

Epiphany Sunday

January 7, 2018

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYERPastor and Congregation

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord God, we have come to worship You.
Open our eyes that we may see the needs of others;
Open our ears that we may hear their cries;
Open our hearts so that they need not be without comfort;
Open our eyes and ears and hearts
And give us courage
that we may discern your voice and respond to your call.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP... "How Majestic Is Your".....326

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON... *Psalm 66:1-5*..... Reggie Jackson

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise. Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you. All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name."

Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

HYMN ... "We Are Called to Be God's People"..... 477

CHILDREN'S MESSAGEBrandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSIONPastor and Congregation

Leader: O God, you bring justice to the oppressed and give bread to the hungry.

People: Forgive us when we do not follow you.

Leader: You free the prisoner and restore sight to the blind; support the downtrodden and protect the stranger.

People: Forgive us when we do not follow you.

Leader: You stand against injustice and help orphans and widows.

People: Forgive us when we do not follow you.

Leader: You condemn those who seek their own interests, controlling and harming others.
You bring about justice and true peace among people.

People: Forgive us when we do not follow you.

All: God, Grant us your grace. Embolden us that, as your people, we may stand Where You stand.

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

In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN ... "Will You Come and Follow Me...vs. 1, 2, 3 and 5..... 473

OFFERTORY PRAYER Pastor

OFFERTORY

GOSPEL LESSON ... *John 1:35-51* Molly Abbott

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!"³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?"³⁹ He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed).⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth."⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!"⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you."⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"⁵⁰ Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these."⁵¹ And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

SERMON.....Pastor

CLOSING HYMN ... "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"497

BENEDICTION

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

USHERS

TODAYNancy Ruppert's Team

NEXT SUNDAYBarbara Smith's Team

FUNERAL SERVICE for Jimmy Cagle, Jr. ... 2:00 p.m. at East Montgomery Auditorium

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY Shannon and Jeff Robinson and Lesa Speer

NEXT SUNDAY Chris and Barbie Blake and Laura Flach

CALENDAR

TODAY

4:00 p.m..... Youth, Christmas Clean-up Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m..... Choir Practice

MONDAY

10:00 a.m..... Special Events Committee – Christmas Clean-up

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m..... **Supper ... TEAM 3**

6:30 p.m..... Book Study, Children and Youth Activities

Book – **Fear of the Other** by Will Willamon

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

THURSDAY

9:00 a.m..... Study Group ... *Same Kind of Different as Me*

NEXT SUNDAY

5:00 p.m..... Belize Mission Trip Meeting

6:00 p.m..... Choir Practice

PRAYER LIST

<i>Church family:</i> Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, Jack Boone, John & Alisa Beard, Karen Dailey, Barbara Lynthacum, Sarah Jo Wall, Florence Cagle, Karen Dailey, Carolyn Brown			Mary James	Benny McBride	friend
<i>At Home:</i> Helen Greene, Irene Warner			Butch/Nancy Jenkins	Bob Moore	nephew
<i>Friends and Relatives of:</i> Molly/Wayne Abbott			Candy Loflin	Pam, Ken Morgan	niece, nephew
	Monnie Jenkins	friend	John Moore	John Moore	Nancy's father
	Tony Lawson	friend	Jennifer Denning	Cristie Thomas	Katie's friend
	Toni Atcheson	sister	Beth Holt	Beth Holt	friend
	Tammy Laprade	sister	Misty Morgan	Misty Morgan	friend.
Jane Covington	Faye Thomas	sister	Jo Brooks	Jo Brooks	friend
	Pete Thomas	brother-in-law	J.D. Thompson	J.D. Thompson	nephew
	Lee Kasik	grandson-in-law	Melissa Green	Melissa Green	daughter
Ernest , Karen Dailey	Judy and Estella	daughters	Harold Lynthacum	Stephen Lynthacum	son
Mildred Grey	Ernestine Stevenson	friend	Jean Maness	Carol Luther	friend
Garrett Gooch	Mary Chunn	grandmother	Sylvia McAlister	Tammy Parker	friend
Ray, Frances Hudson		daughter	Pat/Bob Morgan	Jesse Wallace	friend
Paul/Thelma Hussey	Harold Johnson	brother	Jeff Robinson	June Spears	friend
	Meryl Johnson	sister-in-law	Nancy Ruppert	Marie Spoon	sister
	Mildred Hunsucker	friend	Barbara Smith	Laura Wilson	friend
				Doris Hinson	friend
<i>Service Personnel:</i> Devin Hurley, Mark Davis, Dylan McCaskill, Christian Rush, Seth Spivey, Garrett Wallace, Chris Stuart					