

February 12, 2012 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 11:00 a.m.

\*Those who are able please stand

**Gathering Around The Word**

*Welcome to worship at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church!*

*This time of preparation is offered so that you may make ready your heart for the worship of God. May God bless you as you enter God's presence.*

**Prayer of Preparation**

*Children's Letters to God by Nan*

Dear God, I bet it is very hard for you to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only four people in our family and I can never do it.

**The Chimes**

**Welcome and Announcements**

“Blessed Jesu, We are Here”

\* **Prayer of Praise and Adoration**

\* **Call to Worship**

Leader: Love is what draws us here.

**People: Our desire to be loved entices us. Brother-Sister love invites us. God's creative love unites us.**

Leader: Love is what fills us here.

**People: A handshake or embrace warms us. Holy conversation informs us. Christ's grace reforms us.**

Leader: Love is what encourages us here.

**People: A compassionate tale stirs us. A need made known prompts us. God's pervasive Spirit inspires us.**

Leader: Let us practice such love with hearts open to God and God's possibilities.

**All: Let our worship be a wondrous act of love!**

\* **Hymn No. 648**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

**Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

Lord you have loved us, but we have taken you for granted. We see your love in each sunrise, in your Word to us, in signs of the faithful everywhere. Evidence of our love for you is far too often not to be found anywhere. Help us to be your people in word and in deed. Let our light shine out as a beacon for you. We pray humbly before you...*(Worshippers continue in a moment of silent, personal confession.)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

**All: Thanks be to God for his amazing love. Amen.**

\* **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Anthem**

“He is the Rock” *Celebration Singers*

**Children's Time**

At the conclusion of the “Children's Time” older children are encouraged to stay for worship and younger children, up to age 4, are welcome to go to the nursery or stay with their families. Let us thank God for our children by singing “Jesus Loves Me.”

*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.*

*Little ones to him belong; They are weak, but he is strong.*

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!*

*Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

**Dismissal for Worship Exploration**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

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.

**Proclaiming The Word**

\* **Hymn (Insert)**

“Though I May Speak”

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Reading the Word of God**

Luke 15:11-32

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

“Love Stories”

April Cranford

**Responding to The Word**

\* **Affirmation of Faith**

*from “A Brief Statement of Faith 10.3”*

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

**Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**Offertory**

“Love Lifted Me” *Chancel Choir*

\* **Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Bearing The Word Into The World**

\* **Hymn No. 517**

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

\* **Charge and Benediction**

\* **Postlude**

“Prelude & Fugue in E Minor”

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Worship with us at Tinkling Spring** every Sunday. The 8:30 a.m. service consists of more modern music, while the 11 a.m. service features the very best of worship in the classic tradition.

**If you are visiting** with us this morning, we welcome you! Crib and Toddler nurseries are provided in rooms 100 and 102 on the first floor of the main building. Please see an Usher for assistance. To learn more about Tinkling Spring, or if you are interested in becoming a member, please speak with one of our pastors or greeters, or you may visit our website at [www.tinklingspring.com](http://www.tinklingspring.com).

**Hearing assistance devices** are available if needed. Please see an usher if you would like one for use during worship.

**We respectfully ask that you** place your cell phones and pagers on silence or vibrate prior to the worship service.

**Audio compact discs** of today's 11:00 a.m. worship service are available for \$4. To obtain a copy, please contact the church office (885-0746) on Monday morning.

**Last Sunday, Tinkling Spring Church** welcomed 39 guests to its worship services. Each Sunday morning, many of our pews will have a first-time or repeat visitor. Your warm welcome to our guests expresses the inviting and hospitable character of this congregation. Your smile and welcoming word make a difference!

**Worship Exploration takes place today during worship.** Children ages 5 years through first grade depart the sanctuary after the Children's Time to be involved in their own worship experience in room 108, and then return to the sanctuary during the final hymn. Worship Exploration takes place on the second and fourth Sunday of each month from October-April.

**Registration begins today for the Children at the Lord's Supper Class.**

This an interactive four-week class for parents and their children in second-fifth grade to foster an understanding of and appreciation for Communion. The class meets in the Fellowship Hall from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 4, 11, and 18, and from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 25. Registration forms are available outside of Harriet Thompson's office and on the children's ministry board downstairs. Please turn in registrations to Harriet by Sunday, February 26.

**Youth tonight!** Join us as we pack lots of love in the 44 boxes being sent to our college students. Thank you to everyone who donated items to fill these boxes. Youth begins at 5:00 p.m. with 30 minutes of “chill” time and then we will eat dinner at 5:30 p.m., provided by Sharon Estes and LaVonia Kirby. We'll pack the care boxes at 6:00 p.m.

**Get ready for a new session of Wonderful Wednesdays!** Don't miss out on this mid-week ministry that nurtures children, youth and adults. This Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, we'll begin with a delicious meal of shrimp fettuccine and grilled cheese for the children, served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Spring Hall. Elementary children and youth enjoy interactive faith opportunities from 6:00-7:30 p.m. and adults can cultivate their own faith through small group studies (The Book of Exodus or How to Raise Spiritually Healthy Kids), or enjoy craft time or chill time from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Sign up today on the ministry boards in the coffee gathering area. Make your Wednesdays WONDERFUL!

**Wonderful Wednesday kitchen help needed:** Looking for 3 volunteers to help with set up and 3 volunteers for clean up for the following Wednesdays: Feb. 15, 22, 29 and March 7. Set up folks can arrive at 5:00 p.m. to eat first; clean up folks report to the kitchen when you are done eating. Please contact Sue Ervin (943-1011) to volunteer.

**Sign up for the upcoming Fun Day at Tinkling Spring!** Register your Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade children for a FREE, fun, faith-filled day on Monday, February 20, from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Registration forms are located outside of Harriet's office and on the children's ministry board in the elementary hallway downstairs. Children must be pre-registered for this event.

**Attention all ladies of TSPC!!!** Mark your calendars for Friday, February 24, 2012. If you are over the age of eighteen put on some comfy clothes and come be a part of Ladies Night which will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the youth rooms. Bring a friend, a snack, and a heart ready for laughter as you will share in an evening of fun and fellowship while watching a DVD of well-known Christian comedian, Anita Renfro. Additional information may be obtained from Carla Byrd (942-1384 after 3:00 p.m.) or Sharon Wood (649-0439). See you there!

**SPYCE High School Retreat, March 2-4. "In the Potter's Hands"** includes creative keynotes with Howard and Meg Dudley, hands-on projects to tap into the gifts of your hands, fellowship, music, recreation, bonfire, coffee house, worship, and more. Register by Sunday, February 26, to attend. The cost is \$80 per person. Tinkling Spring youth will stay in the Tinkling Cottage, which cuts the cost of the retreat by \$15.00.

**New Friends and Family Directories are available.** The directories are located on the mission table in the foyer in alphabetical order. Please make sure you take only yours. If you are a regular attendee and do not see one with your name and would like one, please call the church office at 885-0746 and speak with Missy.

**The 2011 Annual Reports** are available in the three entry ways to the sanctuary. We encourage you to take one, and read it, so you can be involved in all that happens at TSPC.

**Souper Bowl of Caring – update!** Thank you so much to all who gave financially and/or donated food items to support the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. This year we collected \$578.97 and 200 pounds of food, compared to last year's figures of \$539.33 and 99 food items. Thank you again for being a blessing to our community.

**Employment Opportunities:** The Presbytery has announced some job openings. For more information, please see the postings on the community board.

**Books for Africa:** Thank you for your generous response to our Books for Africa project. We collected 658 books. These have been delivered to the collection site to be warehoused until this Presbytery project is complete. ~ Ramona Bosserman

**Anthem: He Is the Rock**

He is the rock. He is the Rock of Ages. He is the rock, the chief and cornerstone. He is the rock, he is the sure foundation. I will put my trust in the strength of the Lord. I will put my trust in the Lord. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. He is the rock, he is the Rock of Ages. He is the rock, the chief and cornerstone. He is the rock, he is the sure foundation. I will put my trust in the strength of the Lord. He is the rock.

<u>Our Stewardship Report</u>			
Needed per week	\$11,100.00	Year to date:	\$66,600.00
Received last week:	\$13,146.10	Year to date:	\$61,444.01
Building Fund:	\$967.00	Other:	\$180.00
Souper Bowl of Caring	\$578.97	Food items collected:	184
<u>Attendance Last Week</u>			
8:30 Worship	89	11:00 Worship	259
Sunday School	156	Sunday School Offering	\$133.00

<u>Ushers</u>				
<u>Today</u>		<u>February 19</u>		
11:00: Donna Pangburn (A) Ruth Siron (B) Glenn Siron (C) Sue Ervin (D)		Sue Ervin (A) Donna Pangburn (B) Mac Beard (C) Patrick Cash (D)		
<u>Greeters this Month</u>				
11:00: Julian and Ellen Moffett, Donna Pangburn				
<u>Nursery Attendants</u>				
<u>Today</u>		<u>February 19</u>		
Sunday School: Sharon Wood		Elaine Campbell		
11:00 Crib & Toddler: Randy and Donna Houff		Wendell and Betsy Coleman		
<u>Weekly Schedule</u>				
Date	Time	Event	Location	
Today	8:30 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary	
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary	
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Exploration	Room 108	
	4:00 p.m.	Worship Team	Sanctuary	
	5:00 p.m.	Celebration Singers	Choir Room	
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group	Spring Hall	
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Grace Bells	Bell Room	
	6:30 p.m.	Pack Leader Meeting	Room 210	
	7:00 p.m.	Diaconate Meeting	Session Room	
	6:00 p.m.	Healthy Living Group	Room 210	
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Den Meetings	Rooms 122,124	
	Tuesday	9:15 a.m.	Staff Meeting	Kitchenette
		10:30 a.m.	Senior Citizens	FUMC
1:00 p.m.		Tinkling Belles	Room 213	
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Zumba Class	Spring Hall	
	5:30 p.m.	Wonderful WednesdaysDinner	Spring Hall	
	6:00 p.m.	Wonderful Wed. Children & Youth		
	6:30 p.m.	Wonderful Wed. Adults		
	6:30 p.m.	Craft Time	Room 210	
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Choir Room	
<u>Prayer List</u>				
<u>Health Concerns</u>				
Missy Aitcheson*	Luel Almarode	Tom Biery	Addison Bower	
Kathryn Campbel	Qavah Campbell	Troy Coleman*	Elvira Crummett	
Debbie Cusson	Mark Diehl	Jan Deitz*	Johnny Downs*	
John Filler	Lisa Fisher	Martha Forbes	Bill Gordon	
David Graham*	Jack Groome	Charlie Harper*	Janis Hepler	
Cliff Hoover	Justin Johnson	John Keys	JoAnne Lam	
Frank Law	Norma Mathis	Wendy McCoy	Michael Meoni, Jr	
Carol Mills	Phyllis Myrtle	Margaret Rhodes	Virginia Roscoe	
Jennifer Schepps	Libby Shephard	Madison Sholes	Richard Shutzer	
Tracy Small*	J.J. Smiley*	Fred Smiley	Virginia Snead	
Frankie Sours	Claire Williams	Loes van der Heiden	John Wimmer	
Betty Young				
<u>In Special Care</u>				
Jackie Batson	Vera Brown	Lorraine Caldwell	Joe Cappo	
Janet Weaver	Laura Weaver	Irene Wiseman	Otis Fisher	
<u>Special Concerns</u>				
Gwen Carr	Derick Coffey	John Craft	Paul D. Julian, Jr.	
Morgan Gardner	Luke Lockridge			
<u>Bereavement</u>				
The family of Goldie Lockridge*				
The family of Brian Wrenn*				
*New to Prayer List				
If you have a concern or joy to share with the congregation, Please drop a written note in the basket on the pulpit prior to worship.				