

# Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 31, 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

**God of all, we have come today to worship You.**

**Have mercy on us as we prepare**

**to enter into Your holy presence;**

**to meet You in the peace, hope and comfort**

**of Your eternal love.**

**Equip us in this hour**

**to be Your faithful servants. Amen**

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON ... *Matthew 25:1-13*

**“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.**

HYMN ...

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.....Rebecca Blake

PRAYER OF CONFESSION..... Pastor and Congregation

PASTOR: God of Mystery, revealed in Jesus, the Christ, we want to stay awake, to be ready for your surprises;

**PEOPLE: but we are weary and overcome with our daily routines.**

PASTOR: We want to wait patiently for the fulfillment of your kingdom,

**PEOPLE: but we are frustrated by our need for immediate gratification.**

PASTOR: We want to believe your ancient promises,

**PEOPLE: but we are overwhelmed with our modern doubts.**

**ALL: Come to us again, O God. Forgive us, awaken us, and lift us from apathy. Help us as we prepare to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, the Christ. Amen**

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

**In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.**

MORNING PRAYER.....Pastor

OFFERTORY HYMN

OFFERTORY PRAYER ..... Usher

OFFERTORY

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON ..... Pastor

CLOSING HYMN

BENEDICTION..... Pastor

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

## USHERS

TODAY ..... Youth Team

NEXT SUNDAY..... Eugene Crisco's Team

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY ..... Toni and Elana Kellis, Tammy Dunn

NEXT SUNDAY.....Pauline Jackson and Alisa Beard

## CALENDAR

TODAY

5:00 p.m. ....Operation Inasmuch Planning Meeting

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. .... Supper ... **COVERED DISH**

6:45 p.m. .... **LISTENING/DISCUSSION SESSION** ...proposed changes to constitution  
Children and 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		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 for...***  
***Youth PASSPORT ... Children's PASSPORT***

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Weekly budget needs ... \$2,518.07                      Monthly budget needs ..... \$10,911.66**  
**Last week's offering .... \$February offering ..... \$7,156.31**