

9th Sunday in Ordinary Time

May 29th, 2016

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *St. Anthony's Chorale* *Brahms/arr. Parks*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Broken For You*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 119*

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

All: And also with you.

One: In your steadfast love, O Lord, hear our voices.

All: We cry to you with our hearts!

One: We put our hope in your words, in the promise that you will listen.

All: Be near to us, O Lord!

+HYMN OF PRAISE *Sweet Hour of Prayer* vv. 1-2

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care
And bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known
In season of distress and grief my soul has often found relief
And oft escaped the tempter's snare by your return, sweet hour of prayer

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, the joys I feel, the bliss I share
Of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for your return
With such I hasten to the place where God my Savior shows his face
And gladly take my station there and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, from the beginning of time you have called your children to be in communion with you. And from the beginning of time we have chosen our own imperfect way, rather than your perfect way. We confess this morning that we are like all the rest; we have turned to our own way and refused your love and grace. Help us to put our own stuff aside and return to you. Restore us to communion with you. Restore us to the joy of knowing you, and of recognizing your reign among us. We pray through Jesus Christ, the bringer of your Good News. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *Sweet Hour of Prayer* v. 3

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, your wings shall my petition bear
To him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless
And since he bids me seek his face, believe his Word, and trust his grace
I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer

+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 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 *In Memoriam* *Dengler*
+Response *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* #592
+Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING *Jonah 2:1-10* p. 813 OT
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING *James 5:7-20* p. 204 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 *O Savior, in This Quiet Place* #390
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 *Come Into Gods Embrace* *McDonald*
Prayer After Communion

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from The Heidelberg & Westminster Catechisms*
Prayer is an offering up of our desires to God, in the name of Christ, by the help of his Spirit, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgement of his mercies. It is the chief part of the gratitude which God requires of us. God bestows his grace and Holy Spirit to those who sincerely beseech him in prayer without ceasing, and upon those who thank him for his gifts. When we pray we are to pray for all things tending to the glory of God, the welfare of the church, our own or others' good, and with an apprehension of the majesty of God, a deep sense of our own unworthiness, and humble submission to God' will.

+SENDING HYMN *Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire* ST. AGNES
Prayer is the soul's sincere desire, unuttered or expressed;
The motion of a hidden fire that trembles in the breast.

Prayer is the burden of a sigh, the falling of a tear
The upward glancing of an eye, when none but God is near.

Prayer is the contrite sinner's voice, returning from his ways,
While angels in their songs rejoice and cry, "Behold, he prays!"

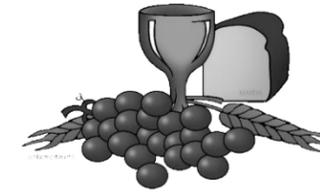
Prayer is the Christian's vital breath, the Christian's native air,
His watchword at the gates of death; He enters Heav'n with prayer.

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *God Be With You*

+POSTLUDE *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* *arr. Hughes*

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION
Elders: Matt Crum & Joey Lamie



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 WOW to celebrate communion as a family may do so during the singing of the Communion preparation hymn.

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Helen Phillips
- the acolytes are Kaylee & Cate Armev
- the bell ringer is Katherine Hortenstein
- the WOW. leaders are John & Jamie Hortenstein
- the Little WOW. leaders are Jill Childress and Lisa Crum
- the nursery volunteers are Lila Thurmond and Karen Mason
- the sound board tech is Rick Ratliff

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 IN THE PEWS this morning. As the bread comes to you please take a wafer and pass the plate to the person beside you while saying, "This is the body of Christ broken for you." When the juice comes please take a cup and pass the tray to the person beside you while saying, "This is the blood of Christ shed for you."

SUMMER WORSHIP TIME BEGINS NEXT WEEK – *Worship will be at 10:00 a.m.* for JUNE AND JULY ONLY. The Session also felt that these two months should be more informal. We will be making a couple of changes to the worship order for a more relaxed environment, the pastor and the choir will not wear robes, and worshipers are invited to dress more casually, as well. In August we will return to our regular time and attire.

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 29	James 5:7-20	<i>James: The Prayers of the Faithful</i>
June 5	TBD	<i>Guest Preacher</i>
June 12	Luke 7:36-8:3	<i>The Anointing of Jesus</i>
June 19	Galatians 3:23-29	<i>Finding Unity in the Body of Christ</i>

Prelude – *St. Anthony's Chorale ... Brahms/arr. Parks*

Let us sing together, thank Him, Lord of all creation,
For the morrow bringeth comfort throughout every nation.

All the voices sing together, sing His praises, sing His glory
Let us thank the Lord!

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY
Elders: Georgia Crews & Jan Hardman

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the annual Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church Picnic, August 21st at Sugar Hollow Park, Shelter F.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP
Elders: Kate Shockley & Stanley Haynes

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday night Bible study has concluded for the spring and will be on a summer hiatus. Please watch the bulletin for information about our Fall Bible study.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUSPENSION ~ All Sunday School classes during the Summer Worship Time Change will be suspended.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORMS are available for you to register your child/ren for VBS this summer. The dates are July 11 – 14 (just 4 days this year) from 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m. here at Sinking Spring. The forms are located on the children's Worship clipboard table. If you know your child/ren will attend please pre-register them now. It will give the leaders a better idea of how many to plan for. If you have any questions, contact Janet McGraw at 628.3361 or by email: christianeducator@sinkingspring.org

SINKING SPRING PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL ended the 2015-2016 term with a celebration of singing and a luau in the Fraley Yard. Food and fun activities were enjoyed by the children and parents alike. After a short break, Summer School session will begin June 1st.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH
Elders: Mimi Hull & Alice Rainey

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE! We will be helping the Kids' Backpack Program staff, staff and distribute food boxes to local students in June & July! Please mark your calendar for the following: Monday, June 13 at 5:00 p.m. – prepare food boxes, followed by distribution to local homes; Tuesday, June 14 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – staff the onsite distribution at Abingdon Elementary School. Please let Alicia Arney know your availability to serve our children. Alicia_Arney@hotmail.com or 276.628.6364 or cell/text 423.366.3580. Next opportunity will be July 5-6.

MANY HEARTFELT THANKS to the volunteers who participated in the Social Club dinner on Thursday, May 19. Thanks, too, for the numerous, wonderful prizes the congregation donated. Every guest got to choose a prize to take home. Chef Dean cooked a delicious meal that church members served to our special guests. The evening ended with bingo games, prizes, and laughter. It's hard to describe the joy and blessing that comes from spending time with these remarkable folks. Next scheduled Social Club for Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church is November.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, May 29th Communion

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

Monday, May 30th Church Office Closed - Memorial Day Holiday

Tuesday, May 31st

1:15 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting – Grant Room
8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall
8:00 p.m. Al Anon next to Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, June 1st

7:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday, June 2nd

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

Saturday, June 4th

6:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, June 5th

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to our Sinking Spring Preschool for gifting the church with a beautiful Kousa Dogwood tree in honor of Earth Day. The tree has been planted in the preschool playground.

Stewardship & Attendance for May 22, 2016

Attendance: 152
Offering – Week of May 22: \$2,577

HUNGER OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED NEXT SUNDAY

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: Billie Ball

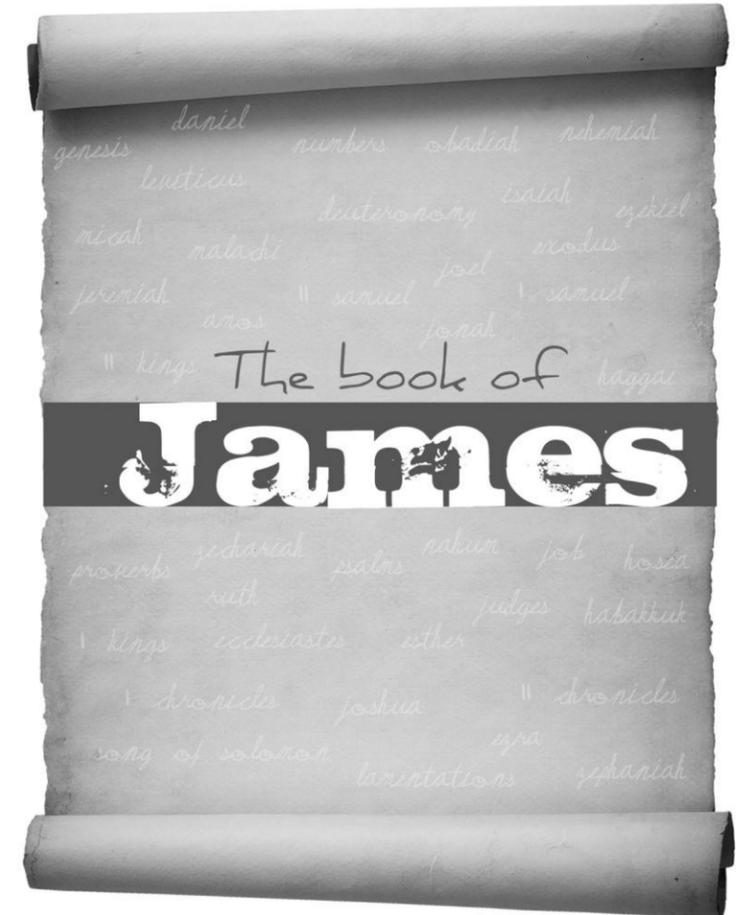
WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Richie Hooker and Ernie & Mary Barr

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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