

14th Sunday After Pentecost

September 15, 2019

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Olivert

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "God is Our Refuge and Strength" Pote

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

+CALL TO WORSHIP Jeni Holt, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my shield;

People: in God my heart trusts;

Leader: so I am helped, and my heart exults,

People: and with song I give thanks to God.

Psalm 28:7

+OPENING PRAYER

Immortal and invisible God, our hearts are filled with gratitude as you gather us to worship today. We pray for justice in this world where innocents are oppressed. May our acts of compassion bear witness to your mercy and love. Strengthen the roots of our faith so that we may blossom and flourish as disciples of Jesus Christ our risen Lord in whose holy name we pray. Amen.

+HYMN OF PRAISE #263

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION Liturgist

Leader: We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. With the confidence of God's children, let us humbly confess our sin.

People: Holy God, in Jesus Christ, you humble yourself, taking the form of the slave. Forgive us for lacking such humility, for thinking of ourselves often and for thinking only of ourselves sometimes. Even when we sin, we are guilty of thinking of ourselves as "the best of sinners" or "the worst of sinners" when, in fact, all of us sin and fall short of your glory. Help us to remember that each of us is one of your children, no better and no worse than our neighbors. By your grace, we are saved through faith. For this faith and our salvation, we give you thanks and praise. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S MERCY Liturgist

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

+RESPONSE "Glory to God in the Highest"

Choir: Glory to God in the Highest and peace to God's people on Earth.

People: Glory to God in the Highest and peace to God's people on earth.

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Leah Fleenor

All children are invited to come forward for a 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.

+PREPARATORY HYMN "Great is Thy Faithfulness" #276

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Liturgist

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Liturgist

Psalm 14:1-7 p. 458 OT

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Amazing Grace" Stevenson

NEW TESTAMENT READING Rev. Dr. Gilmer

1 Timothy 1:12-17 p.184 NT

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD The Rev. Dr. Ron Gilmer

"By Appointment Only"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory "Here I Am, Lord" Schutte

+Prayer of Dedication

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

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from The Westminster Confession of Faith

Those whom God effectually calls, God also freely justifies: not by infusing righteousness into them, but by pardoning their sins, and by accounting and accepting them as righteous; not for anything wrought in them, or done by them, but for Christ's sake alone; not by imputing faith itself, the act of believing, or any other evangelical obedience to them, as their righteousness; but by imputing the obedience and satisfaction of Christ unto them, they receiving and resting on him and his righteousness by faith; which faith they have not of themselves, it is the gift of God. Faith, thus receiving and resting on Christ and his righteousness, is the alone instrument of justification; yet it is not alone in the person justified, but is ever accompanied with all other saving graces, and is no dead faith, but works by love. Amen.

+HYMN OF SENDING "We Are All One in Mission" #435

+CHARGE AND BLESSING "We Are Your People" Wilson

+POSTLUDE "Marche" Schubert

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND.

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION **Elders: Debbie Montgomery and Bridget Lamie**

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Jeni Holt
- the acolyte is Ben Campbell
- the bell ringer is Abe Campbell
- W.O.W. leader is Kay Bunn
- nursery attendant is Jan Hardman

VISITORS We are delighted to have you with us this morning and hope you feel at home here. Please let us know a bit about you by filling in your information in the Friendship Register. **A nursery is available** for infants and children through age 4. If you need directions an usher can assist you. **HEARING DEVICES** are also available for the hearing impaired from an usher.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - Session has called a congregational meeting for immediately after worship on Sunday, September 29. The purpose of this meeting is to elect the church's next Nominating Committee.

GLORY TO GOD - Session has adopted a new hymnal to enrich the worship life of this congregation. *Glory to God* is the PC(USA)'s newest hymnal, which features classic hymns, like *It Is Well with My Soul* and *Rock of Ages*, that do not appear in the blue hymnal in addition to newer hymns. Hymnals are \$18 each. A form that will allow you to purchase one or more hymnals in honor or in memory of loved ones is included as an insert. All blue hymnals that were bought in memory of loved ones will be available for pick up after the new hymnals arrive this fall.

A SPECIAL THANKS to guest musician, Bethany Dawson, cellist, for leading our worship service this morning.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY **Elders: Linda Cole and Fred Brown**

SIGN-UP to have pictures made in September for a new church pictorial directory! Several dates and times are available beginning today from 12:30 - 6:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets are posted in the narthex.

SAVE THE DATE - Flu shots will be available after worship on Sunday, October 13.

SERVICE & OUTREACH MINISTRY **Elders: Isaac Short and Angie Haynes**

FAITH IN ACTION - Sinking Spring's time to serve is this upcoming week, September 16, 17, and 20. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex.

FAITH IN ACTION'S NEW LIFE THRIFT STORE needs volunteers. Shifts are only 3-4 hours, mornings or afternoons, Monday - Saturday. Contact Sharon Sipperley at 276.525.4220 for more information.

SERVICE & OUTREACH MINISTRY

"100 GIFT CARDS FOR 100 YEARS" In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands, we will collect McDonald's, Wendy's and Walmart gift cards (any amount) to benefit the children of the home. The goal is to collect "100" cards. Please place your gift cards in the box located in the narthex.

JOIN US AND BE PART of the 100th anniversary celebration for the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands in Wytheville. There will be a chapel service and ice cream social on Thursday, September 19 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Foster Falls, which is the location of the first campus. If you are interested in attending the ice cream social, a group from Sinking Spring will meet at 4:00 p.m. at the church and carpool to event. The celebration will continue at the current campus on Saturday, September 21 starting at 10:00 a.m. There will be food and activities for all.

GOOD NEWS COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST - *Breaking the Cycle of Crime One Life at a Time* - will be held at the Food City Support Center on Friday, September 20 at 7:00 a.m. The guest speaker will be Mike Palombi. Tickets to the breakfast are free. If you would like to attend, please see Isaac Short or Angie Haynes.

FOOTBALL TEAM - On Thursday, October 10th, Sinking Spring will again host the pre-game meal for the Abingdon High School football team. Volunteers are needed. If you are interested in cooking, set-up, serving, clean-up or all the above, please complete the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHP

Elders: Amanda Godfrey and Jan Frazier

Life Lessons from WOMEN in the BIBLE - A 7-week Bible study led by Janet McGraw has begun. Class meets on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the church parlor.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS AND WORSHIP SERIES - Do you enjoy gathering with other members of the congregation for dinner? Have you ever wondered why we do what we do in worship? Do you think that God may be calling you to lead worship at Sinking Spring? Would you like to be more engaged in worship services even if you do not consider yourself a worship leader? If the answer to any of these questions is "yes," then please join us for a three-week series on Wednesday nights starting on September 25. Come and bring a dish to share. Dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be followed by a series on worship and celebration that will be led by Ron Gilmer at 7:00 p.m.

TIME - Your time is needed to nurture our children. Do you have a favorite book or lesson that you would like to share? Would you like to create a work of art with the children? Contact Christine Mitten for more information.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

Elders: Danny Wilson; Jeff Johnson and Jim Bunn

Stewardship & Attendance as of 09/08/2019

Attendance: 117
Offering: \$4,260
Church Budget Needs: \$290,250
Church Contributions*: \$241,388
Church Expenses: \$256,942

*Excludes one-time gifts for operating purposes.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, September 15

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
12:30 - 6 p.m. Church Directory Photos

Monday, September 16

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Serve at Faith in Action
2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Session Meeting

Tuesday, September 17

4 - 7 p.m. Serve at Faith in Action with Youth
8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall
8:00 p.m. Al Anon next to Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 18

3-6 p.m. Church Directory Photos
3:30 p.m. After-School Program
5:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Bell Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 19

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Shoney's
10:00 a.m. Women in the Bible Study - Parlor
5:30 - 9 p.m. Presbyterian Children's Home - Ice Cream Social
6:00 p.m. Women in the Bible Study - Parlor
8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 20

7:00 a.m. Good News Community Prayer Breakfast
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Serve at Faith in Action

Saturday, September 21

10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Children's Home 100th Anniversary
6:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 22

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
12:30 - 6 p.m. Church Directory Photos
TBD Youth - Corn Maze

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Dorothy Phillips (English Meadows-#134), George Treadwell (Home), Jean Johnson (English Meadows-#207)

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS: family and friends of Sue Cark, Fred Holt, Joanne Ross, Betty Hunter

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Arville Mullins, Belden Evans, Christina Reynolds, Sherry Thacker, Brenda Cardwell, Delmar Barton, Delana Jones, Sue Sluder, Don Ault, Meghan Mitten, Toni Oliver, Debbie Kitchen, Jason Kennedy, Georgia Crews

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

Names remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks unless otherwise requested.

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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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