from trouble.**

One: Come, Holy Spirit, and surround us with your glad words of deliverance.

All: **Surround us with your steadfast love, for we trust in you, O Lord, and rejoice in your holy name!**

+HYMN OF PRAISE *God Is Here!* #461

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, forgive us. You call us into being and pray that we, the church, may be one. You give us the sacrament of communion that we may be gathered around your one, common, universal table. Yet our communion is not always visible to the world. We allow divisiveness into the church, we do not always love one another, we do not bear one another's burdens, we fail to build each other up, and we too often we define ourselves by how we are different from other Christians in other denominations. Sadly, when the world looks at your church it more often sees disunity rather than unity. Forgive us and strengthen us so that we may live in the unity you grant us through your Holy Spirit, the unity for which your Son died. We pray in his name. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *Glory Be to the Father* #579

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS – Andrew & Amanda Livingston

Presentation
Profession of Faith
Prayer
Welcome & Charge

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM – Clara Lucile Livingston

Presentation
Baptismal Vows
Profession of Faith – The Apostles' Creed (*The Hymnbook* – p. 14)
Thanksgiving Over the Water
The Baptism & Welcome

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.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Father, Forgive Us* Martin/Courtney

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

+Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Exodus 19:1-6 p. 61 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 1:1-10 p. 145 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

+Preparatory Hymn *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* #508

Great Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer (*Hymnbook* p. 16)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

They are lifted up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+Communion of the People *Create In Me A Clean Heart* Johnson

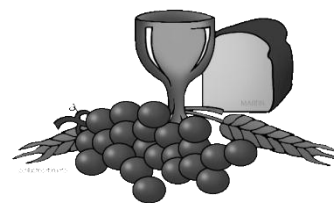
Prayer After Communion

+SENDING HYMN *The Church's One Foundation* #442

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *The Lord Bless You*

+POSTLUDE *Toccata on Holy Manna* arr. Trivette

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND



Communion: We welcome all who follow Jesus, regardless of denomination, to the Lord's Table this morning, including children. Parents who wish to go get their children from the Nursery or from W.O.W. to celebrate communion as a family may do so during the singing of the Communion preparation hymn.

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION
Elders: Matt Crum & Joey Lamie

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Tim Reynolds
- the acolytes are Wiley Leidig and John Godfrey
- the bell ringer is Katherine Hortenstine
- the Big W.O.W. leaders are Kurt & Amber Moran
- the Little W.O.W. leaders are Rachel Bales and Sarah Allen
- the nursery volunteer is Grace Chi
- the sound board tech is Hope Shockley

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:

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>
Mar 27	Romans 6 / 1 Thess 4&5	<i>We Believe: Resurrection</i>

COMMUNION WILL BE RECEIVED VIA INTINCTION this morning. To partake, please proceed down the center aisle, break off a piece of bread, dip it in the cup on the side on which you are sitting, and return to your seat via the side aisle.

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 9	Abingdon UMC	Scott Homesley (St. John)
Mar 16	Abingdon Baptist	Kathy Dunagan (St. Thomas)

NEW MEMBERS – We welcome Andrew and Amanda Livingston into the Sinking Spring family this morning. She is joining via letter of transfer from Central Presbyterian Church in Atlanta and he is joining by Reaffirmation of Faith. They are also presenting their infant daughter, Clara, to receive the sacrament of baptism. Please give them a warm Sinking Spring welcome!

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. 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 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. Attending the meeting does not necessarily mean you will train, but it will provide more details to help you make a decision. The TRAINING class will be held on Sunday afternoon and will be flexible to allow for busy schedules. There are some people committed to training, but more are needed to fill a class. 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 3rd 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 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. Dr. Hudson is out of the country this week so the class will be led by Pastor Tim. Dr. Hudson will return next week.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS are available on table outside of the church office.

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.

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.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, March 6th Communion

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

Monday, March 7th

6:30 p.m. Service & Outreach Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 8th

5:30 p.m. Spiritual Formation & Discipleship Committee Meeting
 8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall
 8:00 p.m. Al Anon next to Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 9th

12:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service – Abingdon United Methodist
 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 10th

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

Saturday, March 12th

6:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 13th

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. 28, 2016

Attendance: 158
 Offering – Week of Feb 28: \$9,533

THE HUNGER OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED TODAY

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: Cozart family, Elizabeth Lowe

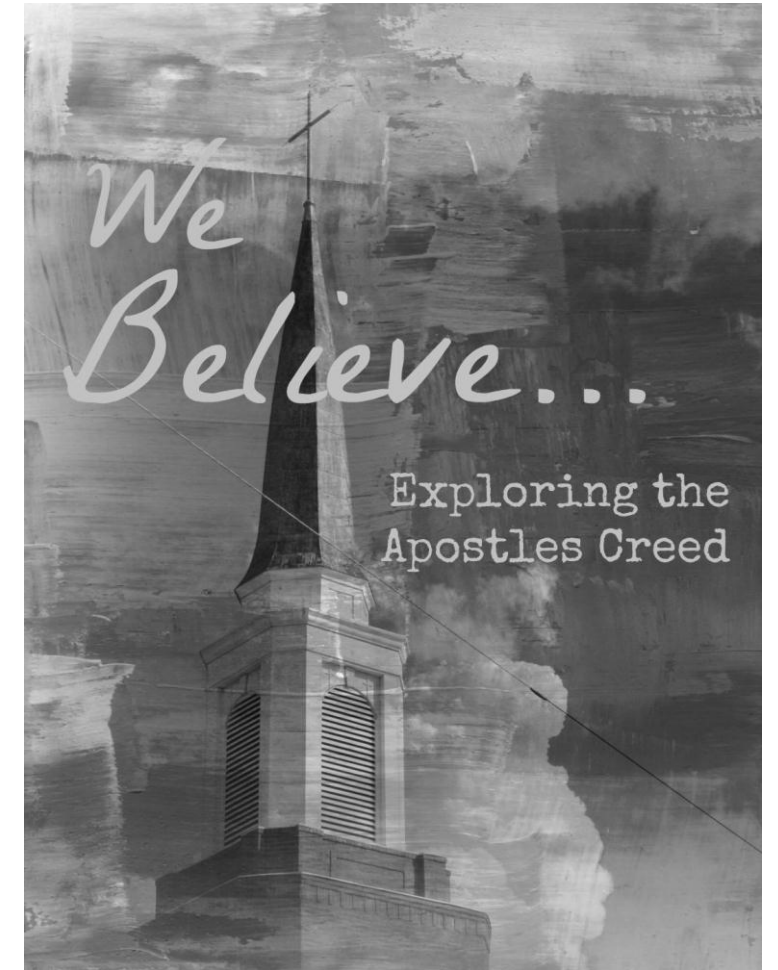
WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Charles Henninger, Richie Hooker, Ernie & Mary Barr, Dennis Bailey, Senah Seagle, Donny Dowell

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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