

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 18, 2016

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *The Church's One Foundation* arr. Mansfield

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *O Worship The Lord*

+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 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* #150

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *Glory to God in the Highest* #566

"Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on Earth"

First Choir, then Congregation

+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 *The Church of Christ in Every Age* #421; V: 1,3,5

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Psalm 30 p. 468 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *The Image Of God* Boers/Courtney

GOSPEL READING John 21:1-19 p. 101 NT

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED "Deciding to Follow" Dr. B. Alderman

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* Singh

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

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

+ SENDING HYMN

Jesus Calls Us

Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth
saying, "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thy obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

+BENEDICTION & RESPONSE *The Servant Son*

+POSTLUDE *Classical Postlude* Hughes

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND.

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION

Elders: **Matt Crum & Joey Lamie**

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Fred Holt
- the bell ringer is Caitlyn Edelman
- the acolytes are: Madison Counts and Cate Arney
- the Big WOW. leaders are Joey & Bridget Lamie
- the Little WOW. leaders are: Emily Gibson and Jeni Holt
- the nursery volunteers are: Melissa & Sarah Allen
- 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 DR. BRIAN ALDERMAN TO THE PULPIT TODAY. Dr. Alderman is a native of Galax, VA, serves as Chaplain and Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religion at King University. Brian received his B.A. at Lee College, his M.Div. at Princeton Theological Seminary, and his Ph.D. in Hebrew Bible at Emory University. He has taught at McAfee School of Theology (Mercer University), Lee University, and Hiwassee College. He has also served as pastor of Madisonville Presbyterian Church in Madisonville, TN, and as chaplain at Hiwassee College. Brian lives in Bristol, TN with his wife, Monica, and their daughter, Ella Kate.

THE ROSES IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY are for the Glory of God and in memory of *Dot and Garland Wyrick's* wedding anniversary; parents of Gypsy Holt. *"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."* 1 Cor. 13:13

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

CURRENT STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINEES are pursuing many different topics throughout their training. One of the topics focuses on confidentiality and the power of words. God shows us how powerful words can be, and even though our words don't have the power that God's do, they can still do much good, or great harm. God orders us to watch what we say and make sure our words build others up instead of tearing them down. To a great extent, Stephen Ministry is an exercise in the power of words. While caring for care receivers, we hear words that must be said in order for healing to take place. These same words, however, would do great damage if shared outside the caring relationship. For these reasons, the Stephen Ministers do not share information about the care receiver with ANYONE. Ministers are trained to neither confirm nor deny that they are someone's care giver. So as the Stephen Ministry becomes more widespread in our congregation, please know that your trained Stephen Ministers are not going to discuss any part of the care receiver relationship with others. *"Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing."* Proverbs 12:18

NEW ADDRESS: Dorothy Phillips has moved to English Meadows. Her New Mailing Address is below and her phone number will stay the same.

Dorothy Phillips
English Meadows (#209)
15089 Harmony Hills Lane
Abingdon, VA 24211

SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP
Elders: Kate Shockley & Stanley Haynes

COUNT DOWN STARTS: Make plans to join our Wednesday Night Bible Study class starting October 5th at 6:00 p.m. with Dr. Donald Hudson, chair of the Philosophy and Religion department at King University. Topic for the class will be "Christianity". Classes will continue through November 2nd. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!!

T.A.G. – TEENS FOR GOD! Starting October 2nd the Middle School and High School Youth will meet in the Grant Room for class to learn and hear about having a servant heart for God. See you there!

C.S.I. – CHRISTIANS SEEKING INSTRUCTION! Beginning October 2nd the Adult Sunday School class will meet in the parlor to study the word of God and seek how God is looking to use each of us to be his servants.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH
Elders: Mimi Hull & Alice Rainey

YOUR FAITH IN ACTION – Thanks for all who worked at Faith in Action during our week this month. We provided 61 hours from 21 volunteers, served 217 families = 570 individuals which included 163 children. To help, you may bring canned food (place in basket at stairs), donate money (FiA in the memo line), and / or serve during our next week on October 30 – November 4. Thanks for your continued faith in action!

CHRISTMAS SEASON IS FAST APPROACHING – The Chaplain's Office at *Good News Jail & Prison Ministry* would like to show the love of Christ to each inmate by giving each a gift on Christmas Day. We have been asked to help with this effort by supplying **200 tubes of toothpaste**. Please help us make Christmas a little brighter for ones who are often forgotten by a society celebrating Our Lord and Savior's birth. Cost to purchase is often \$1.00 or less. Your gifts may be added to the bin outside the church office until October 16th. Thank you for your help in sharing our faith and love of Jesus Christ through the giving of gifts.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, September 18th
 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

Monday, September 19th
 6:30 p.m. Session Meeting

Tuesday, September 20th
 8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall
 8:00 p.m. Al Anon next to Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 21st
 3:30 p.m. After School Program
 6:30 p.m. Bell Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday, September 22nd
 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Shoney's
 8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, September 24th
 6:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 25th
 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 September 11, 2016
 Attendance: 114
 Offering: \$3,600

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 Ernie Barr (Valley)

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS:

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

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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 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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