

# 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

September 29, 2019

11:00 a.m.

**PRELUDE** "The Water is Wide" arr. Curtis

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT** "Change My Heart" from Glory to God hymnal

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**+CALL TO WORSHIP** Kate Shockley, Liturgist

Leader: When Pharisees attempted to silence Jesus' disciples,

**People: Jesus replied, "If these disciples were silent, the stones would shout out."**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God.

**People: Let our mouths be filled with laughter and our tongues with shouts of joy.**

Luke 19:39-40; Psalm 126:2

## +OPENING PRAYER

**Faithful God, like a grain of wheat falling into the earth your Son went into death, so that after three days the earth might bloom with the joy of his rising. Let the seeds of justice, which we plant with tears, bring forth the power of the resurrection in the places of death and despair, and gather us at last into the joyful harvest of the saints, through Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**+HYMN OF PRAISE** "Jesus Calls Us" see insert

**+PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Liturgist

Leader: When we pass through deep waters or go through times of fiery trial, the Lord our God is with us. With confidence in God, our creator and redeemer, 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: Because we are buried with Christ in these waters, we are also raised to life with him. Believe the gospel! In 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** Matt Crum

All children are invited to come forward for a Time for Young Disciples. Afterward, children ages 5 thru 3<sup>rd</sup> grade may go to Worship Our Way (W.O.W.) while children in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and older are invited to worship with their families.

**+PREPARATORY HYMN** #392  
"Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Liturgist

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Liturgist  
Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 p. 694 OT

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

**ANTHEM** "Unbounded Grace"

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** The Rev. Dr. Ronald Gilmer  
Luke 16:19-31 p. 69 NT

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

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD** The Rev. Dr. Ronald Gilmer

## "Stones Across Waters"

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD**  
**Offertory** "We Are Called" D. Haas  
Anne Campbell, soloist

**+Prayer of Dedication**

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

**+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from The Belhar Confession  
**We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain; that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted; that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active. To God be the glory. Amen.**

**+HYMN OF SENDING** #426

"Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

**+CHARGE AND BLESSING** McKinney

"Let Others See Jesus In You"

**+POSTLUDE** "I Love to Tell the Story" Hankey

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND.

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

#### **THIS MORNING...**

- the liturgist is Kate Shockley
- the acolyte is Noah Gibson
- the bell ringer is Ross Gibson
- W.O.W. leader is Emily Gibson
- nursery attendants are Rachel Fowlkes and Karen Mason

**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 today. 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.

**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!

**SPENCER MILLER CONCERT** featuring The Paramount Chamber Players sharing the "American Women Composers" at 3:00 p.m. this afternoon. Free to all area students; \$10 community ticket.

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

**CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS** -A make-up day for those who missed signing up to have picture made will be announced later.

**ANNUAL FALL GATHERING** of the Presbyterian Women of Abingdon Presbytery will be on October 12 at Central Presbyterian Church in Bristol. Registration starts at 1:00 p.m. Program is from 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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

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

**NEXT SUNDAY**, October 6<sup>th</sup>, we will collect the Hunger Offering to benefit Ecumenical Faith in Action. For the month of August, your financial contributions and volunteer hours helped feed 881 families. Year to date, EFIA has provided 6,702 families with food and provided \$109,769 in crisis assistance funds to help area residents. In addition, in August, EFIA provided gift certificates to the New Life Thrift Shop that were redeemed in the amount of \$8,443. Finally, Crossroads Medical saw 54 patients at no charge during the month. Thank you for your continued support of EFIA as they seek to assist those in our community that live in poverty.

**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. Through your generosity, Sinking Spring's goal of 100 gift cards were delivered during their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration last weekend. These gift cards make it possible for the children to enjoy an occasional meal out or purchase something fun at Walmart.

**FOOTBALL TEAM** - On Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, Sinking Spring will again host the pre-game meal for the Abingdon High School football team. See sign-up sheet in the narthex to volunteer your time and cooking skills.

**SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP**  
**Elders: Amanda Godfrey and Jan Frazier**

**Life Lessons from WOMEN in the BIBLE** - A Bible study led by Janet McGraw meets on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. through October 24 in the church parlor.

**EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY!** Come to this week's midweek discussion of worship and celebration. The fun starts with a potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to share (or just yourself if that's all that your schedule will allow). Our reflection on worship and celebration will begin at 7:00 p.m. This week's discussion will focus on proclamation of the Word.

**YOUTH MEETING** - October 6, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Bring a friend.

**WELCOME TO THE SPRING** - A class for new members and individuals who would like to know more about Reformed theology, Presbyterian polity and this congregation will be offered this fall. Please join Ron Gilmer for this three-week series that will meet during Sunday School on October 20, October 27 and November 3 in the Grant Classroom. For more information, contact Ron via email ([rongilmer.pcusa@gmail.com](mailto:rongilmer.pcusa@gmail.com)) or cell phone (276-477-0000).

**IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**TODAY, Sunday, September 29**

- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Spencer Miller Concert - Paramount Chamber Players
- 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. Church Directory Photos

**Monday, September 30**

- 2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

**Tuesday, October 1**

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

**Wednesday, October 2**

- 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. Eat, Drink & Be Merry: Potluck & Worship Celeb. series
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, October 3**

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Shoney's
- 10:00 a.m. Women in the Bible Study - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Women in the Bible Study - Parlor
- 8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, October 5**

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

**Sunday, October 6**

- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 4 - 6 p.m. Youth Meeting

**STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY**

**Elders: Danny Wilson; Jeff Johnson and Jim Bunn**

**Stewardship & Attendance as of 09/22/2019**

Attendance:	118
Offering:	\$3,418
Church Budget Needs:	\$290,250
Church Contributions*:	\$252,748
Church Expenses:	\$279,850

\*Excludes one-time gifts for operating purposes.

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 Arville Mullins, Caroline Mason

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: 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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**"Stones Across Waters"**



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**Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

*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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