

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Easter

April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* arr. Trivette

### WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Eat This Bread*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 37*

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: We will trust in the Lord and do good. We will take delight in the Lord and trust in him.

All: **We will commit our way to the Lord and wait patiently for him to act.**

One: Our steps are made firm by the Lord; he delights in our way.

All: **The Lord holds us by the hand; even though we might stumble, we shall not fall!**

+HYMN OF PRAISE *Alleluia, Alleluia!* HYMN TO JOY

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise  
He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat  
See the ancient powers of evil in confusion and retreat  
Once he died, and once was buried; now he lives forevermore  
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, whom we worship and adore

Christ is Risen, we are risen! Set your hearts on things above  
There in all the Father's glory lives and reigns our King of love  
Hear the word of peace he brings us, see his wounded hands and side!  
Now let every wrong be ended, every sin be crucified

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we acknowledge that we belong to you, and that you hold the keys of death and life. Yet we have sought to preserve our old ways of living, rather than embracing the new life you have given us. We have not truly believed your Good News, even when there are signs of it all around us. Forgive our wavering spirits and our refusal to trust in you. Set us free by your unwavering Spirit from the uncertainty that paralyzes us and fill us with new life in Christ, our risen Lord and Savior. We pray in his name. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *Alleluia, Alleluia!* HYMN TO JOY

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high  
Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory  
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity  
Alleluia, alleluia to the Triune Majesty!

+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.

### MINUTE FOR MISSION – Stephen Ministry

### OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Holy, Holy, Holy* arr. Kartsonakis

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

+Prayer of Dedication

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Proverbs 4:1-13 p. 550 OT

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

EPISTLE READING James 1:1-8 p. 202 NT

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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 *Living Word of God Eternal* #512, vv. 1,3,5

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 *A Communion Invitation* Martin/Courtney

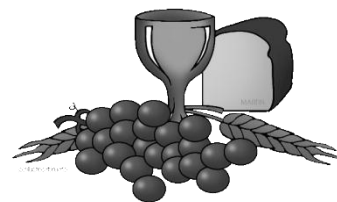
Prayer After Communion

+SENDING HYMN *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* #383, vv. 1-3

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *A Parting Prayer*

+POSTLUDE *Lift High the Cross* Crucifer

+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 Lila Godfrey
- the acolytes are Noah Gibson and John Godfrey
- the bell ringer is Milo Leidig
- the W.O.W. leaders are Joey & Bridget Lamie
- the Little W.O.W. leaders are Kurt & Amber Moran
- the nursery volunteers are Lila Thurmond and Mary Beverly
- the sound board tech is Gloria Wadle

**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.

**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.

**TODAY WE BEGIN 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 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>
Apr 24	James 2:1-13	<i>James: No Favorites</i>

**THERE WILL BE A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** following worship on 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 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.

**THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY WERE GIVEN** by Amanda Musick and Sammy Jordan in celebration of their wedding yesterday in our sanctuary and to the glory of God.

**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.

**DISCOVERY CLASS IS TODAY** directly after worship downstairs in the fellowship hall. Lunch is provided, afterwards, Pastor Tim will lead everyone in learning about the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Reformed Tradition, and the Sinking Spring congregation. There will also be time for questions and answers.

**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.

**THERE WILL** be an organizational meeting for Vacation Bible School in the parlor next 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. Vacation Bible School dates are July 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>.

**FALL 2016 REGISTRATION** for the Sinking Spring Presbyterian Preschool will open to the public on Monday, April 4. Registration packets will be available at that time. 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.

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

**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.

**THANKS FOR 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!

**THE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING** received \$345, thanks to your contributions. Thank you for helping provide water, food and relief to our neighbors in need, locally and globally. Together with other congregations, we are making an impact!

**IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**TODAY, Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> Communion**

10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
12:00 p.m. Discovery Class

**Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 p.m. Service & Outreach Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall  
8:00 p.m. Al Anon next to Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, April 6<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 7<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

**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 Meeting

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

**Stewardship & Attendance** for Mar. 27, 2016

Attendance: 272

Offering – Week of Mar 20: \$6,152

**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:**

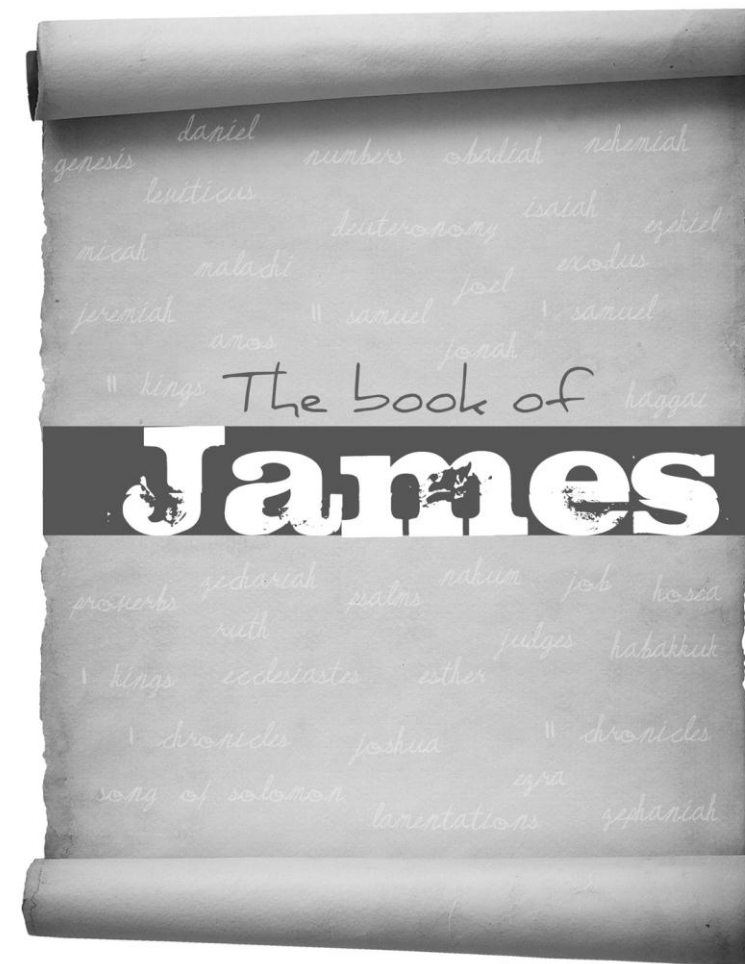
**WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS:** Charles Henninger, Richie Hooker, John Nowell, Ernie & Mary Barr

**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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