

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

May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Trivette

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Be Known To Us*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 67*

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: May God be gracious to us and bless us.

All: **May God make his face to shine upon us.**

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

All: **We will revere our God, even unto the ends of the earth!**

+HYMN OF PRAISE *God of Mercy, God of Grace* #203

### +PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and Merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, ignoring your royal law. We have sinned against you by doing those things we should not have done, and also by not doing those things which we should have done. Have mercy upon us, O Lord. Spare us as we confess our faults. Send your Spirit that we may live holy, just and humble lives, restored to you according to the promises you declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. We pray in his name. Amen.

### +ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *Glory Be to the Father* #579

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

### +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.

### OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *My Faith Looks Up To Thee* arr. Trivette

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

+Prayer of Dedication

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Joshua 2:1-15 p. 180 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING James 2:14-26 p. 203 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 *We Come as Guests Invited* #517

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 *Living Water of Life* Frombach/Lantz

Prayer After Communion

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from The Westminster Confession of Faith*

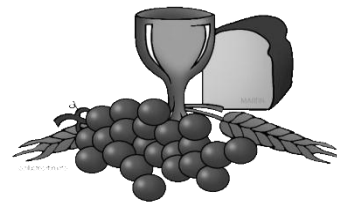
Good works, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the fruits and evidences of a true and lively faith: and by them believers manifest their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance, edify their brethren, adorn the profession of the gospel, stop the mouths of adversaries, and glorify God, whose workmanship they are, created in Christ Jesus thereunto...Their ability to do good works is not at all of themselves, but wholly from the Spirit of Christ.

+SENDING HYMN *The Church of Christ in Every Age* #421

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *Father, Give Thy Benediction*

+POSTLUDE *Faith of Our Fathers* Paxton

+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.

### THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Kaylee Arney
- the acolytes are John Godfrey and Noah Gibson
- the bell ringer is Annsley Trivette
- the W.O.W. leaders are Dianne Loomis and Jeni Holt
- the Little W.O.W. leaders are Lisa and Morgan Crum
- the nursery volunteers are Melissa and Summer Allen
- the sound board tech is Hope Shockley

### 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.

**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.

**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:

May 1	James 2:14-26	<i>James: Faith and Works</i>
May 8	James 3:1-18	<i>James: Taming the Tongue</i>
May 15	James 4:1-17	<i>James: Faith and Humility</i>
May 22	James 5:1-12	<i>James: Warnings Against the Rich</i>

**INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A LITURGIST?** We are looking to expand our pool of liturgists and would love to have YOU join. Pastor Tim holds a training class for all new liturgists so that you will be prepared to serve. If you have ever thought about serving as a liturgist, now is a great time to start. Contact Pastor Tim if you are interested. He will schedule the training class once we have enough folks signed up.

**OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS** we are going to be updating our records so we can publish a new Church Directory (the non-pictorial kind!). Are you a new member, has your address or phone number changed, do you have a new addition to your family, are you receiving email updates from the church or has your email address changed, does the church have your birth date so that we can help celebrate your special day, if not, there is a form on the table in the Narthex that you can take to update all of your information. Once completed, you can put it in the offering plate, place in Donna's mailbox, or drop it by the church anytime. We will compare our records to the form and make sure we have all your information correct.

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

**DYING WELL** – Got your attention? Good! On Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., Pastor Tim will be presenting a class called "Dying Well". The class is designed to help people of *all ages* to think about the practical issues surrounding death and dying and the important decisions we can make when we are healthy that will empower and serve our loved ones in the future, including living wills and durable powers of attorney. If you ever plan on dying – whether it's in the near or far distant future - you should come to this class!

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

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

**FOLLOWING CHURCH TODAY** there is a congregational dinner in the Fellowship Hall to raise funds for the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands in Wytheville, VA. If you wish to write a check please make to "PCHH". The menu is Spaghetti, Salad, Bread and Dessert. Please plan to stay and fellowship with one another. Billy Rice, Director of PCHH will be here Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> to talk to the After School children and receive the gifts we have collected. Last day for donations is next Wednesday morning. Needed items are: twin pillows for the children's beds, twin mattress covers, laundry soap, toiletry items such as shampoo, toothbrushes/toothpaste, etc.

**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.

**IT'S GRADUATION TIME AGAIN!** If you have a graduating Senior you would like recognized in the bulletin on May 15<sup>th</sup> please give the information to Janet McGraw. We need name, High School or College graduating from and plans after graduation. The deadline to get information in is May 11<sup>th</sup>.

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

**HEALTHY FAMILIES-FAMILY FARMS WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU** to everyone at Sinking Spring for their support. Each of you are important to the mission of Healthy Families-Family Farms to support local farmers and provide free fresh vegetables to those in need. With HFFF "Everyone Wins!" *Marty Huber and Jo Ann Detta, HFFF Program Coordinators*

**THE PENTECOST OFFERING** through the Presbyterian Mission Agency will be collected on *Sunday, May 15* and will go towards community programs that benefit children, youth and young adults. 40% of the offering will stay locally. More information to come.

**MAY 15 THROUGH MAY 21 IS OUR WEEK TO SERVE** at Faith in Action. A sign-up sheet is on bulletin board in Narthex. Your time and help benefits our neighbors in need.

**MAY** is Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church's month to host the **Social Club** (a special dinner for residents of area nursing homes). When you're cleaning out your closets and drawers this spring, please look for items suitable for use as bingo prizes. We can use things like: jewelry, sports caps, flashlights, decks of cards, small figurines, pens, socks, etc. Also, consider volunteering your time to help cook the meal; set up the tables; clean up; or just be a companion and play bingo! **The dinner is set for Thursday, May 19 at 5:30 p.m.** For more information, call Kay Bunn – 276.642.0702.

**IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**TODAY, Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> Communion**

10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
 12:00 p.m. Congregational Dinner for Presbyterian Children's Home

**Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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

**Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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, May 3<sup>rd</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 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, May 8<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 24, 2016

Attendance: 157  
 Offering – Week of April 24: \$3,612

**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, Reed Cooke (Commonwealth Assisted Living), Hazel Warden (Abingdon Rehab), Don Preston, Claude Greever (English Meadows), Marjorie Addison (English Meadows) and Helen Napps

**WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS:**

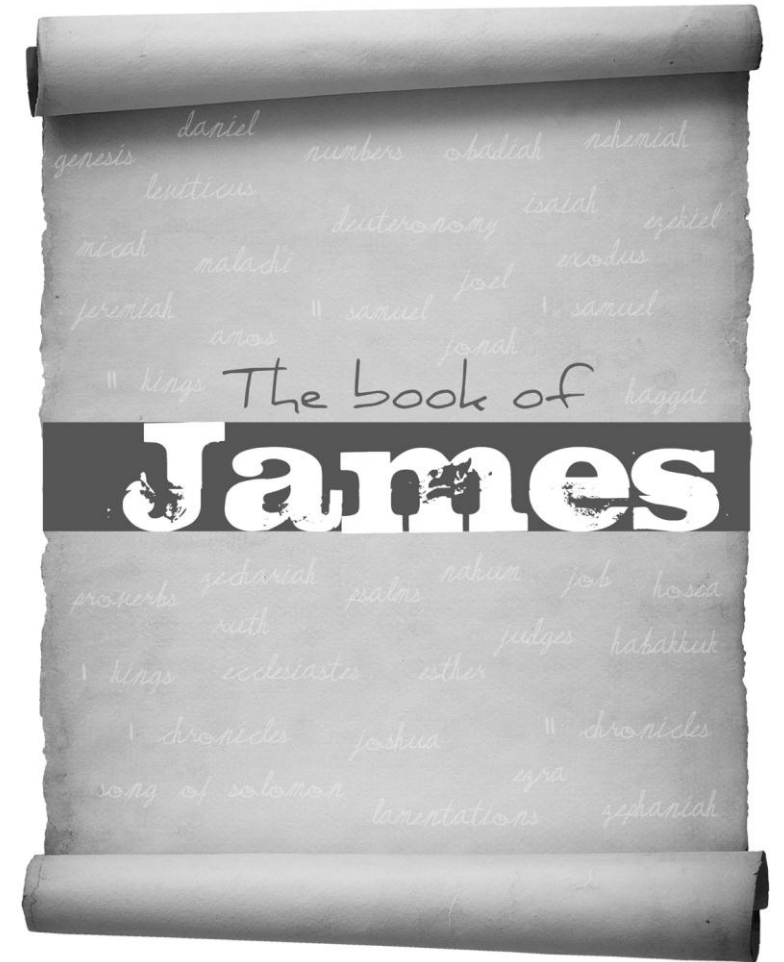
**WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS:** Charles Henninger, Richie Hooker, John Nowell, Ernie & Mary Barr, Bill Snyder, J. R. Coe and Sheila Reynolds

**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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