

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 27, 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

**Lord Jesus, as you called the disciples
to gather at your feet
on the mountain-top so long ago,
gather us here today that we too may discover
the *blessed* of your Kingdom.
Be among us as we remember, confess and celebrate
That we may become the *blessed* saints of God. Amen**

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

GOSPEL LESSON... *Matthew 5:1-11*Molly Abbott and Reggie Jackson

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

HYMN ... "We Are Called to Be God's People"477

CHILDREN'S MESSAGEBrandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PASTOR: O God, you bring justice to the oppressed and give bread to the hungry.

ALL: Forgive us when we do not follow you.

PASTOR: You free the prisoner and restore sight to the blind.

ALL: Forgive us when we do not follow you.

PASTOR: You support the downtrodden and protect the stranger.

ALL: Forgive us when we do not follow you.

PASTOR: You block evildoers and help orphans and widows.

ALL: Forgive us when we do not follow you.

PASTOR: You stand against injustice. You stand with the wronged.

ALL: Forgive us when we do not follow you.

PASTOR: You condemn those who seek their own interests, controlling and harming others.

ALL: Forgive us when we do not follow you.

PASTOR: You bring about justice and true peace among people.

ALL: God, forgive us when we do not follow you. Grant us your grace. Embolden us that, as your people, we may stand where you stand.

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

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MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN ... "Will You Come and Follow Me" ...vs. 1, 2 and 5473

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

GOSPEL LESSON ... *Luke 17:20-21*

Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, "The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed; ²¹nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There it is!' For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you."

ANTHEM ... "Kingdom Song" Choir

SERMON

DEACON ORDINATION

Nancy Jenkins

Charge to Candidate

Laying on of Hands ... Deacons and Congregation

CLOSING HYMN ... "Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord"494

BENEDICTION

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

USHERS

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

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY Nicole and Walker Smith and Sylvia McAlister
 NEXT SUNDAY Toni and Elana Kellis and Tammy Dunn

CALENDAR

TODAY
 9:00 a.m. BREAKFAST
 5:00 p.m. CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY
 6:00 p.m. Supper ... Team 5
 6:45 p.m. Visitation, 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			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	Candy Loflin	Don Britt	nephew
	Tammy Laprade	sister		Curtis Holt	friend
Sheila Capel	Ada Capel	mother		Wesley Culler	friend
	Vernon Capel, Jr.	brother	Max/Jane Luquire	Jo Brooks	friend
Jane Covington	Faye Thomas	sister	Barbara Lynthacum	J.D. Thompson	nephew
	Pete Thomas	brother-in-law		Melissa Green	daughter
	Lee Kasik	grandson-in-law	Jean Maness	Carol Luther	friend
Ernest, Karen Dailey	Judy and Estella	daughters	Sylvia McAlister	Tammy Parker	friend
Mildred Grey	Ernestine Stevenson	friend	Lucille McLeod		brother
Ray, Frances Hudson		daughter	Pat/Bob Morgan	Jesse Wallace	friend
			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.