

# Second Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2017

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP .....Pastor and Congregation

**Pastor:** Come, all who need help!

**People:** Our help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

**Pastor:** Come, all who desire blessing!

**People:** Our blessing comes from God, the God of Abraham, the God of the ages.

**Pastor:** Come, all who long for salvation!

**People:** Our salvation comes through Jesus Christ, the one sent by the love of God to save the world.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP...“Sing Hallelujah to the Lord”.....Congregation

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ...*Genesis 12:1-4*..... Molly Abbott

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” <sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

HYMN ... “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” ..... 48

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE..... Rebecca Blake

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to be your faithful people. We are swift to join Abram’s doubt and impatience, but we find it difficult to copy Abraham’s faith and trust. We want to believe your promises, but the here-and-now problems of daily life consume our focus and erode our faith. Forgive us. Open our eyes to your light. Open our hearts to your love. Open our minds to your possibilities. Speak to us today, O God, and strength our faith, that we, too, may know the everlasting power of your love. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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

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MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN ... “I Know Whom I Have Believed” ...vs. 1 and 2 ..... 409

OFFERTORY PRAYER ..... Usher

OFFERTORY

GOSPEL LESSON ...*John 3:1-17*..... Molly Abbott

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

ANTHEM... “Precious Lord” ..... Choir

SERMON ..... Pastor

CLOSING HYMN ... “Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated” ...vs. 1, 2 and 4 ..... 490

POSTLUDE

## CALENDAR

TODAY...PASSPORT deposit due (\$50)

5:30 p.m. ....Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m ..... Supper ... Team3

6:45 p.m .....Bible Study ... Children and Youth Programs

7:30 p.m ..... Finance Committee Meeting

SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. .... Children leave for Greensboro Science Museum

**USHERS**

TODAY..... Eugene Crisco's Team  
 NEXT SUNDAY ..... Jeff Robinson's Team

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

TODAY..... Betty Green  
 NEXT SUNDAY ..... Barbara Smith

**NURSERY**

TODAY ..... Linda McNeill  
 NEXT SUNDAY ..... Lesa Speer

**PRAYER LIST**

<b>Church family:</b> 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, Betty Green			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
			Mary James	Benny McBride	friend
				Bob Moore	nephew
				Pam, Ken Morgan	niece, nephew
<b>At Home:</b> Helen Greene, Violet Epps, Irene Warner, Florence Cagle			Butch/Nancy Jenkins	John Moore	Nancy's father
			Candy Loflin	Cristie Thomas	friend
				Beth Holt	friend
				Misty Morgan	friend.
<b>Friends and Relatives of:</b>			Max/Jane Luquire	Iris Luquire	sister-in-law
Molly/Wayne Abbott	Henrietta Garner	friend		Jo Brooks	friend
	Monnie Jenkins	friend		J.D. Thompson	nephew
	Juanita King	friend		Melissa Green	daughter
	Tony Lawson	friend		Helen Mabe	aunt
	Toni Atcheson	sister		Carol Luther	friend
	Cassie Jenkins	granddaughter	Barbara Lynthacum	Tammy Parker	friend
	Martha Garner	sister		Jesse Wallace	friend
	Tammy Laprade	sister	Jean Maness	June Spears	friend
	Audrey Grace Bryan...	friend		Marie Spoon	sister
Dave/Barb Buckland	Retha Brooks	Sue Ann's mother	Sylvia McAlister	Laura Wilson	friend
Jane Covington	Faye	sister	Pat/Bob Morgan	Doris Hinson	friend
	Pete Thomas	brother-in-law	Jeff Robinson		
	Lee Kasik	grandson-in-law	Nancy Ruppert		
Tim and Tammy Dunn	Todd Reece	friend	Barbara Smith		
	Scott Reece	friend			
	Lynn Saunders	cousin			
			<b>Service Personnel:</b> Devin Hurley, Mark Davis, Dylan McCaskill, Christian Rush, Seth Spivey, Garrett Wallace, Chris Stuart		