

# Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

October 22, 2016

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Congregation

**God of all, we have come today to worship You.**

**We come into your presence**

**seeking your peace**

**seeking your hope**

**seeking your comfort**

**seeking the courage to speak your truth.**

**Equip us in this hour to be your faithful people.**

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP...“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”...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 65* ..... Reggie Jackson

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed, <sup>2</sup> O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come. <sup>3</sup> When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions. <sup>4</sup> Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple. <sup>5</sup> By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. <sup>6</sup> By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might. <sup>7</sup> You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples. <sup>8</sup> Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy. <sup>9</sup> You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it. <sup>10</sup> You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. <sup>11</sup> You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness. <sup>12</sup> The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, <sup>13</sup> the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

Wise and powerful God, you have given us your light and truth to guide us through confusion, yet we have relied instead on our human wisdom and have lost our way. You offer to share our burdens and give us your strength, yet we trust in our own efforts and find ourselves exhausted. Forgive us, and bring us back into your presence, O God; overcome our separation from one another and from you. By your word and spirit, fill us with the gifts that equip us to meet life's demands, that we may be your people in the world and live in the confidence and joy of faith in Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen

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

**In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.**

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN... “He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought”...vs. *1 and 3* ..... 52

OFFERTORY PRAYER ..... Usher

OFFERTORY

GOSPEL LESSON ... *Luke 18:9-14* ..... Molly Abbott

<sup>9</sup> He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: <sup>10</sup> “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ <sup>13</sup> But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup> I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

ANTHEM... “Precious Lord” ..... Choir

SERMON ... *An Inclusive God* ..... Rev. Josh Powers

CLOSING HYMN ... “Have Faith in God”...vs. *1 and 2* ..... 405

POSTLUDE

## CALENDAR

TODAY

5:00 p.m. .... Choir Practice

6:30 p.m. .... Recreation

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. .... Deacons' Meeting

WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m. .... Cleaning crew needed for kitchen and fellowship hall

6:00 p.m. .... **Supper ... Team 4**

6:30 p.m. .... Business Meeting

6:45 p.m. .... Bible Study and Youth and Children's programs

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 a.m.....**BREAKFAST**

**USHERS**

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

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

TODAY..... Toni Kellis  
NEXT SUNDAY ..... Brandi Powers

**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, Florence Cagle, Karen Dailey, Bob Morgan, Barbara Lynthacum, Gary McCaskill			Ray, Frances Hudson		daughter
<b>At Home:</b> Helen Greene, Violet Epps, Irene Warner			Paul/Thelma Hussey	Janie Rumbly	sister
<b>Friends and Relatives of:</b> Molly/Wayne Abbott				Meryl Johnson	sister-in-law
	Monnie Jenkins	friend		Mildred Hunsucker	friend
	Juanita King	friend	Reggie Jackson	Harold Johnson	brother
	Tony Lawson	friend	Mary James	Marian Jackson	mother
	Toni Atcheson	sister		Benny McBride	friend
	Cassie Jenkins	granddaughter		Bob Moore	nephew
	Martha Garner	sister	Butch/Nancy Jenkins	Pam Morgan	niece
	Tammy Laprade	sister		Sylvia Long	friend
	Audrey Grace Bryan...	friend		Amy Wilson	friend
	Henrietta Garner	friend		John Moore	Nancy's father
John Beard	Pat Jones	brother-in-law	Candy Loflin	Cristie Thomas	friend
Dave/Barb Buckland	Retha Brooks	Sue Ann's mother		Beth Holt	friend
Jane Covington	Faye	sister		Misty Morgan	friend
	Pete Thomas	brother-in-law	Mabel Ann Luther	Melissa Nelson	grand-daught.
	Lee Kasik	grandson-in-law	Max/Jane Luquire	Iris Luquire	sister-in-law
Tina Cripps	Lee Hurley	cousin		Jo Brooks	friend
	Wes Key	uncle	Barbara Lynthacum	J.D. Thompson	nephew
	Shelly Hawthorne	friend		Melissa Green	daughter
Tim and Tammy Dunn	Todd Reece	friend	Jean Maness	Helen Mabe	aunt
	Scott Reece	friend		Carol Luther	friend
	Lynn Saunders	cousin	Janet Maness	Polly King	friend
Ernest , Karen Dailey	Judy and Estella	daughters	Sylvia McAlister	Tammy Parker	friend
Garrett Gooch	Mary Chunn	grandmother	Pat/Bob Morgan	Jesse Wallace	friend
			Jeff Robinson	June Spears	friend
			Nancy Ruppert	Marie Spoon	sister
			<b>Service Personnel:</b> Devin Hurley, Mark Davis, Dylan McCaskill, Christian Rush, Seth Spivey, Garrett Wallace, Chris Stuart		

**A Service of Celebration and Dedication for our new building**

**November 6, 2016**

**Morning Worship ... 10:30 a.m.**

**Fellowship Meal ... 12:00 noon**

**Open House for community...Nov. 13 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.**