

First Sunday after Christmas

December 29, 2019

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRELUDE

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

CONGREGATION: *Beloved.* Is there any other word needs saying, any other blessing could compare with this name, this knowing?

PASTOR: *Beloved.* Comes like a mercy to the ear that has never heard it. Comes like a river to the body that has never seen such grace.

CONGREGATION: *Beloved.* Comes holy to the heart aching to be new. Comes healing to the soul wanting to begin again.

PASTOR: *Beloved.* Keep saying it and though it may sound strange at first, watch how it becomes part of you, how it becomes you, as if you never could have known yourself anything else, as if you could ever have been other than this: *Beloved.*

CHORAL RESPONSE... "Joy to the World" ...vs. 1..... 102

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Psalms 91:9-12* Reggie Jackson

Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

HYMN ... "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"..... 122

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE..... Rebecca Blake

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord God, as we rejoice at the birth of Jesus, the Christ, forgive us for all the times we have missed seeing you in our midst, for all the times we have doubted your presence, and for all the times we have failed to help others find their way. Forgive us, in the name of Jesus, the Messiah. Amen.

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

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MORNING PRAYER Pastor

OFFERTORY HYMN ... "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"...vs. 1, 3 and 4..... 132

OFFERTORY PRAYER..... Usher

OFFERTORY

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON... *Mark 1:1-20*..... Molly Abbott

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

² As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you who will prepare your way;

³ the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’”

⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

ANTHEM ... "A Little Drop of Heaven"Choir

SERMON.....Rev. Josh Powers

CLOSING HYMN ... "Go Tell It on the Mountain " ... vs.1 and 3..... 143

BENEDICTION Pastor

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

USHERS

TODAY Youth Team

NEXT SUNDAY Eugene Crisco's Team

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY Nichole and Walker Smith and Sylvia McAlister

NEXT SUNDAY Chris and Barbie Blake

PRAYER LIST

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

Our Love and Sympathy...

to Tim, Julie, Max and Mary Beth at the death of Tim's father, Joel McCaskill

Funeral this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. at Tabernacle Baptist Church.