

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 24, 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

**God of our hopes and dreams,
we are empty and long to be filled;
we are hungry and long to be fed;
we are lost and long to be found.**

**Gather us into your love, and pick up the pieces of our lives,
as Jesus gathered the fragments of the loaves and fish
that remained after feeding the five thousand.**

**Call us anew to eat our fill
and to find our true nourishment in Jesus,
the bread of heaven.**

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP ... “I Love You, Lord”.....362

SCRIPTURE LESSON ... *Matthew 14:13-21*.....Reggie Jackson

¹³Now when Jesus heard this (that John the Baptist had been killed), he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

HYMN ... “Break Thou the Bread of Life” ... vs. 1, 2 and 3.....35

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE.....Brandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION.....Pastor and Congregation

Lord God, You call us to step out in faith, to place our lives in Your hands, even if what You call us to do seems impossible.

We confess that we find this difficult to do.

It is not always easy to follow where You lead — to turn away from our own personal wants and desires, to let go of our safety nets and trust that You will provide for us in all things.

Forgive us when we doubt You, Lord. Increase our faith. Open our eyes to see past our own interests and concerns to Your broader vision for us and for our world.

In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

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

In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

MORNING PRAYERPastor

OFFERTORY HYMN ... “How Firm a Foundation” ... vs. 1, 2 and 5.....425

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

SCRIPTURE LESSON ... *Matthew 14:22-33*.....Molly Abbott

²²Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” ²⁸Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

ANTHEM ... “Walking ‘Cross the Sea”.....Choir

SERMON.....Pastor

CLOSING HYMN ... “God, Our Father, You Have Led Us” ... vs. 1 and 3.....37

BENEDICTIONPastor

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

USHERS

TODAY..... Barbara Smith’s Team

NEXT SUNDAY Eugene Crisco’s Team

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

TODAY Barbara Smith, Angel Robinson

NEXT SUNDAY..... Chris and Barbie Blake

CALENDAR

TODAY

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

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. Supper ... Team 2

6:30 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, Ernest Dailey, Janet Maness			Mary James	Benny McBride	friend
<i>At Home:</i> Helen Greene, Irene Warner				Bob Moore	nephew
<i>Friends and Relatives of:</i>				Pam, Ken Morgan	niece, nephew
Molly/Wayne Abbott	Monnie Jenkins	friend	Candy/Rodney Loflin	Don Britt	nephew
	Tony Lawson	friend		Curtis Holt	friend
	Toni Atchison	sister		Wesley Culler	friend
	Tammy Laprade	sister	Max/Jane Luquire	Lois Loflin	mother
Sheila Capel	Ada Capel	mother	Barbara Lynthacum	Jo Brooks	friend
Jane Covington	Faye Thomas	sister		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	Pat/Bob Morgan	Jesse Wallace	friend
Ray, Frances Hudson		daughter	Nancy Ruppert	Marie Spoon	sister
Thelma Hussey	Harold Johnson	brother	Barbara Smith	Laura Wilson	friend
	Mildred Hunsucker	friend		Doris Hinson	friend
			Angie McCaskill ...		wife of Don McCaskill
			<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