

24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2020

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Variations on - *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS'

TRIBUTE TO VETERAN'S

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Richard Cano, Liturgist

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations;

People: You have been our home throughout all the ages.

Leader: You were there before the world was made and will be
12:55 PM forever.

People: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

Opening Prayer

High King of Heaven:

Your generosity and goodness are astonishing!
The gift of your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ,
is the life-changing treasure beyond all value.

In this moment of worship,
summon us and remind us
that as your servants you call us
to risk and to share

The life and faith and gospel
that you have so richly given to each one of us.

Help us to be good and trustworthy servants
so that we may enter into the joy of Christ,
who taught us to pray...

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

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

see insert

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liturgist

Leader: God's love has destined us not for wrath, but rather for salvation. Therefore, let us confess our sins to the One who is eager to save.

Moment of Silence

People: Lord God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or one another. When we place our iniquities before you, it is your love that sheds light on our wayward deeds. As we stand in awe of your constancy for us, we ask your forgiveness through the mercy of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S MERCY

Liturgist

Leader: People of God: Because we belong to our Lord Jesus Christ, we need not fear – for he lived for us, he died for us, he was raised for us, and he reigns for us. Believe the good news of the gospel! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF PREPARATION

see insert

A Charge to Keep I Have

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

MUSICAL SELECTION

Glorious is Thy Name
Mozart

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:14-30

Rev. Campbell
p. 24 NT

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Rev. Kevin Campbell

"Buried Talents, Traded Talents"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

CALL TO GRATITUDE

OFFERTORY HYMN

see insert

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' 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

see insert

O Jesus, I Have Promised

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Jesus Call Us

Alexander

ANNOUNCEMENTS' / UPCOMING EVENTS

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:
DEADLINE TO RETURN SHOEBOX IS TODAY.**

THIS THANKSGIVING SEASON *let us share our blessings by FILLING THE CORNUCOPIA* - The cornucopia will be in the sanctuary through Sunday, November 22. This year's donations will be used to fill our Blessing Box. Items needed include soup, canned meats (tuna, chicken, ham, Spam, etc.), ravioli, spaghetti, beef stew, chicken & dumplings, macaroni & cheese, beanie weenies, potted meat, Vienna sausages, fruit and pudding cups, individual servings of cereal and oatmeal, and hygiene items of all kinds. In addition, snack type foods such as beef sticks, cookies and peanut butter crackers are needed.

Pop-top cans are preferred; please remember no expired food or glass containers. Currently, we do not need rice, dry beans, dry peas, or ramen noodles.

A THANKSGIVING OFFERING will be collected next Sunday, November 22, to benefit the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands.

ADVENT is quickly approaching, and we need volunteers. We need "readers and candle lighters" for the Advent wreath. If you would like to be part of this tradition, please let Randy Lowe or Bridget Lamie know by November 21.

IN-PERSON ACTIVITIES AND WORSHIP HAVE RESUMED - Session would like to share information on what to expect when coming to a Sunday service and small group gatherings. The *Virginia Forward Guidelines* from the Office of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, as well as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, were resources that assisted in the development of this guideline. The Session's goal is to make worship and small group gatherings as safe as possible for those who will be in attendance. Below are guidelines that Sinking Spring will have in place. Please know there will be Ushers/Elders on duty requesting these guidelines be followed:

- No more than 60 individuals will be allowed in the sanctuary. If you plan to attend worship service on any Sunday, we ask that you make the church office aware no later than the Thursday before the service, or sign up on the church website – <https://sinkingspring.org> If necessary, an overflow room will be set up or an additional worship time will be organized to accommodate a larger crowd.
- The bulletins will be placed in the pews for you prior to the service. There will be **no** passing of the peace, signing the friendship registers, or singing. We will ask that you refrain from hand shaking, hugging, and any physical contact. A basket will be placed in the Narthex for the offering and you may place your offering in the basket at any time. On communion Sundays, prepackaged cups containing both the bread and juice will be available for your convenience and safety.
- The Bibles and hymnals have been temporarily removed from the sanctuary. Please feel free to bring your own Bible.
- Multiple stations containing hand sanitizer will be located throughout the building. Face masks are required to be worn while present during all worship services and small group gatherings. Face masks will be available if needed.
- Social distancing will be practiced at both Sunday worship and small group gatherings. There will be marks on the floor to aid in appropriate distancing and pews have been marked with green tape for proper distancing as well.
- Ushers/Elders will be outside of the main entrance to greet attendees. These Ushers/Elders will take your temperature prior to entering the church and assure that all in attendance are wearing masks. **(This will also apply to small group gatherings.)**
- An Usher/Elder will be inside the narthex to gather the names of those in attendance – this is to assist in contact tracing if there is an instance of potential COVID-19 exposure.
- There will be two Ushers/Elders who will escort you to a seat in the sanctuary. Once seated, we ask that you remain seated and not move around in the sanctuary.
- At the conclusion of the worship service, please remain seated until the pastor or Usher/Elder release each pew to exit the church. We ask that you not linger in the narthex after the service.

We do ask if you are generally feeling unwell in any way, have had a fever within the last 48 hours, had a sore throat, cough, lost taste or smell, or if you are pending a COVID test or have been instructed to quarantine or if you have been in contact with an individual that is being tested for the COVID-19 virus PLEASE STAY HOME – everyone's health and safety is of the utmost importance.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, November 15

11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
4-6 p.m. Junior & Sr. High Youth Mtg – Advent Boxes

Monday, November 16

6:30 p.m. Session Meeting

Tuesday, November 17

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

Wednesday, November 18

Thursday, November 19

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

Friday, November 20

Saturday, November 21

6:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 22

11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Bob Horsch (Commonwealth), Sherrye May (home), Juanita Mullins (Quillen), Eleanor Munsey (home), Bob Tolar (Abingdon Rehab), George Treadwell (home)

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS:

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Vickie Cornelius, Belden Evans, Patricia Hudson and family, Randa McCall, Emma McCoy, Vickie Wilson

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

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

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY: Rev. Campbell will present an Advent Bible Study on **"NAMES FOR THE MESSIAH: An Advent Study"** by Walter Brueggemann beginning the first Sunday of Advent, November 29 through December 20. Time for the class will be announced next week. Please contact the church if you would like to participate, study books will be \$12.50.

SINKING SPRING'S ADVENT 2020 DEVOTIONAL BOOK entitled "Glad Tidings of Comfort & Joy" will be available soon. The book contains meditations and devotions by members of the congregation.

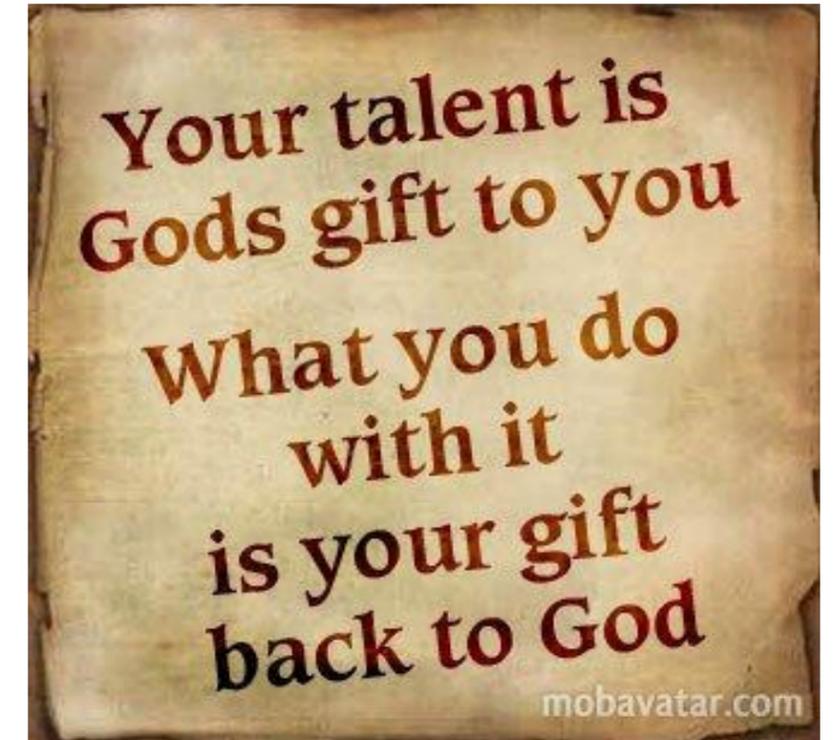
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*Responding to God's grace,
we are called to be a welcoming community,
following Jesus, serving joyfully,
and sharing God's love with each other
and the world.*

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