

# Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 2020

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP...*Adapted from Psalm 89:1-4*

PASTOR: I will sing of the LORD's loyal love forever.

**CONGREGATION: I will proclaim your faithfulness with my own mouth from one generation to the next.**

PASTOR: That's why I say, "Your loyal love is rightly built—forever!"

**CONGREGATION: You establish your faithfulness in heaven."**

PASTOR: You said, "I made a covenant with my chosen one; I promised my servant David:

**CONGREGATION: 'I will establish your offspring forever;**

**ALL: I will build up your throne from one generation to the next."**

CHORAL RESPONSE... "I Love You, Lord" ..... 362

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Mark 4:2-13, 21-25, 30-34*..... Reggie Jackson

They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. And when he had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man out of the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. He lived among the tombs; and no one could restrain him anymore, even with a chain; for he had often been restrained with shackles and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the shackles he broke in pieces; and no one had the strength to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always howling and bruising himself with stones. When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him; and he shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." For he had said to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion; for we are many." He begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. Now there on the hillside a great herd of swine was feeding; and the unclean spirits begged him, "Send us into the swine; let us enter them." So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and were drowned in the sea.

The swineherds ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came to see what it was that had happened. They came to Jesus and saw the demoniac sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the legion; and they were afraid. Those who had seen what had happened to the demoniac and to the swine reported it. Then they began to beg

Jesus to leave their neighborhood. As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him. But Jesus refused, and said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you." And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.

HYMN ... "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" ..... 295

\*CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ..... Barbie Blake

OFFERTORY HYMN ... "Now Thank We All Our God" ..... 371

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PASTOR: Lord, you give us choices each and every day. This week we have seen your path, and turned away from it. We have seen our brother or sister in need and we did not turn to help.

**CONGREGATION: Lord, have mercy.**

PASTOR: We have said cruel or unkind words, or refrained from saying helpful words when they were needed.

**CONGREGATION: Lord, have mercy.**

PASTOR: We have been critical of those who failed to offer us a helping hand, while ignoring our own apathy towards others.

**CONGREGATION: Lord, have mercy.**

PASTOR: We have used our resources, gifts from you, to help only ourselves.

**CONGREGATION: Lord, have mercy.**

PASTOR: We give you thanks for sending your son Jesus Christ through whose death we receive pardon, through whose resurrection we have hope. God of grace, everything we are belongs to you, be with us this week as we live out the forgiveness you have given us.

**ALL: Lord, your love sustains us and gives us peace.**

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

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

MORNING PRAYER

ANTHEM

SERMON

CLOSING HYMN ... "Come, All Christians, Be Committed" ...vs. 1 & 3..... 488

BENEDICTION

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

\*Children ages 3-5 are invited to Children's Church downstairs after Children's Message

**USHERS**

TODAY.....Jerry Smith’s Team  
 NEXT SUNDAY ..... Eugene Crisco’s Team

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

TODAY..... Angel and Courtney Robinson  
 NEXT SUNDAY .....Alisa Beard & Tammy Dunn

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**TODAY**  
 9 AM ..... Breakfast  
 5 PM..... Mission Trip Meeting

**WEDNESDAY**  
 6 PM..... Supper – **Team 3**  
 6:45 PM..... Adult Bible Study  
 ..... Children & Youth Activities

**THURSDAY**  
 11 AM ..... Community Meal

**NEXT SUNDAY**  
 5 PM..... Super Bowl Party

*Join us next Sunday night starting at 5 PM for our **Community Super Bowl Party**. Even if you don’t like football, we will have plenty of food and fellowship!*

**PRAYER LIST**

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Weekly budget needs ... \$2,301.00  
 Last week’s offering .....\$653.00

Monthly budget needs.....\$9,972.00  
 December offering .....\$23,126.00