

First Sunday after Epiphany

January 12, 2020

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYERPastor and Congregation

CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: For all those listening for God's call and for all those still yearning for purpose and meaning.

CONGREGATION: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

PASTOR: For the specific aches and joys of this community.

CONGREGATION: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

PASTOR: For the wounds and wonders of the world this week.

CONGREGATION: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

PASTOR: For the work of your church, holy and universal, here among us and around the world.

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

CHORAL RESPONSE... "O How He Loves You and Me" 600

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Mark 2:1-12* Reggie Jackson

When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" — he said to the paralytic — "I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home." And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

HYMN ... "Fairest Lord Jesus"...vs. 1 & 2 159

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Barbie Blake

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, There are deep valleys that separate us from one another and from You. We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow, for fear of admitting our part in the separation, for fear of being rejected when we reach out. You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships, to a wholeness with each other and with You. Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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

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MORNING PRAYER..... Pastor

OFFERTORY HYMN ... "Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated"...vs. 1, 2, & 3 490

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON... *Mark 2:13-22* Molly Abbott

Jesus went out again beside the sea; the whole crowd gathered around him, and he taught them. As he was walking along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus and his disciples—for there were many who followed him. When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" When Jesus heard this, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

ANTHEM

SERMON..... Rev. Josh Powers

CLOSING HYMN ... "Will You Come and Follow Me" ...vs. 1 & 3 473

BENEDICTION..... Pastor

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

USHERS

TODAY Dwight Saunders' Team

NEXT SUNDAY Nancy Ruppert's Team

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY Barbara Buckland and Sylvia McAlister

NEXT SUNDAY Sharon Blake and Jean Maness

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

TODAY

5 PM.....	.....	.....Committee Night
<u>5 PM</u>	<u>5:30 PM</u>	<u>6 PM</u>
*Constitution	*Events	*Building and Grounds
*Operation Inasmuch	*Outreach	*Children and Youth
*Member Care		

WEDNESDAY

6 PM.....	.....	..... Supper – Team 5
6:45 PM.....	.....	..... Adult Bible Study
.....	.....	..... Children & Youth Activities
7:30 PM.....	.....	..... Budget Meeting

THURSDAY

11 AM Community Meal

PRAYER LIST

<i>Church family:</i> Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, George Lythacum, 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> Molly/Wayne Abbott Monnie Jenkins friend Tony Lawson friend Toni Atchison sister Tammy Laprade sister Rebecca/Jimmy Blake Jennifer Blake Hoyos daughter Sheila Capel Ada Capel mother 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 Pam, Ken Morgan niece, nephew Don Britt nephew		Barbara Lythacum	J.D. Thompson	nephew
		Jean Maness	Melissa Green	daughter
		Sylvia McAlister	Carol Luther	friend
		Pat/Bob Morgan	Tammy Parker	friend
		Nancy Ruppert	Jesse Wallace	friend
		Barbara Smith	Marie Spoon	sister
			Mary Willians	daughter
			Laura Wilson	friend
			Doris Hinson	friend
		Betty Green	Beth Kearns	friend
		Jean Smith	Hazel Greene	sister
			Genelle Greene	
		<i>Service Personnel:</i> Seth Spivey		

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly budget needs ... \$2,301.00

Last week's offering\$852.00

Monthly budget needs.....\$9,972.00

December offering\$23,126.00