

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 29, 2021

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *All Hail the Power of Jesus Name* Holden

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE "Let your light shine" Matt. 5:16

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

+CALL TO WORSHIP Leah Fleenor, Liturgist

Leader: How precious is the steadfast love of God!

People: All people take refuge in the shadow of God's faithful embrace.

Leader: Christ is the fountain of abundant life.

People: In Jesus Christ, we see the light of God.

+Prayer of Adoration

Holy God, you are a doer of signs, miracles, and wonders. Through signs of abundance, grace, and love, you reveal your glory to all the world. Open our eyes to the hidden and surprising wonders that you perform that we may believe with our minds and trust you in our hearts that you alone are Lord of all creation.

God of fierce covenant-loyalty, hear us now as we pray the prayer that your Son and our Savior taught us, praying,

**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. 321, verses 1,2,5
The Church's One Foundation

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Liturgist

Leader: In Jesus Christ, who is the light of the world, we see both the darkness of our world and our hearts. Trusting in God's saving love, let us confess our sin.

People: Almighty God, we confess that we have been led astray by the idols of our world. We have depended upon our possessions and have not placed our trust in your grace. We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer and have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth's resources. We have sought security in the power of the sword rather than in the self-giving of your love. Forgive us, we pray. Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S MERCY Liturgist

Leader: Receive the good news: Christ unmask the idols of our world and frees us from slavery to all that oppresses us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PARDON No. 14, verses 1 and 5
For the Beauty of the Earth

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Liturgist

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT: Liturgist
Psalm 36:5-10 p. 473 OT

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC arr. Carter
Trust and Obey

GOSPEL: Rev. Campbell
John 2:1-12 p. 80 NT

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to you O Christ.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Rev. Kevin M. Campbell

"Jesus' First and Oddest Sign"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD
Offertory Bonds
He's Got the Whole World in His Hands
Anne Campbell, soloist

+Doxology #606
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

+Prayer of Dedication

RECOGNITION OF NEW CHURCH MEMBER
(At this time, water will be poured into the baptismal font.)

Clerk of Session, Kay Bunn presents: **Peggy Klosterman**
(Received by Reaffirmation of Faith)

BAPTISMAL & MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Kevin: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

Peggy: I do.

Kevin: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and mercy?

Peggy: I do.

Kevin: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

Peggy: I will, with God's help.

Kevin: Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

Peggy: I will, with God's help.

+AFFIRMATION 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Reception and Welcome into Membership

+HYMN OF SENDING No. 629, verses 1,2,5
Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

+CHARGE AND BLESSING

+POSTLUDE Cleveland
Praise Ye the Lord

+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.

Thank you to **Anne Campbell and Leah Fleenor** for assisting with the worship and music service today.

ANY YOUNG (or young at heart) member of Sinking Spring that would like to share their musical talent (instrumental or vocal) to one of our worship services, please contact Dr. Trivette.

NURSERY VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION will be held today immediately following worship service today.

BACK TO SCHOOL – Abingdon Elementary School Backpack Program needs cans of fruit, individual servings of fruit, Kool-Aid Jammers and Capri Suns. If you would like to donate, please place your items in the bin located in the Narthex.

The Hunger Offering, for the month of August, will be given to Ecumenical Faith in Action in memory of Herman Snead. For over 20 years, until the time of his passing, Herman was a dedicated volunteer at FIA. If you wish to give, on your check/online please note "FIA- In Memory of Herman Snead. Contributions will be accepted through the last Sunday of August.

Beginning Tuesday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m. join everyone in-person for the new Bible Study led by Rev. Campbell (FOOD WILL NOT BE SERVED) The Bible Study will also be held via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday mornings. This study will be based on the book: **TEACH US TO PRAY The Lord's Prayer In The Early Church and Today** by Justo L. González. If you would like to participate, contact the church office by phone or email to order your copy. Cost is \$16 per book.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for Thursday, September 9, and plan to attend the King Institute for Faith and Culture series event hosted by Sinking Spring at 7pm; speaker will be Hannah Rappleye, an Emmy-award winning investigative journalist for NBC. Face masks are required.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL START SOON!!!

SEPTEMBER 12 AT 10:00 AM – JOIN EVERYONE FOR RALLY DAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL START ON SEPTEMBER 19TH at 9:45 a.m.

ADULT CLASS WITH A "MEMBER" TEACHER

FAITH BUILDERS CLASS WILL BE LED BY REV. CAMPBELL

CHILDREN'S CLASS WILL BE LED BY KRISTEN BAKER

YOUTH CLASS WILL BE LED BY LINDA COLE

TO ALL SINKING SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WOMEN: Our Presbyterian Women will resume meeting on September 16 at 7pm. The 2021/2022 PW/Horizons Bible Study will be "What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus." Books are \$10 each. Please let Donna or Susan know if you are interested and want to order a study book.

ATTENTION YOUTH: Holston Youth Retreat at Holston Camp in Banner Elk – November 12-14. Contact Judy Wilson to add your name to the "Yes! I am going" list. depending on weather conditions, you will enjoy hiking, Zip Lines and more.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, August 29

11:00 a.m. Worship

12:00 p.m. Nursery Worker Volunteer Orientation

Monday, August 30

Tuesday, August 31

8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

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

Thursday, September 2

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

6:30 p.m. SF&D Committee Meeting

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

Saturday, September 3

6:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 5 - Communion

11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, September 6

Church Office Closed for Labor Day holiday

Tuesday, September 7

6:30 p.m. In-person Bible Study begins

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Laura Brown (home), Dee Hopkins (home), Bob Horsch (Commonwealth), August Lageman (Rehab at Bristol – Exit 7), Sherrye May (home), Eleanor Munsey (English Meadows), Bob & Doris Tolar (English Meadows), George Treadwell (home), Dr. Darlene Litton (Commonwealth)

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONCERNS: Winkie Barton, Jim Bunn, **Lynda Campbell**, Richard Cano, Vickie Cornelius, Belden Evans, Walter Holcomb, Bonnie Justus, **Anthony Kitchen (nephew of Walt Kitchen)**, Randa McCall, **Bobby Ratliff, Rob Ratliff (in hospital-son of Lynda Campbell and Bobby Ratliff)**, Janie Snyder, Family and friends of James "Jim" Yates

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

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

ECUMENICAL FAITH IN ACTION UPDATE - for the month of July, your financial contributions and volunteer hours helped feed 540 families. EFIA also provided \$18,085 in crisis assistance funds to help area residents. In addition, EFIA provided gift certificates to the New Life Thrift Shop that were redeemed for \$5,299 in clothing items. Finally, Crossroads Medical saw 31 patients at no charge during the month. Thank you for your continued support of EFIA as they seek to aid those in our community who live in poverty.

PIANO FUND – Session has approved a "Piano Fund" for a new piano in the sanctuary. If you would like to contribute towards this future goal, simply notate "piano fund" in memo line of your check. As of this month, \$5,800 has been received.

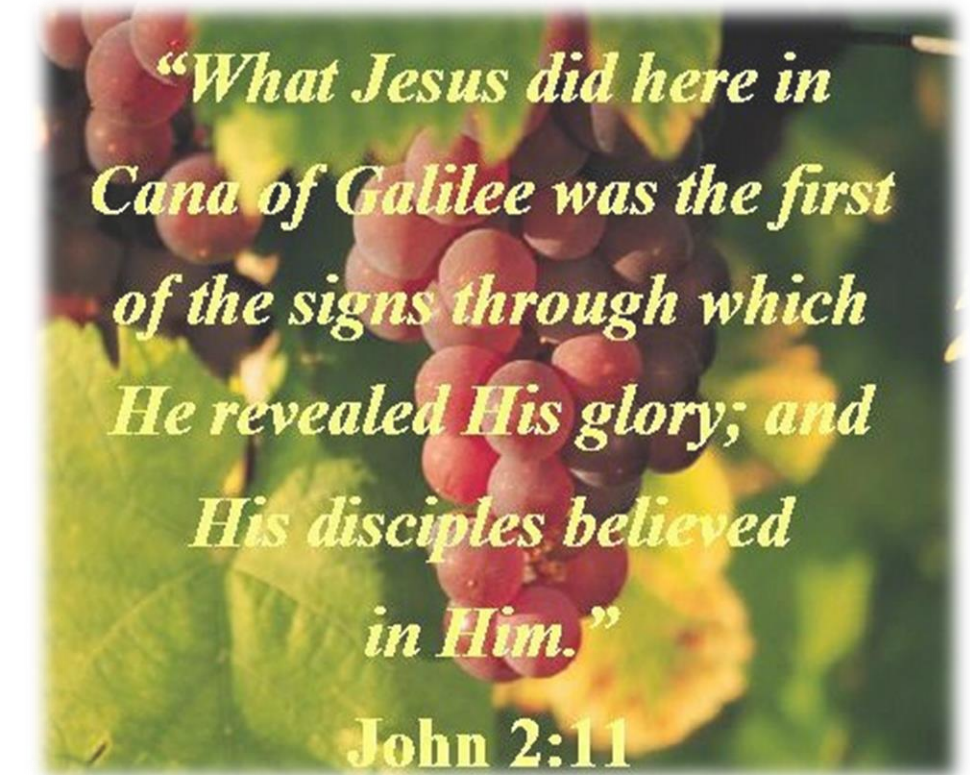
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Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

*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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