

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter

April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* *arr. Taylor*

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Jesus, Stand Among Us*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 45*

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: Your throne, O Lord, endures forever and ever.

All: **You rule with equity, loving righteousness and hating wickedness.**

One: God has anointed us with the oil of gladness and raised us up!

All: **In the temple of the Lord our music resounds and the hearts of God's people are glad!**

+HYMN OF PRAISE *When In Our Music God Is Glorified* #264

## +PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Lord, you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Yet we confess this morning that we have not been the same. We are quick to judge, quick to speak, quick to anger, and fail to truly listen in love to our fellow human beings, created in your image. Forgive us, Lord. Send us your Spirit that we might be free to follow your law of love, enacting your word of grace through our actions in the world. In Jesus' 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.**

## 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.

+PREPARATORY HYMN *Be Doers of the Word of God* ELLACOMBE

Be doers of the word of God not simply those who hear  
Be ones who look into God's word, obey, and persevere  
Be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger, too  
Put wrath aside; instead be meek and let God work in you

Religion that is undefiled, religion that is pure  
Will reach to help the orphaned child and welcome all the poor  
If people come here poorly dressed, to judge them is a sin  
The rich aren't better than the rest; God welcomes poor ones in

O Christ you save us by God's grace from having to obey  
Then freed to love, we can embrace a life that seeks your way  
May we be doers of the word, may faith shine through our deeds  
And as we seek to trust in God, may ethics follow deeds

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Isaiah 55:6-13 p. 645 OT  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *He Is My Joy* Carter

GOSPEL READING James 1:19-27 p. 202 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 *This Little Light of Mine* *arr. Hassell*  
+Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* #592  
+Prayer of Dedication

+SENDING HYMN *May the Mind of Christ, My Savior* IN BABILONE  
May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day  
By his love and power controlling all I do and all I say  
May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour  
So that all may see I triumph only through his saving power

May the peace of God, my Father, rule my life so I may know  
That in the world, as God has sent me, he goes before me wherever I may go  
May the love of Jesus fill me, as the waters fill the sea  
May God's Spirit rule my being, that a blessing I may be

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *Go Forth In Peace*

+POSTLUDE *I Have Decided To Follow Jesus* Singh

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

### THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Richard Cano
- the acolytes are Hope Shockley and Lila Godfrey
- the bell ringer is Lizzie Allen
- the W.O.W. leaders are David and Emma Shockley
- the Little W.O.W. leaders are Grace Chi and Jamie Lee
- the nursery volunteers are Connie Bundy and Amanda Livingston
- the sound board tech is Jasper Leidig

## 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.

**OUR CURRENT SERMON SERIES** is 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 17	James 1:19-27	<i>James: The Word at Work</i>
Apr 24	James 2:1-13	<i>James: No Favorites</i>
May 1	James 2:14-26	<i>James: Faith and Works</i>
May 8	James 3:1-18	<i>James: Taming the Tongue</i>

**THERE WILL BE A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** following worship TODAY 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 TODAY and will feature The Paramount Chamber Players including guest artists: oboist Larry Mueller and violinist Cameron Lugo, the 2015 Paramount Chamber Players Award winner. Music will Mozart's Oboe Quartet and the Brahms first piano trio. Area students of all ages are admitted free and admission for community members is \$10.

## CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY Elders: Georgia Crews & Jan Hardman

**STEPHEN MINISTRY – GOD'S LOVE IN ACTION** An informational meeting for those interested in training as a Stephen Minister will be held Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> immediately following the worship service. The meeting will be held in the fellowship hall and a lite lunch will be provided. Following lunch, the details regarding the training process will be presented. As lunch and informational materials will be prepared, **please reserve yourself a place** by calling Toni Oliver, Stephen Leader, at 276.206.3321. While being a Stephen Minister requires commitment of time and effort, 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.

# JUST DO IT.

JAMES 1:22

**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.

**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 May 1<sup>st</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!

**IT'S TIME FOR CAMP HOLSTON!!** Parents and Youth, please take a look at the website <http://holstoncenter.org/>. There are a few new things different this year, and a lot of new and exciting options for the week. Please sign on and review their timelines for different camps and age brackets. There is a new fee structure. Holston has not raised their prices in several years, so the rate that we will agree to pay has gone from \$399 to \$499. The church will pay half the cost for children to attend. If there is any concern whatsoever about the additional \$50 for church members to pay or the need for a full scholarship, please talk to Kate Shockley or Janet McGraw, there is money available.

**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 *today* 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!!!

**THANKS TO ALL** who worked and donated to Faith in Action during March. If you are interested in how 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 May 15 – May 21. Thanks for your continued faith in action!

**IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**TODAY, 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 Chamber Players

**Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 p.m. Session Meeting

**Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 p.m. Spiritual Formation & Discipleship Committee Meeting  
 6:00 p.m. Congregational Ministry Committee Meeting - Parlor  
 8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall  
 8:00 p.m. AI Anon next to Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, April 20<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 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

**Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

6:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

**Stewardship & Attendance** for April 10, 2016

Attendance: 160  
 Offering – Week of April 3: \$4,994

**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, Claude Greever (English Meadows) and Margie Addison (Abingdon Rehab)

**WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS:** Dean McGraw and J. R. Coe (Dean Barr's uncle)

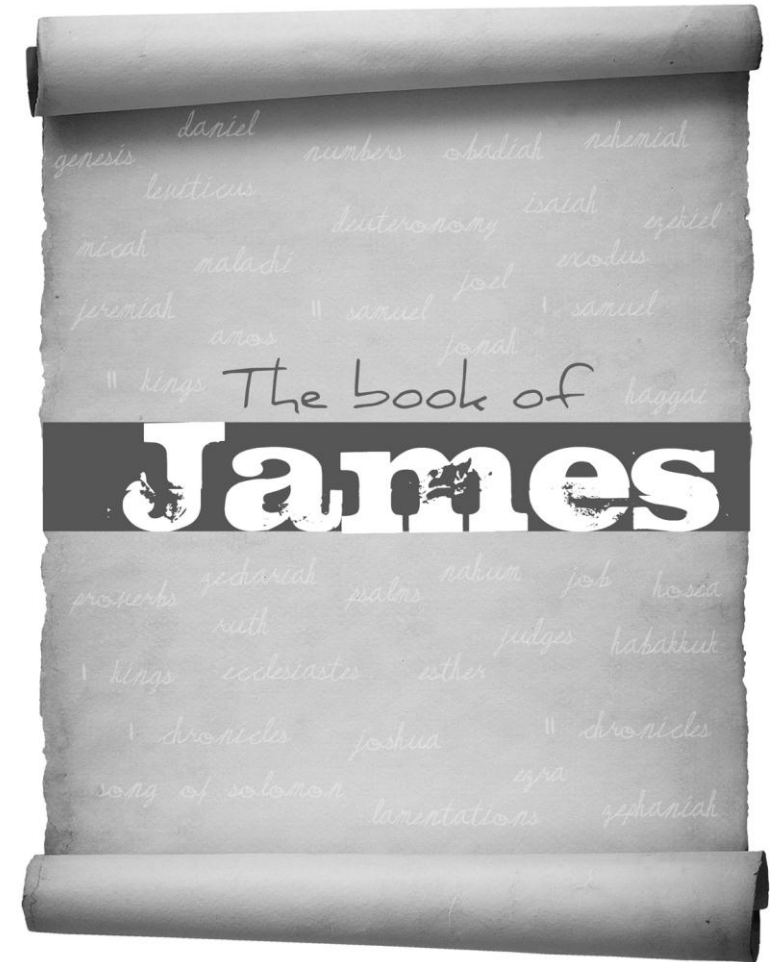
**WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS:** Charles Henninger, Richie Hooker, John Nowell, Ernie & Mary Barr, Bill Snyder

**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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