

## Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 10, 2021

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

"Chorale" from Finlandia

Sibelius/arr. Lyon

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

"Let your light shine" Matt. 5:16

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Charlotte Parsons, Liturgist

Leader: Come all you who are carrying heavy burdens,  
and Christ will give you rest.

People: **For he is gentle and humble in heart:  
In Christ, we find rest for our souls.**

+Prayer of Adoration

**Lord Jesus, gentle Savior and friend, you invite us to  
lay down our burdens and to find rest in relationship with you.  
Help us to learn from you how to be gentle and humble of heart,  
that our burdens may be light. Let us now find renewal and rest  
in you as we pray the prayer that you taught us saying,**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE

No.410

**God is Calling through the Whisper**

*This wide-ranging text reminds us of the many surprising and urgent ways  
God calls to us, both to draw us near and to send us forth.*

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liturgist

Liturgist: God upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are  
bowed down. Therefore, let us confess our sin with every confidence  
that we will be lifted up.

People: **Holy One, we confess to you and to each other that  
we are tired and weighed down by the mistakes we have made,  
even in our closest relationships with our friends, our spouses,  
and our partners. We give this burden to you, mindful of Jesus'  
promise that he will give us rest. We trust in you. Amen.**

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S MERCY

Liturgist

Leader: Hear the good news: God is gracious and merciful, slow to  
anger and abounding in steadfast love, showing compassion to all. Let  
us rise up with joy and share our peace with one another, knowing and  
trusting that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Janet McGraw

*Afterwards, children ages 3-6 are invited to join Mrs. Karen for WOW*

+HYMN OF PARDON

No. 475

**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Rev. Campbell

**Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30**

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This is the Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise be to you O Christ.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Rev. Kevin M. Campbell

**"An Easy Yoke & A Light Burden"**

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory

**Precious Lord, Take My Hand**  
John Sharpe, Soloist

Dorsey

+Doxology

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**Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

+Prayer of Dedication

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Apostle's Creed)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and  
earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was  
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered  
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he  
descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he  
ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the  
Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, 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

No. 418

**Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling**

+CHARGE AND BLESSING

+POSTLUDE

**What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

Converse

+ALL WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

**Due to rising case counts and wide community spread, breakthrough  
infections, and positive COVID church exposure, the Session feels  
reinstating the Church's face covering protocol is a good first-step  
in keeping the Church open for in-person activities and worship.**

**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. **A nursery is available** for infants  
and children through age 3. If you need directions an usher can assist  
you. **HEARING DEVICES** are also available for the hearing impaired from  
an usher.

**WOW (also known as Children's Church)  
is for children ages 3 – 6**

**Children in grade 2 and up will worship in the sanctuary with  
their parents. Worship clipboards are available.**

Thank you to **Charlotte Parsons** and **Karen Wing** for serving as Liturgist  
and WOW leader for our worship service today.

**A FLU VACCINATION CLINIC** will be held immediately following  
worship service today. If you are interested in receiving a flu  
vaccination, please stay and see Angie Haynes or Karen Mason to sign  
up and complete paperwork.

**Youth Group** meets after worship service today. We will gather in the  
fellowship hall for lunch and Bible study. Lunch will be simple—peanut  
butter and jelly sandwiches and chips. Following lunch, we are  
planning to take the Youth to Haynes Greenhouses in Glade Spring to  
enjoy a corn maze and hayride along with other fun activities. The  
cost of the corn maze and hayride is \$8.00 per person. We plan to  
leave the church in the church van at 1pm and returning to the church  
by 4pm. Please invite a friend. If you have any questions, please do  
not hesitate to contact Linda Cole or Rev. Campbell.

**SINKING SPRING** will participate in the **HAUNTED HILL TRUNK  
OR TREAT** on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. up  
around Academy Drive at William King Museum of Arts. We will give  
out treat bags to the children who participate. We need LOTS of candy  
to fill 1,200 plus treat bags. Candy donations may be dropped at the  
church. Volunteers are needed to help fill treat bags and / or assist  
with the event, if you can help, please contact Angie Haynes or Richie  
Hooker.

## 2021 Operation Christmas Child

- Pick up a shoebox from the church or use one of your own
- Choose a boy or girl and the age of the child
- Fill with Gifts (Gift Suggestions available at church or on the website <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/>)
- Pray for the child who will receive your gift
- For information about how you can **"FOLLOW YOUR BOX"** check out: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/label-options>
- **PLEASE DO NOT PUT A CHECK FOR THIS OPTION IN YOUR SHOEBOX ... this is something you must do before turning box in for delivery.**
  - **Other Ways to Help**
- You can build a shoebox online - <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>
- **Donate** and we will shop for you. On your check payable to SSPC, simply note "Operation Christmas Child" on the memo line of your check.
- Donate to cover the cost of shipping boxes. On your check payable to SSPC, please note Operation Christmas Child postage.

## SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

**Women's Circle:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7 pm

**Men's Bible Study** 7:00 am Thursday mornings at Shoney's

**Pastor's Bible Study:** 6:30 pm Tuesdays in person.  
10 am Wednesdays by Zoom

**Youth:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month following worship

**Wonderful Wednesdays:** after school on Wednesdays for children K-5<sup>th</sup> grade

## THE HOLSTON YOUTH RETREAT

scheduled for November has been postponed until March 22-27, 2022.

**SCHEDULE CHANGE: Dr. Martin Dotterweich has a scheduling conflict for the two Sundays in October but is working on two dates for November...more updates to follow.**

**ELDER NOMINATIONS** – The Nominating Committee, which consists of Hazel Ramos-Cano, Richie Hooker, Lisa Johnson, Randy Lowe, and Alice Rainey, is looking for a new slate of elders for the Class of 2024. If you know someone you feel would make a good elder, or if you yourself would like to serve as elder, please write the name in the space below, tear section off, and place in the offering plate. You can also email the church office at: [office@sinkingspring.org](mailto:office@sinkingspring.org)

**Elder Recommendation:**

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## IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### TODAY, Sunday, October 10

10:20 a.m. Bell Rehearsal – Music Room  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
12:00 p.m. Youth Group – Haynes Corn Maze – Glade Spring  
12-2:30 p.m. Flu Vaccination Clinic

### Monday, October 11

6:30 p.m. Congregational Care Ministry Team Meeting - Zoom

### Tuesday, October 12

6:30 p.m. Fall Bible Study – The Lord's Prayer – Session 6  
8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall  
8:00 p.m. Al Anon next to Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, October 13

10:00 a.m. Fall Bible Study – Zoom- The Lord's Prayer Ses. 6  
3-5 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday's  
6:30 p.m. Elder Training - Zoom

### Thursday, October 14

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study – Shoney's

### Saturday, October 16

9-3:30 p.m. **Mountaintop** at Royal Oak Presbyterian  
6:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, October 17

10:20 a.m. Bell Rehearsal  
11:00 a.m. Worship

**Monday, October 18 @ 6:30 p.m.** Session Meeting

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Laura Brown (home), Dee Hopkins (home), Bob Horsch (Commonwealth), August Lageman (Rehab at Bristol), Dr. Darlene Litton (Commonwealth), Sherrye May (home), Eleanor Munsey (English Meadows), Bob & Doris Tolar (English Meadows), George Treadwell (home)

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONCERNS: **Kristen Baker, Julia Bragg (daughter of Molly Hortenstine)**, Friends and Family of John Bundy, Belden Evans, Walter Holcomb, Anthony Kitchen, Ashley Long, Family of David May, Randa McCall, **Friends and family of Elaine C. Ratliff, Judy Wilson and family (following the passing of her mother Janet Eagler earlier this week)**, Marjorie Wing

AND FOR THESE MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY: Walter Holcomb, Jr., Joseph McGraw, Andrew Wing, Travis Womer

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

The 8th edition of our **NEWSLETTER – NEWS FROM THE SPRING** will go out to the congregation on Thursday, October 14. If you have something you wish to contribute, please send to the church office by the afternoon of Tuesday, October 12.

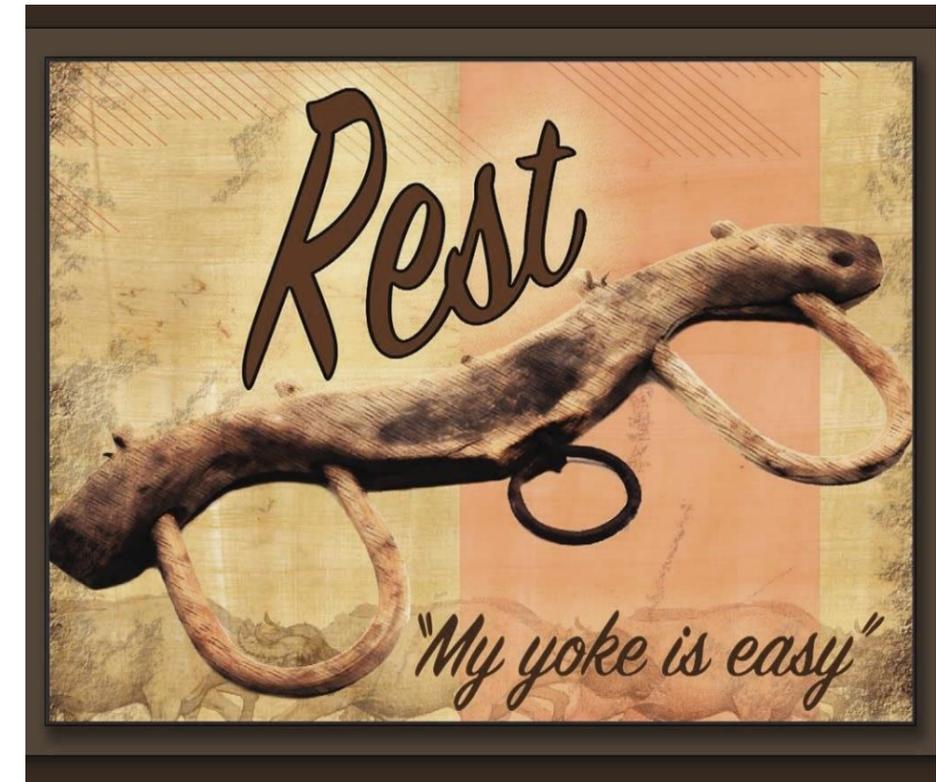
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*Responding to God's grace,  
we are called to be a welcoming community,  
following Jesus, serving joyfully,  
and sharing God's love with each other  
and the world.*

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