October 16, 2016

PRELUDE  The Heavens Are Telling  Beethoven/Schreiner

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT  Come Holy Spirit

+CALL TO WORSHIP  from Psalm 52
One:  The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All:  And also with you.

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION
O Holy God, we know that we have fallen short. We turn our backs when we could embrace others. We remain silent when we could speak. We speak when we could listen. We close the door when we could fling it wide open. We judge when we could seek understanding. We cling when we could give. Forgive us, O God, for being so very human at times, and help us to continue to grow into the people that you created us to be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+HYMN OF PRAISE  The Day of Resurrection!  #118

+RESPONSE  Glory Be to the Father  Gloria Patri  #579

+PASSING OF THE PEACE
May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES
All children are invited to come forward for the Time for Young Disciples. Afterward, children age 5 thru 3rd grade may go to Worship Our Way (W.O.W.) while children in 4th grade and older are invited to worship with their families.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING
Isaiah 43: 16-26  p. 632 OT
This is the Word of the Lord.  Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM  Prayer of Saint Patrick  arr. V. Johnson

THE GOSPEL TEXT
Philippians 3: 1-14  p. 175 OT
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THE WORD PROCLAIMED  “The Spiritual Discipline of Forgetting”  Dr. M. Dotterweich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD
Offertory  Jesus, Joy of Man’s Desiring  J.S. Bach/Keith #592

+DOXOLOGY  Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven; and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

+SENDING HYMN  Fight the Good Fight  #307

+BENEDICTION & RESPONSE  A Parting Prayer

+POSTLUDE  Processional of Joy  #590

*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND.

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 this morning. A Nursery is available for infants and children through age 3. If you need directions an usher can assist you.

HEARING DEVICES are available for the hearing impaired from an usher.

WE WELCOME DR. MARTIN DOTTERWEICH to the pulpit this morning. Dr. Dotterweich is from Knoxville, and graduated from Wheaton College (IL), Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, and the University of Edinburgh. He specializes in the Reformation, Scottish history, and book history. He has taught at King since 2004, and lives in Bristol with wife Heather, and children Kathleen and Peter.

WE WELCOME JOAN KEITH to worship this morning. Joan is filling in for Joseph Trivette.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY
Elders: Georgia Crews & Jan Hardman

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WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION
Elders: Matt Crum & Joey Lamie

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YOUTH OUTING – TODAY to the Brumley Gap Corn Maze. Plan to meet at church by approximately 2:00 p.m. for departure.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY started this past Wednesday, October 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with Dr. Donald Hudson, chair of the Philosophy and Religion department at King University. Topic for the class is “Christianity”. Classes will continue through November 2nd.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM resumes Wednesday, October 19th at 3:30 p.m.

T.A.G. – TEENS AND GOD! the Middle School and High School Youth meet in the Grant Room for class to learn and hear about having a servant heart for God. See you there!

C.S.I. – CHRISTIANS SEEKING INSTRUCTION! Has begun… the Adult Sunday School class will meet in the parlor to study the word of God and seek how God is looking to use each of us to be his servants.

CHILDREN’S BULLETINS are available for all children. If you do not receive one when you enter the Sanctuary, ask an usher for one. There are crayons in a basket on the table outside the office.

J.A.M. – a new format for Children at 10:00 a.m. Children will participate in activities that will transport them back in time to when Jesus walked on the earth. J.A.M. stands for Jesus and Me. The room has been transformed into a Biblical village which will add something new each week. Every Sunday until Advent the children will learn what it might have been like for Jesus growing up in Nazareth and what it is like today to have him as their friend.

THROW PILLOWS FOR J.A.M. CHILDREN: if you have any “throw pillows” you are not using; the children can use in the Bible tent upstairs. The pillows will lend authenticity to the inside of tent. You can bring pillows and put them in the box in the Narthex. Thanks!

SERVICE AND OUTREACH
Elders: Mimi Hull & Alice Rainey

SOCIAL CLUB IN NOVEMBER! Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church will host the Social Club on November 17th at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Volunteers are needed. If you have any small “gift” items you’d like to donate for use as bingo prizes, they would be most appreciated. Prizes may be brought to the church office Monday – Thursday between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

TOOTHPASTE FOR INMATES – The Chaplain’s Office at Good News Jail & Prison Ministry would like to show the love of Christ to each inmate by giving each a gift on Christmas Day. We have been asked to help with this effort by supplying 200 tubes of toothpaste. Please help us make Christmas a little brighter for one who are often forgotten about by a society. Cost to purchase is often $1.00 or less. Your gifts may be added to the bins outside the church office through today.

OUR OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE: Faith In Action is coming up October 30th – November 4th. Tuesday and Friday will be especially busy, the second being the first of the month. Please mark your calendar and sign up in the narthex on the mission’s bulletin board. Thanks in advance for serving our neighbors in need.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard

STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE for October 9, 2016

Attendance: 140
Offering: $3,800

CHURCH BULLETINS are available on our website! The link to view is http://www.sinkingspring.org/worship.html

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Mazie Cook (Commonwealth Assisted Living), Reed Cooke (Commonwealth Assisted Living), Hazel Warden (Abingdon Rehab), Don Preston, Claude Greer (English Meadows), Marjorie Addison (English Meadows) and Helen Napps

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS: Dean Barr and family

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Richie Hooker, Mary Barr and Ted Latham


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