

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Easter

April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Take My Life* Malan

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Affirmation Of The Word*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 119*

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: Happy are those who walk in the way of the Lord.

All: **We seek you, Lord, with all our hearts.**

One: Happy are those who seek to understand the decrees of the Lord.

All: **We seek to be obedient to you, O Lord, and to treasure your word in our hearts.**

One: The earth, O Lord, is full of your steadfast love; teach us your ways that we may delight in you.

All: **We seek wisdom and good judgment, O Lord, for we believe in your commandments!**

+HYMN OF PRAISE *God of Creation, All-Powerful* SLANE

God of creation, all-powerful, all-wise

Lord of the universe rich with surprise

Maker, Sustainer, and Ruler of all

We are your children – you hear when we call

God of the ages, through time's troubled years

You are the one in whom history coheres

Nations and empires your purpose fulfill

Moving in freedom, yet working your will

God of redemption, who wrought our rebirth

Called out your church from the ends of the earth

Still you are Savior, put darkness to flight

Overcome sin by salvation's pure light

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We come, O Lord, during this season of Easter, of resurrection, of new life, and we confess to you our lack of trust in you. While we sing of your lordship over all creation, we too often act as though you are powerless in the midst of the hardships in our lives, and in the midst of today's events. Forgive us for trusting in ourselves and our resources, rather than in you. Send us your Spirit to help us live with confidence of your presence in our lives and in the world, and to help us live with the hope of life with you, now and forever. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *God of Creation, All-Powerful*  
God of our now, all our trust is in you  
Covenant God, ever faithful and true  
Sovereign Creator, Redeemer, and Lord  
Now and forever your name be adored!

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM – Charlotte Moran

Presentation

Baptismal Vows

Profession of Faith – The Apostles' Creed (*The Hymnbook* – p. 14)

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism & Welcome

+BAPTISMAL HYMN *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* #498

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Isaiah 40:3-11, 28-31 p. 631 OT

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

ANTHEM *Beautiful In His Time* Forrest

GOSPEL READING James 1:9-18 p. 202 NT

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED Tim Reynolds

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus* arr. Berry

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

+Prayer of Dedication

+SENDING HYMN *Trust and Obey* TRUST IN JESUS

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word

What a glory he sheds on our way!

While we do his good will, he abides with us still

And with all who will trust and obey

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way*

*To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey*

But we never can prove the delights of his love

Until all on the altar we lay

For the favor he shows and the joy he bestows

Are for them who will trust and obey

*Refrain*

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet

Or we'll walk by his side in the way

What he says we will do, where he sends he will go

Never fear, only trust and obey

*Refrain*

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *Go Into The Word*

+POSTLUDE *He Lives!* arr. Trivette

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

### THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Austin Patrick
- the acolytes are Kaylee Arney and Jamie Lee
- the bell ringer is Joby Trivette
- the W.O.W. leaders are Robin & Corie Cozart
- the Little W.O.W. leaders are Dianne Loomis and Amanda Godfrey
- the nursery volunteers are Vickie Crigger and Rachel Bales
- the sound board tech is Dennis Bailey

### WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION

**Elders: Matt Crum & Joey Lamie**

**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.

**LAST WEEK WE BEGAN A NEW SERMON SERIES** on *The Book of James*. James is a letter written to encourage and help Christians across the world to face the challenge of faith. It has been called the "Proverbs of the New Testament" because it is filled with practical advice about how to live lives of faith as individuals and as a church. This sermon series will take us back to the basics as we look at the core essentials we need to incorporate into our lives of discipleship.

### UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:

Apr 10 James 1:9-18 *James: The Snares of the World*

Apr 17 James 1:19-27 *James: The Word at Work*

Apr 24 James 2:1-13 *James: No Favorites*

May 1 James 2:14-26 *James: Faith and Works*

**THERE WILL BE A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** following worship NEXT Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> to vote on a change to Pastor Tim's terms of call. Due to some scheduling issues, Pastor Tim is going to postpone his sabbatical to the summer of 2017. Since the congregation approved the sabbatical for 2016, the congregation needs to vote on this change. The proposed change will be to remove the sabbatical from 2016 and replace it with what it has been in previous years, 4 weeks of vacation and 2 weeks of study leave.

**THE LAST SPENCER-MILLER MEMORIAL CONCERT OF THE 2016 SPRING SERIES** is NEXT Sunday, April 17 and will feature The Paramount Chamber Players. Area students of all ages are admitted free and admission for community members is \$10.

**THIS MORNING WE ARE CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** for Charlotte Moran, daughter of Kurt and Amber Moran.

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

**JESUS CALLS THE CHURCH TO SEE AND MEET** the needs for care in our world. Christ was very intentional in seeking out the suffering and He pursued them. We need to do the very same, here, in our congregation. Stephen Ministry needs your help to **SEEK OUT, ENCOURAGE, and CHALLENGE** those around you who are in need of our support. This ministry never takes place of our pastor, but we are in addition to the pastor's help. For various reasons, people who need care often don't seek it. That is when we need to be the compassionate eyes and ears of Christ and be very intentional in getting them needed help. To refer someone or get help for yourself, call Toni Oliver, Stephen Leader at 276.206.3321, call the church office at 276.628.3361 or speak with a trained Stephen Minister.

**SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP**  
**Elders: Kate Shockley & Stanley Haynes**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:** Our spring Bible study is called *Faith of Our Fathers* and will examine the religious beliefs of the most prominent of America's Founding Fathers. The study will be led by Pastor Tim and will be held in the Church Parlor on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING TODAY** following worship. We will finish by 1:00 p.m. If you are willing to help in any way with VBS you are invited to attend. We need lots of hands! Vacation Bible School dates are July 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>.

**FALL 2016 REGISTRATION** for the Sinking Spring Presbyterian Preschool is now open. Registration packets are available. The Preschool started in 1985, serves children six weeks to six years. It operates Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information call the preschool at 276.619.0020.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S HOME OF THE HIGHLANDS** Once again the Elementary After School children are collecting items for the Presbyterian Children's Home in Wytheville. There will be a congregational dinner on April 24<sup>th</sup> following worship to raise funds to help with some of the items needed. In the meantime you can help by bringing in some of the following items: new sleeping pillow for the children's beds; twin-size mattress covers; laundry detergent; toiletry items such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc. Thank you in advance from the After School children!

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

**HEALTHY FAMILIES-FAMILY FARMS** – You are invited to celebrate local food: "Spring Into Action: Fun(ds) for Food Event," sponsored by the Healthy Families-Family Farms program on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Fellowship Hall here in Abingdon. There will be information about the exciting work of Healthy Families in the community, local food for refreshments, music by the Abingdon Thumbstrummers, great door prizes and a few special raffle items!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** Faith in Action's NEW LIFT THRIFT SHOP, 246 West Main Street, needs more volunteers to sort, prepare, price and put out donations on Fridays and Saturdays, anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Call Sharon Sipperley at 276.525.4220 if able to serve. Thanks!!!

**IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**TODAY, Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
 12:15 p.m. Vacation Bible School Organizational Mtg.

**Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

1:15 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training  
 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, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

3:00 p.m. After School  
 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir  
 6:00 p.m. Bible Study  
 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir  
 7:30 p.m. Choir

**Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
 12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting  
 3:00 p.m. Spencer Miller Concert – Paramount Players

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

**Stewardship & Attendance for April 3, 2016**

Attendance: 189  
 Offering – Week of April 3: \$9,225  
 Hunger Offering: \$305

**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:** Margie Addison and Bill Snyder (brother to Arch Snyder)

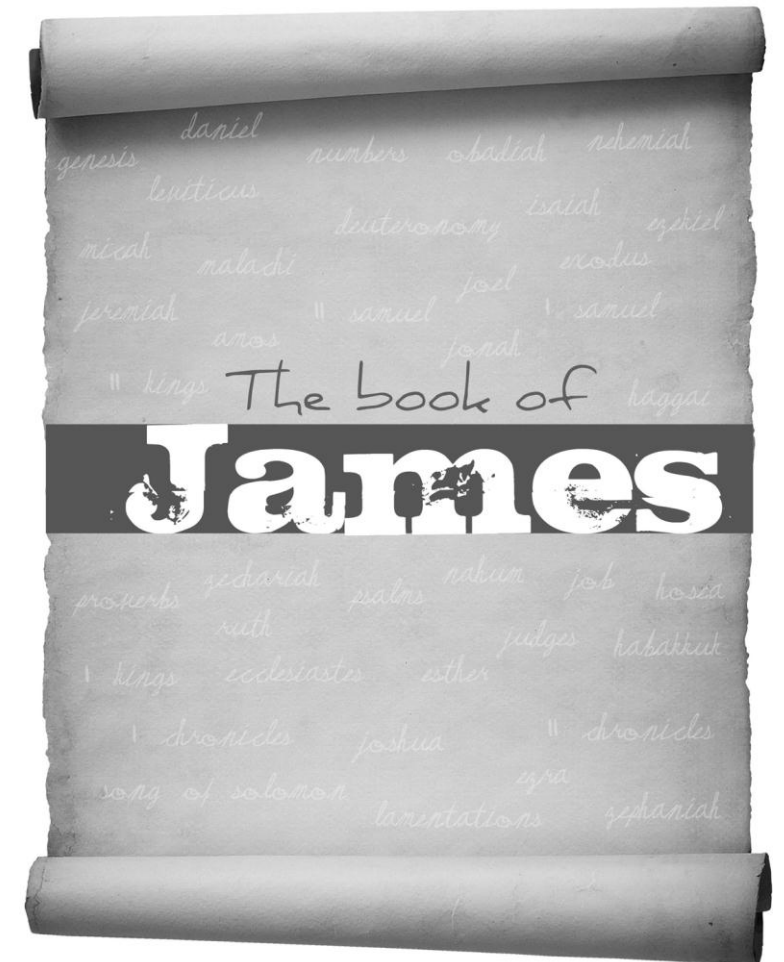
**WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS:** Charles Henninger, Richie Hooker, John Nowell, Ernie & Mary Barr

**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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