

# Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 28, 2018

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are gathered here today to worship, celebrate,  
and respond to the call of God.

**People: We have come to acknowledge God's gifts in each other  
and in the invitation of one among us to serve.**

Leader: We have come to reaffirm our own callings,  
to remember God's call to each of us.

**People: God be with us so that our lips speak words of grace and hope, our feet  
move swiftly to assist the helpless,**

Leader: our hands grow strong in the cause of love and justice,

**People: our hearts quicken in the service of reconciliation and care,**

Leader: and our spirits encourage the oppressed and neglected.

**All: God be with us.**

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP... "Make Me a Servant".....Jack Boone

MEDITATION ...by Barbara Brown Taylor..... Molly Abbott

**If my own experience can be trusted, then God does not call us once but many  
times. There are calls to faith and calls to ordination, but in between there are calls  
to particular communities and calls to particular tasks within them . . . but we are  
not meant to hear them all by ourselves. It was part of God's genius to incorporate  
us as one body, so that our ears have other ears, other eyes, minds, hearts, and  
voices to help us interpret what we have heard.**

HYMN ... "Here I Am, Lord" ..... 278

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 ... "We Are Travelers on a Journey" ..... 278

OFFERTORY PRAYER ..... Usher

OFFERTORY

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Romans 12:4-18*..... Reggie Jackson

**For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same  
function,<sup>5</sup> so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one  
of another.<sup>6</sup> We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in  
proportion to faith;<sup>7</sup> ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching;<sup>8</sup> the exhorter, in  
exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in  
cheerfulness.**

**<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with  
mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit,  
serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to  
the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.**

**<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who  
rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty,  
but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil  
for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it  
depends on you, live peaceably with all.**

ANTHEM ... "Kingdom Song"..... Choir

SERMON..... Pastor

**DEACON ORDINATION**

**Alisa Beard**

Charge to Candidate

Laying on of Hands ... Deacons and Congregation

CLOSING HYMN ... "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated" ... *vs. 1, 3 and 4* ..... 490

BENEDICTION

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

**USHERS**

**TODAY** ..... Jeff Robinson's Team

**NEXT SUNDAY** .....Dwight Saunders' Team

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**TODAY** ..... Angel and Courtney Robinson, Sylvia McAlister

**NEXT SUNDAY** ..... Nicole and Walker Smith, Alisa Beard

**CALENDAR**

**TODAY**

9:00 a.m. .... BREAKFAST  
 5:00 and 5:30 p.m. see bulletin insert for committee members ..... Committee Meetings

**5:00 PM**

*Nominating ...JOY Group...Budget and Finance...Children and Youth...  
 Operation Inasmuch*

**5:30 PM**

*Special Events...Building and Grounds...Decoration...  
 Member Care and Bereavement*

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

**WEDNESDAY**

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

**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, 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		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	Justin Robinson	Taylor Family	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					

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

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

**Last week's offering ....\$2,047.41**