

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

October 28, 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

LEADER: Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

PEOPLE: We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.

LEADER: Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?

PEOPLE: We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.

LEADER: Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

PEOPLE: We long to live lives of holiness and light.

LEADER: God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask.

ALL: Let us worship in wisdom and truth

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP ... "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" 389

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ... *1 Kings 3:3-10* Reggie Jackson

Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.

HYMN ... "God of Grace and God of Glory" ... *v. 1 & 4* 285

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Brandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we open our hearts to you, trusting that your love and goodness is stronger than all of our shortcomings. We have been afraid to trust you, and we have forgotten the assurance of your eternal presence. We have sacrificed our convictions, complained when inconvenienced, and looked out for ourselves above all else. We have considered giving up when the task before us seems too great. Forgive us for all these things, and help us to be guided by your Spirit and to be filled with the One who gives us life. Amen.

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

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MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN ... "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ... *v. 1 & 2* 58

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ... *1 Kings 3:16-28* Molly Abbott

Later, two women who were prostitutes came to the king and stood before him. The one woman said, "Please, my lord, this woman and I live in the same house; and I gave birth while she was in the house. Then on the third day after I gave birth, this woman also gave birth. We were together; there was no one else with us in the house, only the two of us were in the house. Then this woman's son died in the night, because she lay on him. She got up in the middle of the night and took my son from beside me while your servant slept. She laid him at her breast, and laid her dead son at my breast. When I rose in the morning to nurse my son, I saw that he was dead; but when I looked at him closely in the morning, clearly it was not the son I had borne." But the other woman said, "No, the living son is mine, and the dead son is yours." The first said, "No, the dead son is yours, and the living son is mine." So they argued before the king. Then the king said, "The one says, 'This is my son that is alive, and your son is dead'; while the other says, 'Not so! Your son is dead, and my son is the living one.'" So the king said, "Bring me a sword," and they brought a sword before the king. The king said, "Divide the living boy in two; then give half to the one, and half to the other." But the woman whose son was alive said to the king—because compassion for her son burned within her—"Please, my lord, give her the living boy; certainly do not kill him!" The other said, "It shall be neither mine nor yours; divide it." Then the king responded: "Give the first woman the living boy; do not kill him. She is his mother." All Israel heard of the judgment that the king had rendered; and they stood in awe of the king, because they perceived that the wisdom of God was in him, to execute justice.

ANTHEM

SERMON

CLOSING HYMN ... "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine" ... *vs. 1 and 3* 619

BENEDICTION

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY

9:00 AM BREAKFAST

WEDNESDAY

6:00 – 8:00 PM HALLOWEEN IN THE PARK

THURSDAY

11:00 AM Community Meal

USHERS

TODAY Barbara Smith's Team
NEXT SUNDAY Eugene Crisco's Team

NURSERY

TODAY Sharon Blake, Jean Maness, Barbara Buckland
NEXT SUNDAY Angel & Courtney Robinson, Alisa Beard

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\$409	September offering..... \$8,816.00