

Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

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Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

"Let your light shine"

(Matthew 5:16)

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

R. Dean Barr, Liturgist

Leader: Come to me, all you who sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death!
On you has the Light shone!
For Jesus Christ is the Light of the World,
and this is the good news we proclaim:

**People: The Light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness could not overcome it.**

Prayer of Adoration

Holy God, You are the light of hearts that see You, the life of souls that love You, the strength of minds that seek You. Help us in this service of worship to turn from our sin, to turn to Your Word, and to abide in our Lord Jesus Christ. May we worthily magnify Your name, not only in the coming hour, but in every moment of our lives. In Christ's blessed name, we pray, Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.
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CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God. (1 John 1:8, 9)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wondrous God, we confess that at times our doubts and fears override our hope and faith. When we despair, lift up our spirits, Lord, and help us to remember Your promise never to leave us or forsake us. Other times, focusing on our wants and our own abilities prevents us from paying attention to your guiding presence with us. Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of living life as Your disciples. Break down the walls that separate us from You and from those You would have us serve. Forgive us, restore us, renew us. In the name of our risen Savior, Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S MERCY

Liturgist

Leader: The tomb is empty.

People: The stone is rolled away.

Leader: The Lord brings new life.

People: The Lord restores the fallen.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Elizabeth Patrick

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Liturgist

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 16

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PREPARATORY HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Patrick

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 24:36-49

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Rev. Elizabeth Patrick

"Presence"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

CALL TO GRATITUDE

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Trust and Obey

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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

I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else can do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story,
'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story;
more wonderful it seems
than all the golden fancies
of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story,
it did so much for me;
and that is just the reason
I tell it now to thee. *(Refrain)*

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Lead On, O King Eternal

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IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, April 18

11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, April 19

6:30 p.m. Session Meeting

Tuesday, April 20

8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

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

Wednesday, April 21

10:00 a.m. Bible Study – "The Questioning Jesus" - Zoom

Thursday, April 22

Men's Bible Study *Cancelled till further notice.*

8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 23

Saturday, April 24

6:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 25

11:00 a.m. Worship

4:00 p.m. Installation Service of Rev. Kevin M. Campbell

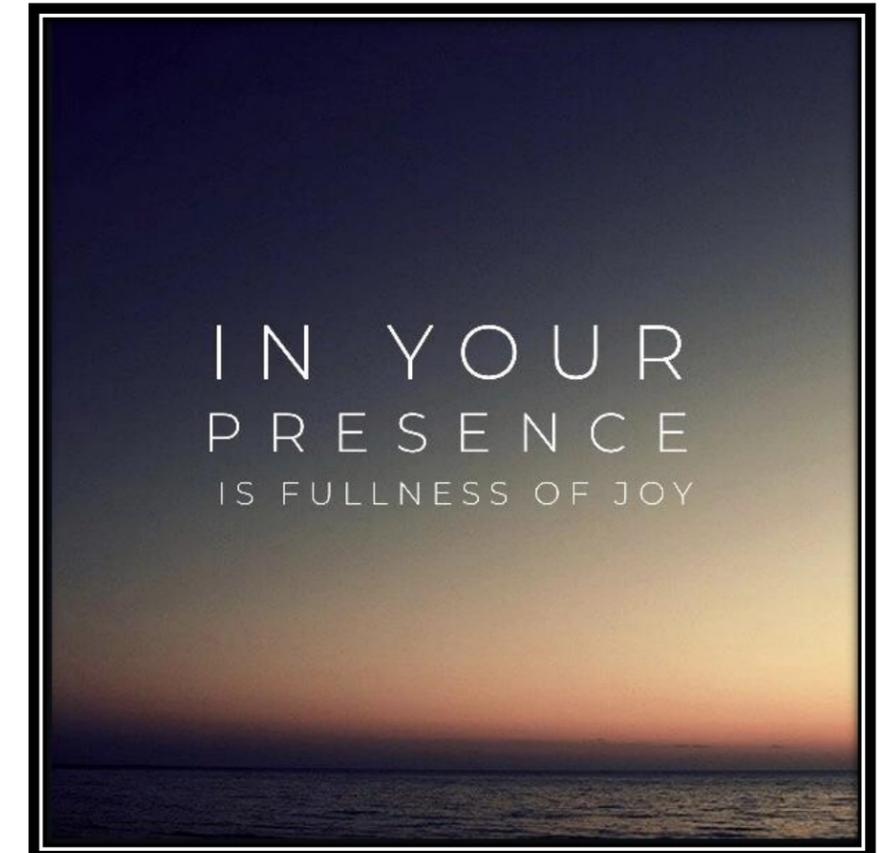
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ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

THANK YOU to our guest speaker **Rev. Elizabeth Patrick**, who is covering for Rev. Campbell while he is off for a week of continuing education. Reverend Elizabeth Patrick, an ordained pastor of the Presbyterian Church (USA), is a graduate of Erskine College, Duke Law School, and Princeton Seminary. Elizabeth served as solo pastor of Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church in Sandy Springs, South Carolina before moving to Bristol to marry Dr. Bill Linderman, Professor of Mathematics at King University. Since moving to Bristol in 2008, Elizabeth has served as pulpit supply at a number of churches in the Tri-Cities and beyond, including here at Sinking Spring in 2010-2011. Currently, Elizabeth spends most of her time building Lego creations, breaking up squabbles, and otherwise caring for sons Henry (age 8) and Ben (age 6).

Rev. Campbell will begin a new Bible study entitled **"THE QUESTIONING JESUS"** on Wednesday, April 21st at 10:00 a.m. by Zoom. The study will be based on Martin B. Copenhaver's book – **"Jesus is the Question"**. If you are interested in participating, you may purchase the book on Amazon.

Easter Blessing Box Basket – During the month of April, fill your basket with items for the Blessing Box. Supplies needed include canned meats (tuna, chicken, ham, etc.) canned prepared foods (ravioli, beanie weenies, spaghetti, beef stew, chili, chicken & dumplings, etc.) soup (Chunky, chicken noodle, etc.), beef sticks, peanut butter, Vienna sausage, potted meat, cups of oatmeal, individual boxes of cereal, bars of soap, shampoo, and toilet paper.
Currently, we do not need dried beans, Ramen soup, or fruit cups.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The service to install Rev. Kevin M. Campbell as Sinking Spring's Minister of Word and Sacrament will be April 25 at 4:00 p.m.

Confirmation Class will begin May 2 at 4:00 p.m. on Zoom.

PODCAST – Just a reminder that we have a new avenue to participate in the happenings at Sinking Spring. "Living Water from Sinking Spring" is our new podcast feature. URL: <https://sinkingspring.org/feed/podcast>
The recent Lenten Bible studies are loaded, and we will upload the upcoming Bible studies starting April 21. A line-up of one-on-one interviews with participants from various backgrounds focusing on Christian spirituality is in the future.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - the Southwest Virginia Medical Reserve Corps needs volunteers from all walks of life to help with the COVID-19 vaccination clinics across Southwest Virginia. Log-on to <https://vvhs.vamrc.org/>. Once you get there, select *Register as a New Volunteer*.

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Laura Brown (home), Bob Horsch (Commonwealth), Sherrye May (home), Eleanor Munsey (English Meadows), David Shockley (home), Bob Tolar (home), George Treadwell (home), James Yates (home)

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONCERNS: Vickie Cornelius, Belden Evans, Randa McCall, Sylvia Sheffield, Gwen Varney

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

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

ANNUAL SPRING GATHERING

Presbyterian Women of Abingdon Presbyter Synod of the Mid-Atlantic will meet on Saturday, May 1 at the Glade Spring Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall Building

at 33234 Lee Highway (Exit 29 I-81) Glade Spring, VA.

Social distancing and masks are required.

Bring your own lunch, bottled water will be provided.

Registration is at 10:00 a.m. and meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m.

"Presence"



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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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