

PRELUDE *"Morning Has Broken -Baptized in Water"* Bunessan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT from Glory to God Hymal
"Come Now To The Water"

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

+CALL TO WORSHIP John Legard, Liturgist

Leader: The Spirit and the Church say, "Come."
People: The people of the Word say, "Come."

Leader: Let everyone who is thirsty come.

People: Receive the gift of the water of life. Revelation 11:17

+OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, as in Jesus Christ you came to show us the way, the truth and the life, guide our steps, order our worship, and direct our lives so that we may worship and serve you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+HYMN OF PRAISE #356
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION Liturgist

Leader: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

People: Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Do not cast us away from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of our salvation. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S MERCY Liturgist

Leader: Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith. Beloved people of God, believe the good news, through the grace 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 Janet McGraw

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 #359
"More Love To Thee, O Christ"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Liturgist

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Liturgist
Isaiah 61:1 p. 651 OT

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

ANTHEM *"The Bible Tells Me So"* arr. Larson

NEW TESTAMENT READING Chaplain Danny Thompson
Luke 8:26-56 p.59 NT

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Chaplain Danny Thompson

"Come To Jesus"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD
Offertory Rodriquez

"Come, We That Love the Lord"

+Prayer of Dedication

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

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 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.

+HYMN OF SENDING #363

"I Want Jesus To Walk With Me"

+CHARGE AND BLESSING *"Praise Ye The Lord"* Cleveland

+POSTLUDE *"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"* Traditional

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND.

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION
Elders: Debbie Montgomery and Bridget Lamie

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is John Legard
- the acolytes are Stella and Isabella Kim
- the bell ringer is Scottlyn Bales
- W.O.W. leaders are Trent & Rachel Bales
- nursery attendant is Amanda Livingston

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.

TODAY, we welcome Good News Jail and Prison Ministry Chaplain Danny Thompson to Sinking Spring. This congregation has supported Good News Jail and Prison Ministry for a long time and is grateful to celebrate God's work through this ministry this morning.

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.

THE PC(USA)'S new hymnal is coming to Sinking Spring this fall. If you have not already purchased hymnals in honor or in memory of loved ones, then please do so by October 1. The cost is \$18 per hymnal. Payments are being received in the church office. Thanks to all who have already supported the church's music ministry in this way. Please join the Session in looking forward to singing all of the additional songs that this hymnal will allow us to sing.

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION MINISTRY TEAM will meet Thursday, October 3, 2019, at 7:00 pm in the parlor. Please come join us as we discuss and plan the worship and celebration events of the church for the remainder of 2019. All are welcome!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY
Elders: Linda Cole and Fred Brown

CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS - Sunday, September 29 is the last day scheduled to have your picture made for the new pictorial directory. Time slots are still available. 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'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.

STOCK THE BOX! The Blessing Box needs replenishment. Items needed include toilet tissue, dish detergent, laundry detergent, shampoo, toothpaste/toothbrush, deodorant, feminine products, soap, canned meat (Spam, tuna, chicken, etc.), oatmeal, peanut butter, fruit, soup, canned spaghetti, ravioli, beanie weenies, beef stew, etc. If possible, cans should have a pop top. Foods that are packaged as individual servings are also needed. We currently do not need additional vegetables or rice. Also, *no glass containers*. You may place your items in the box or in the crate that is in the narthex.

THANKS to everyone who donated gift cards to benefit the children of the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands. Your generosity will help make sure that the children are able to occasionally enjoy eating out at a restaurant as well as purchase games and other fun activities from Wal-Mart.

THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered at Faith in Action this past week. Your willingness to serve truly makes a difference in our community.

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 & DISCIPLESHIP
Elders: Amanda Godfrey and Jan Frazier

Life Lessons from WOMEN in the BIBLE - A 7-week Bible study led by Janet McGraw 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 this Wednesday, 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.

YOUTH MEETING - October 6, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Elders: Danny Wilson; Jeff Johnson and Jim Bunn

Stewardship & Attendance as of 09/15/2019

Attendance: 143
 Offering: \$5,700
 Church Budget Needs: \$290,250
 Church Contributions*: \$248,229
 Church Expenses: \$272,087

*Excludes one-time gifts for operating purposes.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, 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
 2-5 p.m. Youth - Corn Maze - Brumley Gap

Monday, September 23

3:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday, September 24

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

Wednesday, September 25

3:30 p.m. After-School Program
 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. Bell Rehearsal
 6 - 8 p.m. Potluck and Glory to God Series
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 26

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

Saturday, September 28

10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Church Directory Photos
 6:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 29

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
 12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting
 12:30 - 6 p.m. Church Directory Photos
 3:00 p.m. Spencer Miller Concert - Paramount Chamber Players

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:

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, Megan Mitten, Toni Oliver, Debbie Kitchen, Jason Kennedy, Georgia Crews, family and friends of Sue Clark, Fred Holt, Joanne Ross, Betty Hunter

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.

Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church

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15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 2019



"Come To Jesus"



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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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