

# First Sunday after Epiphany

January 10, 2016

## PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ..... Rev. Jim Wall

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Congregation

We gather together in the name of Jesus Christ,  
members of God's family, and brothers and sisters to one another.  
There are no outsiders here among us;  
we have all been brought together by the redeeming love of Jesus.  
Let us all join together in worship!

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.

OPENING PRAYER ..... Pastor

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Isaiah 43:1-7* ..... Molly Abbott

**But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; <sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— <sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."**

HYMN ... "We Are Called to Be God's People" ..... 390

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ..... Rebecca Blake

PRAYER OF CONFESSION ..... Congregation

**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.

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

MORNING PRAYER ..... Pastor

SPECIAL MUSIC ... "My Lord Is Near Me All the Time" ..... Ensemble

OFFERTORY PRAYER ..... Usher

## OFFERTORY

GOSPEL LESSON ... *Luke 3:15-17; 21-22* ..... Molly Abbott

**<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."**

**<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."**

INTRODUCTION OF PASTORAL CANDIDATE ..... Dwight Saunders

ANTHEM ... "What Is Your Passion?" ..... Choir

SERMON ... *A Calling of Hope* ..... Rev. Josh Powers

CLOSING HYMN... "God, the Father of Your People" ... vs. 1 and 3 ..... 382

BENEDICTION ..... Rev. Wall

## POSTLUDE

## CALENDAR

### TODAY

Immediately after worship ..... Vote on Pastoral Candidate

4:30 p.m. .... Building and Grounds Committee Meeting

*Tommy Smith, Barbara Smith, Bruce McNeill, Carolyn Brown, Dwayne Blake,*

*Nancy Jenkins, Gary McCaskill, Dwight Saunders, Max Luquire ... others*

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

### WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. .... **Supper ... Covered Dish**

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

7:30 p.m. .... JOY Group Meeting

## USHERS

TODAY ..... Nancy Ruppert's Team

NEXT SUNDAY ..... Dwight Saunders' Team

**PRAYER LIST**

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

**DEACON OF THE MONTH...John Beard**