

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 4, 2018

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor and Congregation

**Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.**

**⁷ Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the unrighteous their thoughts.**

**Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.**

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP ... "Spirit of the Living God" 234

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ... *2 Kings 5:1-15*

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴ So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵ And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶ He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." ⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." ⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" ¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God;

his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.¹⁵ Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

HYMN ... "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ... vs. 1, 3 and 4 58

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Brandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, forgive us. Our communion is not always visible to the world. Sometimes we allow threats to unity to enter the church, making it hard to see that we are your community. We act as though we do not need each other. We do not always love one another. We do not know and bear one another's burdens. We fail to build each other up. We do not always give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another. Forgive us, and strengthen us so that we may live in the unity that you grant us.

By Christ's work, we are reconciled and united with God and with one another.

Thanks be to God for the Good News!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN ... "In the Bulb" 545

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

ANTHEM ... "Here I Am to Worship" Choir

SERMON

CLOSING HYMN ... "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" ... vs. 1, 2 and 4 493

BENEDICTION

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY

6:00 PM. Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM Supper ... **COVERED DISH**

6:30 PM Adult Bible Study and Youth & Children's Activities

THURSDAY

11:00 AM Community Meal

SATURDAY

5:30 PM Leave for Dinner and Raleigh Ringers Concert in Albemarle

USHERS

TODAY Eugene Crisco's Team

NEXT SUNDAY Dwight Saunders' Team

NURSERY

TODAY Angel & Courtney Robinson, Alisa Beard
NEXT SUNDAY Nicole and Walker Smith, Sylvia McAlister

PRAYER LIST

<i>Church family:</i> Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, Karen Dailey, Barbara Lynthacum, Florence Cagle, Jimmy Cagle, Thelma Hussey, Paul Hussey, Dwayne Blake, Ernest Dailey, Janet Maness			Paul/Thelma Hussey	Harold Johnson	brother
<i>At Home:</i> Helen Greene, Irene Warner			Mary James	Mildred Hunsucker	friend
<i>Friends and Relatives of:</i>				Benny McBride	friend
Molly/Wayne Abbott	Monnie Jenkins	friend		Bob Moore	nephew
	Tony Lawson	friend		Pam, Ken Morgan	niece, nephew
	Toni Atchison	sister		Don Britt	nephew
	Tammy Laprade	sister	Max/Jane Luquire	Jo Brooks	friend
Sheila Capel	Ada Capel	mother	Barbara Lynthacum	J.D. Thompson	nephew
	Vernon Capel, Jr.	brother		Melissa Green	daughter
Jane Covington	Faye Thomas	sister	Jean Maness	Carol Luther	friend
	Pete Thomas	brother-in-law	Sylvia McAlister	Tammy Parker	friend
	Lee Kasik	grandson-in-law	Lucille McLeod		brother
Ernest , Karen Dailey	Judy and Estella	daughters	Pat/Bob Morgan	Jesse Wallace	friend
Mildred Grey	Ernestine Stevenson	friend	Nancy Ruppert	Marie Spoon	sister
Ray, Frances Hudson		daughter	Barbara Smith	Laura Wilson	friend
				Doris Hinson	friend
			Don McCaskill	Angie McCaskill	wife
			<i>Service Personnel:</i> Seth Spivey, Chris Stuart		

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly budget needs ... \$2,518.07	Monthly budget needs \$10,911.66
Last week's offering \$1,647.55	October offering \$7,297.60