

# Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 21, 2018

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

**ALL:** Lord of All, we have come to worship you. Cleanse us from all that separates us from your mercy and grace.

**LEADER:** Cleanse the church, O Lord, of all that distracts us from authentic worship of you, and lead us into deeper relationship with you and community with one another.

**PEOPLE:** Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**LEADER:** Cleanse creation, O Lord, of all the harm we have inflicted upon it, and lead us into better stewardship of the earth and its resources.

**PEOPLE:** Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**LEADER:** Cleanse the nations, O Lord, of injustice and violence, and lead our leaders into ways of peace and reconciliation.

**PEOPLE:** Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**LEADER:** Cleanse our hearts, O Lord, of prejudice and judgment, and lead us to look upon our neighbors and see your image.

**PEOPLE:** Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**ALL:** Cleanse us from all that separates us from your mercy and grace. God of All, we have come to worship you. Amen.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP... “Spirit of the Living God”...*p. 234*.....Congregation

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ... from *Psalm 104*..... Reggie Jackson

**Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.**

**Unless the LORD guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.**

**It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for He gives sleep to His beloved.**

HYMN ... “Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him” ..... 335

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.

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

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN ... “Teach Me, O Lord, I Pray” ..... 676

OFFERTORY PRAYER ..... Usher

OFFERTORY

GOSPEL LESSON ... *John 2:13-25* ..... Molly Abbott

**The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.**

<sup>23</sup>When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. <sup>24</sup>But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people <sup>25</sup>and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

ANTHEM ... “Wake Up, Church!” ..... Choir

SERMON ..... Pastor

CLOSING HYMN ... “Footsteps of Jesus” ... *vs. 1 and 3* ..... 496

BENEDICTION

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

## USHERS

**TODAY** ..... Eugene Crisco’s Team

**NEXT SUNDAY** ..... Jeff Robinson’s Team

## CHILDREN’S CHURCH

**TODAY** ..... Sharon Blake, Jean Maness, (Nursery) Barbara Buckland

**NEXT SUNDAY** ..... Angel and Courtney Robinson, (Nursery) Alisa Beard

**CALENDAR**

**TODAY**

4:00 p.m..... Belize Mission Trip Meeting  
 5:00 p.m..... Choir Practice

**WEDNESDAY**

6:00 p.m..... **COVERED DISH SUPPER**  
 6:30 p.m..... Book Study... *Fear of the Other*, Children and Youth Activities

**THURSDAY**

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

**NEXT SUNDAY**

9:00 a.m..... **BREAKFAST**  
 5:00 and 5:30 p.m..... Committees Meet  
 6:00 p.m..... Choir

**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				Bob Moore	nephew
<i>Friends and Relatives of:</i> Molly/Wayne Abbott			Butch/Nancy Jenkins	Pam, Ken Morgan	niece, nephew
	Monnie Jenkins	friend	Candy Loflin	Jennifer Denning	Katie's friend
	Tony Lawson	friend		Cristie Thomas	friend
	Toni Atcheson	sister		Beth Holt	friend
	Tammy Laprade	sister		Misty Morgan	friend.
Jane Covington	Faye Thomas	sister	Max/Jane Luquire	Jo Brooks	friend
	Pete Thomas	brother-in-law	Barbara Lynthacum	J.D. Thompson	nephew
	Lee Kasik	grandson-in-law		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
Ray, Frances Hudson		daughter	Sylvia McAlister	Tammy Parker	friend
Paul/Thelma Hussey	Harold Johnson	brother	Pat/Bob Morgan	Jesse Wallace	friend
	Meryl Johnson	sister-in-law	Jeff Robinson	June Spears	friend
	Mildred Hunsucker	friend	Nancy Ruppert	Marie Spoon	sister
			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		

*Our Love and Sympathy...*

to Nancy Jenkins and family at the loss of Nancy's father, John Moore.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Weekly budget needs ... \$2,518.07**

**Monthly budget needs .....\$10,911.66**

**Last week's offering.....\$641.00**