

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 3, 2021

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *For the Beauty of the Earth* Pierpoint

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

+ CALL TO WORSHIP R. Dean Barr, Liturgist

Leader: Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets,
People: but in these last days he has spoken to us through his Son Jesus Christ.

Leader: Jesus is the reflection of God's glory,
and he sustains all things in the world by his powerful Word.
It is fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, should give his only Son to suffering for our salvation.

**People: Therefore, we will proclaim God's name.
In the midst of the congregation, we will praise God.**

Prayer of Adoration

O Lord, our Sovereign, your name is majestic and holy. You are our creator, and you make us for each other, to live in community as friends, sons and daughters, sisters and brothers, wives and husbands, partners and companions. Teach us to choose love that is faithful and devoted; teach us like children to trust so that our loving may radiate and reflect the image of the pioneer of our faith, Jesus the Christ who taught us to pray, 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 #515, vs. 1,2,3

I Come with Joy

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift,
one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper.
Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we."

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liturgist: Sisters and brothers: We have an advocate on high, Jesus Christ, who made purification for our sins by suffering and tasting death for everyone, but who rose in honor and glory to reign forever. Therefore, let us seek God's grace.

People: Loving God, you created us to live in relationship with you, to love and to serve one another, and to care for all your creatures. Yet, in the hardness of our hearts, we dismiss your commandments and seek to go our separate ways. Lord, have mercy on us. Redeem, restore, and re-create us, for the sake of Christ our Savior. Amen.

+ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S MERCY Liturgist

Leader: Jesus Christ is not ashamed to call us sisters and brothers. He is the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. He sanctifies us, making us one with the Father. Hear the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Rev. Campbell
Afterwards, children ages 3 - 6 are invited to join Ms. Selinda for WOW

+HYMN OF MERCY #509
All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Liturgist

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: Rev. Campbell

New Testament: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-11 NT p. 192

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Rev. Kevin M. Campbell

"God's Imprint"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory Courtney
In Remembrance of Me

This entire song is about Jesus reminding us to remember the sacrifice he became to save all of us, remember his teachings, remember his love for others, and remember to follow the message he has placed in our hearts.

+Doxology #606
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

+Prayer of Dedication

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: They are lifted up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

+ HYMN OF SENDING #511, vs. 1,2,4
Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven

+ CHARGE AND BLESSING

+ POSTLUDE Beethoven
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
+ THOSE 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.

Thank you to **R. Dean Barr, Laura Harris, and Selinda Robinson** for assisting with the music, worship service, and WOW today.

AS A REMINDER, our next **Youth Group** gathering is scheduled for Sunday, October 10. We will gather in the fellowship hall for lunch and Bible study immediately following morning worship. 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.

THE HUNGER OFFERING to benefit Ecumenical Faith in Action will be collected this morning.

THANK YOU to **Brenda Justus** for delivering supplies generously donated by everyone for the flood victims in Hurley.

THE HOLSTON YOUTH RETREAT scheduled for November has been postponed until March 22-27, 2022.

THE PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING will be collected this morning, World Communion Sunday. A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering offers light to those in the shadows and guides us all into the ways of peace. We come together to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and around the world.

A FLU VACCINATION CLINIC will be held immediately following worship, next Sunday, October 10. If you are interested in receiving a flu vaccination, please contact the church office to reserve your spot!

SINKING SPRING will participate in the **HAUNTED HILL TRUNK OR TREAT** on Saturday, October 23rd, 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 will need **A LOT** of candy. If you would like to donate candy, please drop it off at the church, *or if you would like for someone to pick up the candy for you, simply note "candy" on your check or money envelope.* If you would like to assist with the event, please contact Richie Hooker or Angie Haynes.

The family of Dr. Frederick Ellison Conrad is grateful to God for his life, for your friendship, and for your kindness and prayers.

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.

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@sinkingsspring.org

Elder Recommendation:

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, October 3, Communion

11:00 a.m. Worship
3:00 p.m. SUS4 Jazz Group

Monday, October 4

6:30 pm Property Team Meeting
6:30 pm Service & Outreach Team Meeting

Tuesday, October 5

6:30 p.m. Fall Bible Study – The Lord’s Prayer (in-person)
8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall
8:00 p.m. Al Anon next to Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 6

10:00 a.m. Bible Study – The Lord’s Prayer (ZOOM)
3 – 5 pm Wonderful Wednesday’s

Thursday, October 7

7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study – Shoney’s
6:30 p.m. Christian Education Team Meeting
8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 9

6:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 10

10:25 a.m. Bell Rehearsal – Music Room (wear mask)
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Youth Group / Corn Maze
12 – 2:30 pm Flu Vaccination Clinic – Church Parlor

SUS4 JAZZ GROUP

SUS4 in musical terms is a cool three note chord that is not major nor minor, but it catches the ear. It leaves the listeners waiting for more. This group does just that. Colton Fenner is a gifted pianist, Eddie Dalton is a drummer & percussionist, Dan Hitchcock is a music educator and plays the saxophone uniquely and fluidly, and Marin Walters is a skilled bassist. Concert starts at 3:00 pm this afternoon, FREE admission for all students, \$10 general admission.

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: Friends and Family of John Bundy, Family and friends of Dr. F. Ellison Conrad, **Janet Eagler (Judy Wilson’s mother)**, Belden Evans, Walter Holcomb, Anthony Kitchen, Ashley Long, Family of David May, Randa McCall, 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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