

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 4th, 2016

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *We Have Met To Worship* arr. Hustad

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

+CALL TO WORSHIP

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: Come, now is the time to worship.

All: **We come, for now is the time to give our hearts.**

One: Come, just as you are to worship.

All: **We come, just as we are, before our God.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* # 143

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we come to worship you with our own expectations and our own agendas. We have made this hour on Sunday mornings about ourselves – the prayers we like, the music we like, the preaching we like, the hymns we like. Or, as is more often the case, we are distracted from you during this hour by those things we don't like. Forgive us, Lord. Help us remember that worship should be focused on you and your desire to be praised in ways that reflect your infinite and diverse nature. Send us your Spirit to remind us that worship is about meeting you, experiencing you, praising you, glorifying you, and pleasing you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

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

+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 ages 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.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *It is Well With My Soul* arr. Raney

+Response *Doxology* #591

+Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Isaiah 43: 16-21 p. 632 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Celtic Communion* arr. Hayes

NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 3: 4b-14 p. 175 NT

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED **"Do Not Remember the Former Things"** Dr. B. Alderman

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

+Preparatory Hymn *Fight the Good Fight* #307; v: 1-3

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 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 *One in Purpose, One in Passion* Tune: Hymn To Joy

One in purpose, one in passion, One in heart with Jesus Christ;
Blessed in Him beyond all measure, Filled with His abundant life;

One in Spirit, one in power, One in faith and sacrifice,
One in suffering, one in glory, We are one with Jesus Christ.

One in heart when needs are crying, Doing all his love demands,
Praying, trusting, giving boldly All He placed here in our hands.
His compassion, His provision – Giving is our Lord's delight!
As we share His endless treasure, We are one with Jesus Christ.

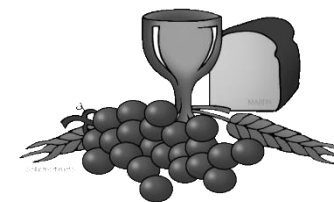
One in Christ with all God's children, One in hope and heart and voice,
Lifting high our Father's glory, Living love with holy joy.
One in purpose, one in passion, One in death, and one in life,
Earth and heaven, now, forever, We are one with Jesus Christ.

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

Part in Peace

+POSTLUDE *Siyahamba* arr. Collinsworth

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND



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 W.O.W. to celebrate communion as a family may do so during the singing of the Communion preparation hymn.

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION Elders: Matt Crum & Joey Lamie

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Janet McGraw
- the acolytes are Noah Gibson and John Godfrey
- the Big W.O.W. leaders are Kurt & Amber Moran
- the Little W.O.W. leaders are Jane Leidig and Jill Childress
- the nursery volunteers are Mary Beverly and Connie Bundy
- the sound board tech is Hope Shockley

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.

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.

GIFT FOR PASTOR TIM: Please enjoy the original artwork in the narthex, which we will gift to Pastor Tim, and sign your name on the card that will be included with the art. Tom and Eugenia Phillips' daughter, Ellen Phillips, designed and created the art based on Tim's customary benediction, and Hazel Ramos-Cano framed it.

SPENCER MILLER CONCERT NEXT SUNDAY, September 11th at 3:00 p.m. featuring *Harmonia Baroque*. Baroque refers to the characteristics of the style of artistic expression occurring in the late 17th and 18th century. In the early twentieth century, this style of music became popular again and today Baroque music of Bach, Handel, Scarlatti, and Vivaldi is played and enjoyed by musicians and audiences alike. The early-music ensemble from the Hayes School of Music includes Michael Bell and from Appalachian State University School of Music faculty members Corinne Cassini, Alicia Chapmen, Douglas James and Nancy Schneeloch-Bingham.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY
Elders: Georgia Crews & Jan Hardman

OUR NEWEST STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINEES are in the middle of two sessions of training titled "distinctively Christian Caring". They are discovering very effective ways of using resources such as prayer and Scripture as tools in a caring ministry. These four committed trainees are spending lots of time both in and out of class preparing to serve our congregation and community. We look forward to the work of our Stephen Ministers among us. Please keep this ministry in your prayers.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH
Elders: Alice Rainey, & Mimi Hull

YOUR FAITH in ACTION AT WORK: July 2016 Program Report, the New Life Thrift Shop recorded 786 Volunteer Hours; 384 Gift Certificates were given; the Stone Soup Food Pantry served 801 Households which included 709 children from 405 Volunteer Hours. Crisis Assistance provided \$14,000 to help individuals which included 48 children, and year to date, \$95,000 has helped 918 individuals including 334 children; 64% of these families had never received assistance before. Crossroads Medical Mission saw 56 patients in July at no charge and free diapers were provided over 350 times. Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church is scheduled to serve *next week* – **September 4th through September 10th**. **A sign-up sheet is on bulletin board in Narthex.** *Faith in Action will be closed Sept 4th and 5th for Labor Day holiday.* Remember when you volunteer, you enrich your life as well as the lives in our community. Thank you!

SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP
Elders: Stanley Hayes & Kate Shockley

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

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

CALLING ALL KIDS! J.A.M. is coming in October for all kids ages 5 through 5th grade. What is **J.A.M.**? Not the sweet stuff you put on a PB&J sandwich! Watch for more details. You don't want to miss it!

ELEMENTARY AFTER SCHOOL begins **THIS WEDNESDAY** September 7th. If you are interested, please contact Janet McGraw at 276.628.3361 or 27.492.7100. After School meets each Wednesday. Children ages kindergarten through 5th grade are eligible.



IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, September 4th

11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday September 5th

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Tuesday, September 6th

9:00 a.m. First Day - SSPC Preschool
 8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall
 8:00 p.m. Al Anon next to Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 7th

3:30 p.m. FIRST DAY of AFTER SCHOOL
 7:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday, September 8th

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

Saturday, September 10th

6:30 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 11th

11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
 3:00 p.m. Spencer Miller Concert – Harmonia Baroque

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard

Stewardship & Attendance for August 28, 2016

Attendance: 123
 Offering: \$2,679

THE HUNGER OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED TODAY

CHURCH BULLETINS are now 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, Rosemary Sweet (Abingdon Rehab) and Ernie Barr (Valley)

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS:

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Richie Hooker, Mary Barr, Shelia Reynolds

AND FOR THESE MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY: Joseph McGraw, Walter Holcomb Jr., John Nowell II, John Nowell III and Dexter Bevis

*Names remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer

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