

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 19, 2017

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER.....Pastor and Congregation

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP...“Open Our Eyes, Lord”...p. 392.....Congregation

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ... *1 Corinthians 13:1-8* Reggie Jackson

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

HYMN ... “Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire” 440

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you have sent your Son to us to show us the way. Even when we have turned our backs, followed our own paths, you offer us Light. Forgive us when we are so willful and stubborn. Forgive us when we think more about ourselves and our comforts than we think of reaching out to others. Remind us again that Jesus witnessed to us the Light of Love that serves, guides and heals. Pour that Light into our lives once more, that we may come to understand the power and depth of your love for us all. AMEN.

Hear the Good News, in the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

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MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN ... “Because I Have Been Given Much” 665

OFFERTORY PRAYER..... Usher

OFFERTORY

GOSPEL LESSON ...*Luke 15:11-32*..... Molly Abbott

Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’” ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON

CLOSING HYMN ... “We Are Travelers on a Journey”278

POSTLUDE

**Leading in our service today are Joshua and Jessica Hearne,
CBF Field Personnel from Danville Virginia.**

WELCOME!

USHERS

TODAY Jeff Robinson’s Team

NEXT SUNDAY Nancy Ruppert’s Team

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY.....Nicole and Walker Smith

NEXT SUNDAY Candy Loflin

NURSERY

TODAY..... Angel Robinson

NEXT SUNDAYJean Maness and Sharon Blake

CALENDAR

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. **TEAM 6**

6:30 p.m. Business Meeting - Bible Study and Children's and Youth Programs

NEXT SUNDAY ... No Breakfast

11:00 a.m..... Installation Service for Rev. Josh Powers

12:00 noon..... Covered Dish Lunch (please bring side dishes and desserts)

(Grilled chicken will be provided)

PRAYER LIST

Church family:

Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, Jack Boone, John & Alisa Beard, Larry Wilson, Rodney Loflin, Karen Dailey, Barbara Lynthacum, Gary McCaskill, Sarah Jo Wall

At Home: Helen Greene, Violet Epps, Irene Warner, Florence Cagle

Friends and Relatives of:

Molly/Wayne Abbott	Henrietta Garner	friend
	Monnie Jenkins	friend
	Juanita King	friend
	Tony Lawson	friend
	Toni Atcheson	sister
	Cassie Jenkins	granddaughter
	Martha Garner	sister
	Tammy Laprade	sister
	Audrey Grace Bryan...	friend
Dave/Barb Buckland	Retha Brooks	Sue Ann's mother
Jane Covington	Faye	sister
	Pete Thomas	brother-in-law
	Lee Kasik	grandson-in-law
Tim and Tammy Dunn	Todd Reece	friend
	Scott Reece	friend
	Lynn Saunders	cousin
Ernest , Karen Dailey	Judy and Estella	daughters
Garrett Gooch	Mary Chunn	grandmother

Ray, Frances Hudson		daughter
Paul/Thelma Hussey	Harold Johnson	brother
	Meryl Johnson	sister-in-law
	Mildred Hunsucker	friend
Reggie Jackson	Marian Jackson	mother
Mary James	Benny McBride	friend
	Bob Moore	nephew
	Pam, Ken Morgan	niece, nephew
Butch/Nancy Jenkins	John Moore	Nancy's father
Candy Loflin	Cristie Thomas	friend
	Beth Holt	friend
	Misty Morgan	friend.
Max/Jane Luquire	Iris Luquire	sister-in-law
	Jo Brooks	friend
Barbara Lynthacum	J.D. Thompson	nephew
	Melissa Green	daughter
Jean Maness	Helen Mabe	aunt
	Carol Luther	friend
Sylvia McAlister	Tammy Parker	friend
Pat/Bob Morgan	Jesse Wallace	friend
Jeff Robinson	June Spears	friend
Nancy Ruppert	Marie Spoon	sister
Barbara Smith	Laura Wilson	friend

Service Personnel:

Devin Hurley, Mark Davis, Dylan McCaskill, Christian Rush, Seth Spivey, Garrett Wallace, Chris Stuart