

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 20, 2019

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRELUDE

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

CALL TO WORSHIP ... *from Hebrews 4:14-16*

**Let us hold fast to our faith
since we have a great high priest,
Jesus, the Son of God,
who is able to sympathize with our weaknesses;
for in every respect, he was tempted as we are,
yet without sin.**

**So let us draw near to the throne of grace with confidence
that we may receive mercy and find grace
in our time of need.**

HYMN ... "Ancient Words"..... 31

GOSPEL LESSON... *Matthew 4:1-17*..... Reggie Jackson

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" ¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE..... Brandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. Forgive us and lead us through the wilderness of our sin to find new life.

PASTOR: Forgive us for the times we have abandoned the poor, the disabled and the homeless; Teach us to live by the law of love in unity, peace and harmony.

PEOPLE: Lead us through the wilderness of our sin to find new life.

PASTOR: Forgive us for the ways we exclude people of different race, culture, or gender; Guide us that we may come to mutual understanding and care.

PEOPLE: Lead us through the wilderness of our sin to find new life.

PASTOR: Draw us into your community to embrace those with whom we need to be reconciled; Grant courage and strength to all who seek to heal divisions between peoples.

PEOPLE: Lead us through the wilderness of our sin to find new life.

PASTOR: Show us your ways, O Lord. Teach us your paths and guide us towards your truth.

PEOPLE: Forgive us and lead us through the wilderness of our sin to find new life.

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

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MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN ... "How Firm a Foundation" ... *vs. 1, 2, 4 and 5*.....425

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Psalms 91:9-12*

Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, ¹⁰no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. ¹¹For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. ¹²On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

ANTHEM ... "Precious Lord" Choir

SERMON

CLOSING HYMN ... "O How I Love Jesus" ... *vs. 1 and 3*601

BENEDICTION

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

USHERS

TODAY..... Nancy Ruppert's Team

NEXT SUNDAY Barbara Smith's Team

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAYAngel, Courtney Robinson and Alisa Beard

NEXT SUNDAYNicole and Walker Smith and Sylvia McAlister

CALENDAR

TODAY

6:00 p.m. Choir Practice

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. Supper ... Team 4

6:30 p.m. Business Meeting

6:45 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Children & Youth Activities

THURSDAY

11:00 a.m. Community Meal

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. **BREAKFAST**

PRAYER LIST

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

Prayer Shawl Friends... Anyone who crochets or knits and would like to be part of a prayer shawl ministry, please contact Brandi Powers ... 828-305-3278 or the church office.