

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 24th, 2016

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Rondo in G Major* Bull

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

+CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 5

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

All: And also with you.

One: Through the abundance of your steadfast love, O Lord, we enter your house this morning.

All: We will bow down in your holy temple, in awe of you.

One: Lead us, Lord, in your righteousness; make your way plain before us.

All: Let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let those who love your name exalt you and sing forever with joy!

+HYMN OF PRAISE *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* #483

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O Lord, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Send us your Holy Spirit to restore to us the joy of your salvation and to sustain us as we go into the world to do your work. In Jesus' 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.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward for the Time for Young Disciples. Afterward, children age 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.

+ PREPARATORY HYMN *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me* #366

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Micah 6:6-8 p. 819 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC *He's Got the Whole World* arr. Hogan

Nick Dennis, tenor

EPISTLE READING 1 John 4:7-12 p. 213 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 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* arr. Forrest

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

Prayer of Dedication

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* The Confession of 1967

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of our minds. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love. God created us in a personal relation with himself that we may respond to the love of the Creator. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Call to Order / Declaration of Quorum

Statement on Dissolution of Pastoral Call

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Dissolution

Charge and Blessing

Motion to Adjourn

+ SENDING HYMN *Lift High the Cross* #371

+BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT

+POSTLUDE *Nothing Is Impossible* Clark/arr. Trivette

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION

Elders: Matt Crum & Joey Lamie

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Hazel Ramos-Cano
- the bell ringer is Ben Campbell
- the WOW. leaders are Lisa and Morgan Crum
- the Little WOW. leaders are Trent & Rachel Bales
- the nursery volunteers are Amanda Livingston and Connie Bundy
- the sound board tech is Isaac Short

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.

SUMMER WORSHIP TIME – *Worship is at 10:00 a.m.* for the months of JUNE AND JULY. Worshipers are invited to dress more casually during these months. We will return to our regular time and attire ON AUGUST 7TH

THE SERMONS THIS SUMMER are based on passages from the Revised Common Lectionary. The Revised Common Lectionary is a three-year cycle of readings from Scripture used by Protestant denominations all over the world that coincide with the Christian liturgical calendar. The idea behind the Lectionary is that over a three-year period, congregations will be exposed to the full range of Biblical texts and the entirety of the Biblical story. In addition, congregations all over the world will be hearing and meditating on the same passage of Scripture, emphasizing our unity as the Body of Christ.

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:

July 24 1 John 4:7-12 *Loving One Another*

POSTLUDES FOR SUMMER will highlight classical and hymn-tune marches for organ. Eugene L. Clark literally personified the title of his most famous song, "Nothing is Impossible." Hundreds of gospel songs and hymns, scores of choir arrangements, and three missionary cantatas have flowed through his dedicated heart and mind into the Christian world. Although his fingers once flew across the piano keyboard, he later became a victim of crippling arthritis and also totally blind. When it finally became impossible for Clark to continue playing the organ or piano, he requested that they bring to his bedside a dictating machine. With this marvelous electric invention and his most valuable possession, a keen mind, he continued to give to the world his beautiful musical offering. A note, a rest, a bar, and a dot at a time, the machine has recorded the product of his active mind – something that neither total blindness nor crippling arthritis could conquer.

COPIES OF PASTOR TIM'S LETTER are available on the table in the Narthex for anyone who did not receive one via U.S. Post or email.

THE NEW MAILING ADDRESS FOR PASTOR TIM & FAMILY is 8883 Carriage House Way, Knoxville, TN 37923. Phone numbers will stay the same for the time being.

THERE WILL BE A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY at the end of worship to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church and Tim Reynolds.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY
Elders: Georgia Crews & Jan Hardman

SAYING FAREWELL TO PASTOR TIM, TUESDAY, SETH AND LILY TODAY:
Please plan to take part in a potluck meal in the fellowship hall following worship and congregational meeting *TODAY* to wish the Reynolds family well as they move to Second Presbyterian Church in Knoxville. Nursery care as well as assistance with the stairs will be provided. *A basket for your written farewells and reflections* on your time with Pastor Tim is in the narthex and will be presented during the potluck meal. ***Please bring food to the fellowship hall prior to worship.***

AN EXCITING ADVENTURE in learning and doing ministry will soon begin for four people. Next Sunday, July 31st, Bridget Lamie, Jane Leidig, Helen Phillips and Kent Peterson will start the task of studying, discussing, experiencing and trying out the skills involved in sharing God's love and compassion with those who especially need these gifts. Let us thank God for these ministers and ask His continued help and blessing in their adventure. **WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF MEN TO TRAIN IN THIS MINISTRY.** Please consider if God may be calling you to this important ministry and contact one of our Stephen leaders for more information. Larry Ball 276.759.4532 or Toni Oliver 276.206.3321.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP
Elders: Kate Shockley & Stanley Haynes

UNDER CONSTRUCTION: Sunday School, classes to start by October 2nd.

COMING SOON: Wednesday Night Bible Study, class to start by October. Stay tuned for more information.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL ICE CREAM SOCIAL! August 14th at 3:00 p.m. Whew... it's still hot and we don't want to go back to school! All are invited for ice cream in the Fraley Yard. Bring a chair or a blanket, bring a lawn game or play Beach Ball tic-tac-toe! We would love to see everyone there, come and make your own bowl and top it with goodies till it can't hold anymore.

SINKING SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL is looking for two teaching positions for the school term 2016-2017. Experience and/or a degree in Early Childhood is needed. The Two/Three teaching position is Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The second position is for teaching Christian Education on Mondays and Cooking on Wednesdays. Both of these classes finish at 11:30 a.m. If ready for the "fun-est" job ever – contact Gypsy Holt at 276.628.3442.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH
Elders: Mimi Hull & Alice Rainey

THANKS TO ALL who worked and donated to Faith in Action during July. We provided 93 hours from 33 volunteers, who served 190 families = 519 individuals including 145 children. 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 September 6 – 9 (closed Labor Day).

THE FAITH IN ACTION GOLF TOURNAMENT will be held on Sunday, August 14th at 2:00 p.m. **Deadline for registration is August 8th.** Both sponsors and players are needed. If you are interested in either there are information sheets hanging on the mission board in the Narthex.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, July 24th

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting
11:00 a.m. Potluck Luncheon

Tuesday, July 26th

1:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting
8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall
8:00 p.m. AI Anon next to Fellowship Hall

Thursday, July 28th

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

Saturday, July 30th

6:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, July 31st

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry Training

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard

Stewardship & Attendance for July 17, 2016

Attendance: 177
Offering – Week of July 10: \$5,110

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), Helen Napps and Rosemary Sweet (Abingdon Rehab)

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS:

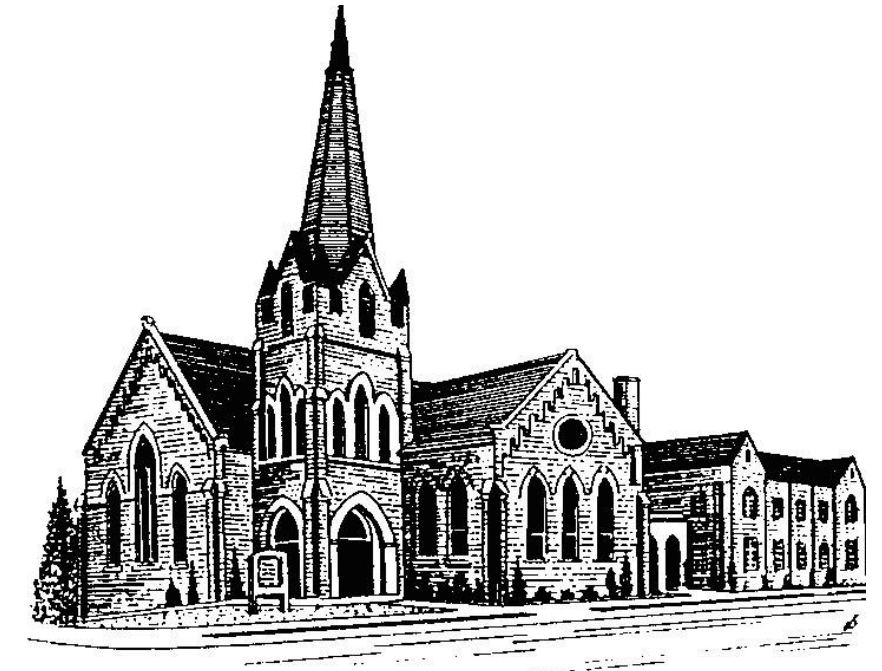
WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Richie Hooker, Ernie & Mary Barr, Dennis Bailey and Peggy Reed

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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*Responding to God's grace,
we are called to be a welcoming community,
following Jesus, serving joyfully,
and sharing God's love with each other and the world.*



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