

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 21, 2016

11:00 a.m.

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Prelude of Praise*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Holy Spirit, Fall On Me*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 52*

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: In the Lord we take our refuge. We are like green olive trees, standing in the house of God.

All: **We will trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.**

One: Let us thank the Lord because of what the Lord has done for us.

All: **In the presence of the faithful we will proclaim the name of the Lord, for the Lord's name is good.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE *Alleluia, Alleluia!* # 106 v: 1&2

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of new birth, God of joy, God of life, we come to you as a people hungry for good news. We have been so preoccupied with ourselves that we have missed the joy that you offer us. We have been so concerned with making a living that we have missed the Life you have set among us. We have been so worried about what others think of us that we have missed the fact that you love us. Forgive us, gracious God. Send us your Spirit to open our eyes and hearts to receive your love and acceptance, and to open our lips and our hands to share them with others. In the name of Jesus we pray. 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 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 *Called as Partners* #343

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 p. 468 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *As The Deer* *arr. Wagner*

GOSPEL READING 1 Peter 2:2-10 p. 206 NT

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Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED "Precious People" John Davis

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *To God Be the Glory* *arr. Carter*

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

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from The Presbyterian Study Catechism*

The uncompromising judgment of God is revealed in the suffering love of the cross of Christ. Because of Jesus Christ, God forgives my sins and no longer holds my sins against me. Christ alone is my righteousness and my life; Christ is my only hope. Grace alone, not my merits, is the basis on which God has forgiven me in him. Faith alone, not my works, is the means by which I receive Christ into my heart, and with him the forgiveness that makes me whole. Christ alone, grace alone, and faith alone bring the forgiveness I receive through the Gospel.

+ SENDING HYMN *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

*Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!*

*He possessed no riches,
No home to lay his head;
He saw the needs of others,
And cared for them instead.*

Refrain

*He still comes to people,
His life moves through the lands;
He uses us for speaking,
He touches with our hands:*

Refrain

+BENEDICTION & RESPONSE *Go Now and Live*

+POSTLUDE *We've a Story to Tell All the Nations* *arr. Trivette*

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION Elders: Matt Crum & Joey Lamie

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Richard Cano
- the bell ringer is Abe Campbell
- the acolytes are: Madison Counts & Kaylie Cornelius
- the WOW. leaders are David & Emma Shockley
- the Little WOW. leaders are Dianne Loomis & Jeni Holt
- the nursery volunteers are Vickie Crigger and Rachel Fowlkes
- 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.

WE WELCOME JOHN DAVIS TO THE PULPIT TODAY. John is a graduate of the College of the Ozarks, a Presbyterian college in Arkansas. He served 20 years in the United States Navy, taught social studies at George Wythe and Rural Retreat High Schools, and was a member of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors. He became a Commissioned Ruling Elder in 2004 and enjoys serving the churches in our Presbytery. He and his wife Jane live in Cripple Creek.

INTERIM SEARCH COMMITTEE: Rachel Fowlkes, Danny Wilson, Kate Shockley and Melissa Allen have been appointed by the Session to be the search committee for an Interim Pastor. The committee has met regarding the Presbyterian process of hiring an Interim and reviewing possible candidates. To date, the committee has talked with one individual and has two new applications for review. We will keep the congregation updated with our progress.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY Elders: Georgia Crews & Jan Hardman

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC is **TODAY**, at Sugar Hollow Park, Shelter F...entry fee for vehicle is \$1 - so carpool with a friend, bring a covered dish, lounge chair or blanket and join us. Bring a towel to dry off the kiddies after fun and games and maybe a splash in the creek while the adults socialize. Activities will begin at 3:00 p.m. and hamburgers and hotdogs will be served at 5:00 p.m.

OUR FOUR NEWEST STEPHEN MINISTER trainees continue their journey as they work today on honing listening skills. They are finding out that listening well is extremely helpful and caring but is also hard work. How blessed we are to have Bridget Lamie, Jane Leidig, Kent Peterson and Helen Phillips preparing to care for those in need of Christ's loving care! Please continue to pray for them and for God's blessings upon their ministries.

NEW ADDRESS: Kitty and Gerry Henninger have moved to English Meadows. The New Mailing Address and **New Phone Number** is:

Kitty & Gerry Henninger
English Meadows (#136)
15089 Harmony Hills Lane
Abingdon, VA 24211
276.619.5868

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard

A HUGE "THANK YOU" to the 20 stout souls who gave their time and talents to repair and improve our church facility and grounds on August 13th.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP
Elders: Kate Shockley & Stanley Haynes

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

ELEMENTARY AFTER SCHOOL BEGINS ON September 7th. If you haven't received information in the mail and are interested, please contact Janet McGraw christianeducator@sinkingspring.org

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

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS are available for all children upon entering the church. Make sure you ask one of the ushers for one if you are not given one. **Pockets**, a magazine for children, is available on the table outside the office.

WE HAD ABOUT 20 COME OUT TO ENJOY OUR ICE CREAM SOCIAL last Sunday. It was nice but very HOT!!

SERVICE AND OUTREACH
Elders: Mimi Hull & Alice Rainey

HEALTHY FAMILIES-FAMILY FARMS AND PIZZA INN Join the fun and plan to come to the annual Healthy Families-Family Farms Fundraiser on Monday, August 22nd at Pizza Inn, anytime from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Tickets are available, contact Beverly Meadows (cell: 301.461.3633, email: bmeadows2685@comcast.net) or Alice Rainey (cell: 678.427.2560, email: alrainey@comcast.net). This is a great way to have fun with friends and support the important work of HFFF.

FAITH in ACTION IS GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT. We are able to help make a difference in the lives of so many when we donate unexpired canned fruit/food, money or volunteer hours. If you bring canned goods, please place in the basket at the stairs. For monetary donations state FiA in the memo line of your check. **Our next opportunity to serve is September 4th – September 10th (closed September 4th & 5th – Labor Day).**



IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, August 21st

11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
3:00 p.m. CHURCH PICNIC – SUGAR HOLLOW, SHELTER F

Monday, August 22nd

Tuesday, August 23rd

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

Wednesday, August 24th

5:30 p.m. Spiritual Formation & Discipleship Committee Meeting
7:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday, August 25th

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

Saturday, August 27th

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

Sunday, August 28th

11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard

Stewardship & Attendance for August 14, 2016

Attendance: 127
Offering – Week of August 14: \$5,500

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:

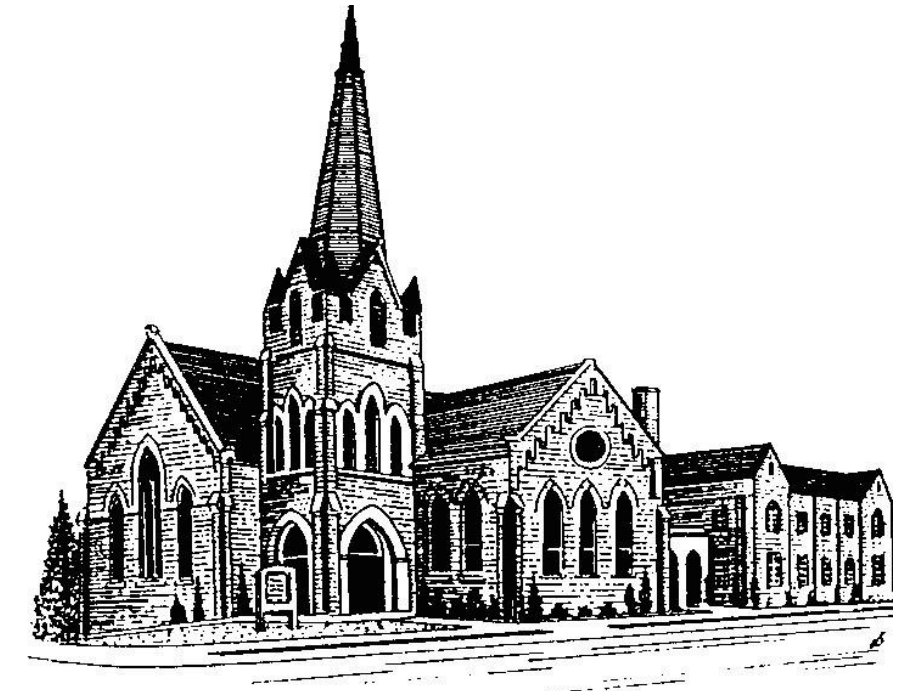
WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Richie Hooker, Ernie & Mary Barr, Family of Max Ober - (Liz Edelman), Shelia Reynolds

AND FOR THESE MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY: Joseph McGraw, 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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