

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2016

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Congregation

**We have gathered to worship in the name of Jesus, the Christ;
members of God's family, and brothers and sisters to one another.
There are no outsiders here; no one has any special standing or privilege.
We are all united by the redeeming love of Jesus.
Let us all join together in worship!**

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP... "Lord, Listen to Your Children"Congregation

**Lord, listen to your children praying; Lord, send Your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying; Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Psalm 148:1-5* Reggie Jackson

**Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!
Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!**

**Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!
Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.**

HYMN ... "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him"36

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE..... Brandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We pray you: in your mercy forgive what we have been, amend what we are, direct what we shall be; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, giving thanks in all circumstances through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN... "In Christ There Is No East or West"385

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Acts 11:1-18*..... Molly Abbott

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God.² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised

believer¹ criticized him,³ saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?"⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying,⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me.⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air.⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.'⁸ But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.'¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were.¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house.¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter;¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.'¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning.¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?"¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

SPECIAL MUSIC ... "Ancient Words".....Ensemble

SERMON.....Rev. Josh Powers

CLOSING HYMN ... "The Servant Song"613

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY ... Passport deposit due

9:00 a.m. BREAKFAST

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m.Supper (Team 4)

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

SATURDAY

7:00 a.m. First Baptist to man Food Pantry

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY..... Mary Beth McCaskill and Elizabeth Loflin

NEXT SUNDAY Sharon and Dwayne Blake

USHERS

TODAY..... Jeff Robinson's Team

NEXT SUNDAY Nancy Ruppert's Team

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 12 JOY Group ... Out to Lunch! ... leave at 11:00 a.m.
 June 5 GRADUATION SUNDAY
 June 13-15 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 June 23-25 Youth Basketball Camp at Glade Spring, Va.
 July 17-22 Youth PASSPORT CAMP

PRAYER LIST

<p>Church family: Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, Rachel McCaskill, Jack Boone, John & Alisa Beard, Larry Wilson, Rodney Loflin, Melissa Nelson, Florence Cagle, Jane Covington</p> <p>At Home: Helen Greene, Violet Epps, Irene Warner</p> <p>Friends and Relatives of: Molly/Wayne Abbott</p>			Reggie Jackson Marian Jackson mother Mary James Benny McBride friend Bob & Sue Moore niece/ husband Andy Spivey son-in-law Pam Morgan niece Butch/Nancy Jenkins Sylvia Long friend Amy Wilson friend John Moore Nancy's father Candy Loflin Cristie Thomas friend Goldie Loflin Beth Holt Mabel Ann Luther Wanda Pierce daughter Max/Jane Luquire Ray Barrett brother-in-law Jo Brooks friend Iris Luquire sister-in-law Harold Lynthacum Verna Hancock friend Barbara Lynthacum J.D. Thompson nephew Charles Thompson nephew Melissa Green daughter Jean Maness Helen Mabe aunt Carol Luther friend Janet Maness Polly King friend Virginia Long friend Sylvia McAlister Tammy Parker friend Rachel McCaskill Marsha Norris grand-daughter Kay Rush daughter Pat/Bob Morgan Jesse Wallace friend Jeff Robinson June Spears friend Ralph McIntyre friend Nancy Ruppert Marie Spoon sister Angie Tofflemeyer – Principal at Troy Elem.		
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 John Beard Pat Jones brother-in-law Dave/Barb Buckland Retha Brooks Sue Ann's mother Jane Covington Faye sister Pete Thomas brother-in-law Lee Kasik grandson-in-law Tina Cripps Lee Hurley cousin Wes Key uncle Shelly Hawthorne friend Tim and Tammy Dunn Todd Reece friend Scott Reece friend Lynn Saunders cousin Betty Green Tom Nelson brother-in-law Paul/Thelma Hussey Janie Rumbly sister Meryl Johnson sister-in-law Mildred Hunsucker friend Harold Johnson brother	<p>Service Personnel: Devin Hurley, Mark Davis, Dylan McCaskill, Christian Rush, Seth Spivey, Garrett Wallace, Chris Stuart</p>				

Deacon of the Month ... Jeff Robinson