

# First Sunday in Lent

March 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 WORSHIP .....Pastor and Congregation

**Leader:** After he was baptized by John, Jesus went by himself to the wilderness where he was tempted.

**People:** **Forty days in the desert, Jesus was tempted to become relevant, spectacular, and powerful.**

**Leader:** Today, we begin to journey with Jesus through the season of Lent, which brings us to face some of our own weaknesses and temptations.

**People:** **Let us worship God and walk the journey together, seeking the spirit as our guide and companion along the way.**

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP ... "Spirit of the Living God" .....234

SCRIPTURE LESSON ... *Matthew 18:21-35*.....Reggie Jackson

**21 Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.**

## THE PARABLE OF THE UNFORGIVING SERVANT

**23 "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. 24 When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; 25 and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. 26 So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' 27 And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. 28 But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' 29 Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' 30 But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. 31 When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. 32 Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33 Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' 34 And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. 35 So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."**

HYMN ... "Then Shall I Live" .....680

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.....Brandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION..... Pastor and Congregation

PASTOR: Lord, we have come to see that our lives fall far short of your glory.

**PEOPLE: Have mercy and forgive us.**

PASTOR: Lord, you have given your life for us, and poured out your Spirit, yet we fail to return your love with all our heart.

**PEOPLE: Have mercy and change us.**

PASTOR: Too often we are selfish and proud, ignoring you, Lord, and neglecting others.

**PEOPLE: Have mercy and cleanse us.**

PASTOR: Lord, when we do not truly trust and obey you, we are overwhelmed by self-pity, fear and worry.

**PEOPLE: Have mercy and deliver us.**

PASTOR: In Christ we are given a sure hope and secure love, yet we follow the false hopes and desires of this world.

**PEOPLE: Have mercy and forgive us.**

PASTOR: Father, through the redeeming death of your Son on the cross, by your Spirit and through your word, transform and renew us to follow you with joy.

**ALL: All this we ask, confident in your unchanging faithfulness. Amen.**

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

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MORNING PRAYER .....Pastor

OFFERTORY HYMN ... "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" ...vs. 1, 2 and 3.....310

OFFERTORY PRAYER ..... Usher

OFFERTORY

SCRIPTURE LESSON ... *Psalms 51:1-2*

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

**2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

ANTHEM ... "Lord, Have Mercy" ..... Choir

SERMON.....Pastor

CLOSING HYMN ... "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"...vs. 1, 2 and 4 .....493

BENEDICTION .....Pastor

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

## USHERS

TODAY .....Dwight Saunders' Team

NEXT SUNDAY..... Nancy Ruppert's Team

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY.....Sharon Blake, Jean Maness, Barb Buckland

NEXT SUNDAY..... Angel Robinson and Betty Green

**CALENDAR**

**TODAY**

**3:00 p.m.**..... **Bridal Shower for Samantha Kellis**

**WEDNESDAY**

6:00 p.m. .... Supper ... PIZZA ... please bring desserts

6:45 p.m. .... **Bible Study and Children and Youth Programs**

**THURSDAY**

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

**SATURDAY**

7:00 a.m..... First Baptist to man Food Pantry

10:00 a.m..... DEACON RETREAT

**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		Don Britt	nephew
	Tony Lawson	friend	Candy/Rodney Loflin	Curtis Holt	friend
	Toni Atchison	sister		Wesley Culler	friend
	Tammy Laprade	sister		Lois Loflin	mother
Sheila Capel	Ada Capel	mother	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	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...***

***Youth PASSPORT ... Children's PASSPORT ... Virginia Summer Mission Trip***

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Weekly budget needs ... \$2,518.07**

**Monthly budget needs ..... \$10,911.66**

**Last week's offering .... \$2,922.00**

**February offering ..... \$7,156.31**