

# 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:00 a.m.

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Preludio* Zipoli

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### +PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

### +CALL TO WORSHIP

*from* Psalm 30

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing.

All: **The Lord frustrates the plans of the peoples.**

One: The counsel of the Lord stands forever, throughout all generations.

All: **Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE *My Country, 'Tis of Thee* #561, vv. 1-3

### +PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign Lord, on this day we confess that we have often confused being a good Christian with being a good American. We feel no tension between the competing claims of God and country, the cross and the flag – in fact, we usually assume they are one and the same. Forgive us, Lord. Give us the wisdom to discern between when your will is being done through our patriotism, and when your interests are at odds with those of our nation. Then give us the strength to choose you. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

### +ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *My Country, 'Tis of Thee* #561, v. 4

Our fathers' God, to Thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing;  
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King

### 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 *America the Beautiful* Bates/Ward  
Tuesday Reynolds, soprano

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

+Prayer of Dedication

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-24 p. 199 OT  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 p. 61 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

+ Hymn *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* #429, 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

Prayer After Communion

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* The Confession of 1967

God's reconciliation in Jesus Christ is the ground of the peace, justice, and freedom among nations which all powers of government are called to serve and defend. The church, in its own life, is called to practice the forgiveness of enemies and to commend to the nations as practical politics the search for cooperation and peace. This search requires that nations pursue fresh and responsible relations across every line of conflict, even at risk to national security, to reduce areas of strife and to broaden international understanding. Reconciliation among nations becomes peculiarly urgent as we develop nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons, diverting human power and resources from constructive uses. Although nations may serve God's purposes in history, the church which identifies the sovereignty of any one nation or any one way of life with the cause of God denies the Lordship of Jesus Christ and betrays its calling.

+ SENDING HYMN *Lift Every Voice and Sing* #563

### +BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE *"God Bless America" March* Berlin

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

## WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION Elders: Matt Crum & Joey Lamie

### THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Lila Godfrey
- the bell ringer is Caroline Morgan
- the WOW. leaders are Alicia & Kaylee Arney
- the Little WOW. leaders are Kurt & Amber Moran
- the nursery volunteers are Lila Thurmond and Mary Beverly
- the sound board tech is Hope Shockley

**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.

**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. In August we will return to our regular time and attire.

**A NEWLY UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORY** is available on table in Narthex.

**POSTLUDES FOR SUMMER** will highlight classical and hymn-tune marches for organ. It has been said the "God Bless America" sums up in just a few phrases the deep love, honor and hope that we share in our great and beautiful land. Berlin, refusing to cash in on his patriotism, assigned all royalties from the song to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America.

**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 3	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	<i>The Lord's Day &amp; Independence Day</i>
July 10	Luke 10:25-37	<i>The Good Samaritan</i>
July 17	Luke 10:38-42	<i>Being Mary in a Martha World</i>
July 24	1 John 4:7-12	<i>Loving One Another</i>

**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.



**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.

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

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for the annual Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church Picnic, August 21<sup>st</sup> at Sugar Hollow Park, Shelter F. Planned activities will begin at 3:00 p.m. and hamburgers and

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

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:** Wednesday night Bible study is on summer hiatus. Please watch the bulletin for information about our Fall Bible study.

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

**ONE WEEK AND COUNTING!** Be in prayer this week for Vacation Bible School. Pray for the leaders and the children who will attend. If you have not had an opportunity to bring in snack, there is a need of cookies. Please stay away from peanut butter. Any fresh snacks such as apples, bananas, cheese cubes or even yogurt can be brought on Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. The color for Monday is RED. Thank you.

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

**MANY HAVE ASKED HOW THEY CAN HELP** in the wake of the historic floods in West Virginia. If you are interested in helping or making a donation, there are several ways. *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance:* You can donate online at [pda.pcusa.org](http://pda.pcusa.org), or by mail at PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264. Choose DR000191-US Flooding and write "West Virginia" in the comments, if donating online. If writing a check, write "DR000191-West Virginia" on the memo line. OR you can send donations directly to the Presbytery of West Virginia, 520 Second Ave., South Charleston, WV 25303. Moneys sent to the Presbytery will go directly relief and recovery efforts. Additionally, Abingdon Presbytery is preparing a direct response of providing cleaning supplies, totes, detergent, soap, etc. The fire department in Summerville is giving these items away as quickly as they come in. Totes are specifically helpful because once laundry or other items are clean, a tote is a clean place for storage. Watch the bulletin in coming weeks for how you may participate in this relief and assistance effort.

**NEXT WEEK IS OUR OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE CHILDREN** in our area through the Kid's Backpack Summer Food Project – on Tuesday, July 5 beginning at 5:00 p.m. – prepare food boxes at Abingdon Elementary School; Tuesday evening starting around 6:00 p.m. from AES – load boxes and distribute to local homes; and Wednesday, July 6 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – staff the onsite distribution at AES. Please sign up for various shifts on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

**OUR NEXT WEEK TO SERVE AT FAITH in ACTION** is July 10 – July 16. A sign-up sheet is on bulletin board in Narthex. Thank you in advance for supporting families in our community.

**IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**TODAY, Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

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

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY!

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

1:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting  
5:00 p.m. Service & Outreach Team meet at Abingdon Elem. Sch.  
6:30 p.m. Congregational Ministry Committee Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Property Mgmt. Steering Team Meeting  
8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall  
8:00 p.m. AI Anon next to Fellowship Hall

**Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

6:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
Faith in Action Week to Serve

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

**Stewardship & Attendance** for June 26, 2016

Attendance: 106  
Offering – Week of June 26: \$2,031

**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), Helen Napps and Rosemary Sweet (Abingdon Rehab)

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS: Dennis Bailey, Gabe Jenkin's (grandson of Johnnie and Linda Cole)

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Richie Hooker, Ernie & Mary Barr, Fred Holt, Sara Gilley and Bob Tolar

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

**Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church**  
**Organized 1772**

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)



*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.*



**SINKING SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

136 E. Main St. + Abingdon, VA 24210

Church Office: 276.628.3361

Email: [office@sinkingspring.org](mailto:office@sinkingspring.org)

Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

[www.sinkingspring.org](http://www.sinkingspring.org)

**Ministers: Members & Friends of the Congregation**  
**Teaching Elder:** Tim Reynolds [pastor@sinkingspring.org](mailto:pastor@sinkingspring.org)  
**Director of Music:** Arch Snyder [agstonsilcoach@gmail.com](mailto:agstonsilcoach@gmail.com)  
**Dir. of Christian Ed:** Janet McGraw [christianeducator@sinkingspring.org](mailto:christianeducator@sinkingspring.org)  
**Office Administrator:** Donna Hale [office@sinkingspring.org](mailto:office@sinkingspring.org)  
**Organist:** Joey Trivette [Joseph.Trivette@sw.edu](mailto:Joseph.Trivette@sw.edu)  
**Preschool Director:** Gypsy Holt [preschool@sinkingspring.org](mailto:preschool@sinkingspring.org)

**July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016**