

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 10, 2019

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER.....Rev. Powers and Congregation

CALL TO WORSHIPPastor and Congregation

**Christ calls us to come to worship;
To rest from the things that are troubling us;
To learn what Christ can teach of life;
To realize what we can offer to others;
And so to return into the world to serve.**

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP ... "Open Our Eyes, Lord"392

GOSPEL LESSON... *Matthew 7:1-14 and 24-29*..... Molly Abbott

"Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. ²For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. ³Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? ⁴Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' while the log is in your own eye? ⁵You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye.

⁶"Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you.

⁷"Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ⁹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? ¹⁰Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? ¹¹If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

¹²"In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

¹³"Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. ¹⁴For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. ²⁵The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. ²⁶And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!"

²⁸Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, ²⁹for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION..... Pastor and Congregation

ALL: Most gracious and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you when we fail to obey your commandment to treat others the way we would like to be treated.

PASTOR: May we be an enemy to no one and a friend of what abides eternally.

PEOPLE: May we not quarrel with those closest to us, and be reconciled quickly if we should.

PASTOR: May we love others and seek to attain only what is good.

PEOPLE: May we desire happiness for all and harbor envy for none.

PASTOR: May we never find joy in the misfortune of one who has wronged us.

PEOPLE: May we be generous to those in need.

PASTOR: May we never fail a friend in trouble.

PEOPLE: May we seek to ease the pain of the grief stricken.

PASTOR: May we accustom ourselves to be gentle and slow to anger.

PEOPLE: May we turn our attention from evil doers and focus on those who do good, following in their footsteps.

ALL: Forgive us when we fail to practice the Golden Rule. Help us as we seek to more faithfully follow the teachings of Jesus, our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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

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MORNING PRAYERPastor

OFFERTORY HYMN ... "Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire"440

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

GOSPEL LESSON ... *1 Corinthians 13:13*

**And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three;
and the greatest of these is love.**

ANTHEM ... "I Choose Love" Choir

SERMON.....Pastor

CLOSING HYMN ... "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" ... *vs. 1, 2 and 4*497

BENEDICTIONPastor

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

USHERS

TODAY..... Dwight Saunders' Team

NEXT SUNDAY Nancy Ruppert's Team

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY Pauline, McKenzie Jackson and Betty Green

NEXT SUNDAY Candy, Elizabeth Loflin and Mary Beth McCaskill

CALENDAR

TODAY

5:00 p.m. Constitution Committee

6:00 p.m. Choir Practice

TUESDAY

10:00 a.m......**Shopping Trip ... Tanger Outlets at Mebane**

WEDNESDAY

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

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

THURSDAY

11:00 a.m..... Community Meal

PRAYER LIST

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

Sign-up Sheets on church office door for...

Youth PASSPORT

Children's PASSPORT

Virginia Summer Mission Trip

Winter Jam ... Concert