

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 25, 2016

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Alleluia* *Mozart*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *The Lord Our God*

+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 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* #482

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Holy God, we know that we have fallen short. We turn our backs when we could embrace others. We remain silent when we could speak. We speak when we could listen. We close the door when we could fling it wide open. We judge when we could seek understanding. We cling when we could give. Forgive us, O God, for being so very human at times, and help us to continue to grow into the people that you created us to be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+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.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO 3RD GRADERS

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 *For the Beauty of the Earth* #473

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Jeremiah 32: 1-3,6-15 p. 694 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Old Time Religion Medley* *arr. Hayes*

The Gospel Text Luke 16: 19-31 p. 69 NT

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Kent Peterson**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *The Solid Rock/Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* *arr. Helvey*

+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 *Restore in Us, O God* TO FESTAL SONG

Restore in us, O God,
the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts,
and all our sins remove.

O Spirit, wake in us
the wonder of your power;
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives
like springtime bud and flower.

Bring us, O Christ, to share
the fullness of your joy;
baptize us in the risen life
that death cannot destroy.

Three-personed God, fulfill
the promise of your grace,
that we, when all our searching ends,
may see you face to face.

+BENEDICTION & RESPONSE *God Be With You*

+POSTLUDE *A Call To Victory* *Paxton*

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND.

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION Elders: Matt Crum & Joey Lamie

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Helen Phillips
- the bell ringer is Scotlyn Bales
- the acolytes are: Lila Godfrey and Kaylee Arney
- the Big WOW. leaders are: Sandy Smith and Sydney Johnson
- the Little WOW. leaders are: Trent and Rachel Bales
- the nursery volunteer is: Mary Beverly
- 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.

WE WELCOME REVEREND KENT PETERSON TO THE PULPIT TODAY.

SPENCER MILLER CONCERT NEXT SUNDAY, October 2nd at 3:00 p.m. featuring the Paramount Chamber Players presenting Vivaldi's 18th century "*Four Seasons*" and balancing with Piazzolla's 20th century "*The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires*." The Paramount Chamber Players welcomes the young artists of Colpi d'arco to the stage to share in this exciting event. Virginia Highlands Community College faculty, staff and students are admitted free and community admission is \$10.

THANK YOU to my church family for prayers, wonderful visits, beautiful cards, gifts and serving communion while I was in rehab and home recuperating. Your love and kindness is so much appreciated. *Rosemary Sweet*

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY Elders: Georgia Crews & Jan Hardman

STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINEES are continuing their work for the next two sessions on Assertiveness: Relating Gently and Firmly. They will be exploring the difference between passive, assertive, and aggressive behavior and gaining skills that will help both in relating with others and in affirming their own worth. Scripture that show Jesus as the model for assertiveness is used throughout the two classes. Please continue to pray for them and God's blessings upon their ministries.

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

MAKE PLANS NOW to join our Wednesday Night Bible Study starting Wednesday, 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 AND 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.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS are available for all children. If you do not receive one when you enter the Sanctuary, ask an usher for one. There are crayons in a basket on the table outside the office.

BIBLE PRESENTATION: today 3rd graders will receive a Bible as part of the morning worship service. We want to encourage our children to use their bibles daily. Our 3rd graders this year are: Lizzie Allen, Adryana Counts and Annesley Trivette.

J.A.M. ~ What does it stand for? JESUS & ME. J.A.M. will begin next Sunday, October 2nd at 10:00 a.m. All children ages 4 – grade 5 are invited to participate. The children will convene in the children's room on the 2nd floor.

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 25th

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

Tuesday, September 27th

10:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry
5:30 p.m. Spiritual Formation & Discipleship Committee Meeting
8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall
8:00 p.m. Al Anon next to Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 28th

3:30 p.m. After School Program
6:30 p.m. Bell Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday, September 29th

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

Saturday, October 1st

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

Sunday, October 2nd Communion

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
3:00 p.m. Spencer Miller Concert: Paramount Chamber Players

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard

Stewardship & Attendance for September 18, 2016

Attendance: 119
Offering: \$3,800

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), 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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*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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