

# Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2019

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Rev. Josh Powers

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER ..... Pastor and Congregation

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: As Abraham welcomed the strangers

**CONGREGATION: So God welcomes us.**

LEADER: God greets us with joy

**CONGREGATION: and says, “rest here for awhile.”**

LEADER: God brings out water to wash our dusty feet.

**CONGREGATION: God prepares a meal to nourish our weary spirits.**

LEADER: So let us receive the gracious hospitality of our God.

**CONGREGATION: Let us rest in this holy place**

**ALL: where there is shade and water, food and laughter.**

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP... “Sing Hallelujah to the Lord”.....Congregation

**Sing hallelujah to the Lord; Sing hallelujah to the Lord.**

**Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah; Sing hallelujah to the Lord.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON ... *Genesis 18:1-15*.....Reggie Jackson

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall

have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

HYMN ... “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” ... vs. 1, 2, & 5 .....332

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE.....Barbie Blake

PRAYER OF CONFESSION.....Pastor and Congregation

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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.... “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” .....281

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Usher

OFFERTORY

SCRIPTURE LESSON... *Genesis 21:1-7* .....Molly Abbott

The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON .....Pastor

CLOSING HYMN... “They’ll Know We Are Christians”... vs. 1 and 3..... 272

BENEDICTION .....Pastor

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

## USHERS

TODAY.....Nancy Ruppert’s Team

NEXT SUNDAY .....Barbara Smith’s Team

## CHILDREN’S CHURCH

TODAY..... Toni Kellis & Tammy Dunn

NEXT SUNDAY ..... Pauline & McKenzie Jackson & Betty Green

**CALENDAR**

**TODAY**

5:00 p.m..... **Nominating Committee**

**WEDNESDAY**

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

6:45 p.m. .... **Adult Bible Study**

..... **Children & Youth Activities**

**THURSDAY**

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

**NEXT SUNDAY**

5:00 p.m. .... **Budget & Finance Committee**

**PRAYER LIST**

<i>Church family:</i> Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, George Lythacum			Candy/Rodney Loflin	John Covington	brother
				Curtis Holt	friend
				Wesley Culler	friend
				Lois Loflin	mother
<i>At Home:</i> Helen Greene, Irene Warner, Karen Dailey, Janet Maness			Max/Jane Luquire	Jo Brooks	friend
			Barbara Lythacum	J.D. Thompson	nephew
				Melissa Green	daughter
<i>Friends and Relatives of:</i>			Jean Maness	Carol Luther	friend
Molly/Wayne Abbott	Monnie Jenkins	friend	Sylvia McAlister	Tammy Parker	friend
	Tony Lawson	friend	Pat/Bob Morgan	Jesse Wallace	friend
	Toni Atchison	sister	Nancy Ruppert	Marie Spoon	sister
	Tammy Laprade	sister	Barbara Smith	Laura Wilson	friend
Rebecca/Jimmy Blake	Jennifer Hoyos	daughter		Doris Hinson	friend
Sheila Capel	Ada Capel	mother	Betty Green	Beth Kearns	friend
Jane Covington	Faye Thomas	sister			
	Pete Thomas	brother-in-law			
	Lee Kasik	grandson-in-law			
Ernest , Karen Dailey	Judy and Estella	daughters			
Mary James	Benny McBride	friend			
	Bob Moore	nephew			
	Pam, Ken Morgan	niece, nephew			
	Don Britt	nephew			
			<i>Service Personnel:</i> Seth Spivey, Chris Stuart		

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Weekly budget needs ... \$2,398.00**

**Monthly budget needs ..... \$10,393.00**

**Last week's offering .....\$4,274.00**

**August offering .....\$9,685.00**