

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

1st Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 13, 2019 9:00 A.M. and 11:15 A.M.

*Those who are able will please stand.

Bold print = Congregational participation

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE TRANSITIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE

*MOMENT FOR GREETING

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

(Let the Congregation prepare for worship with silent prayer.)

PRELUDE *Voluntary in A* Schumann

CHORAL INTROIT *God is Working His Purpose Out* Martin Shaw

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

All who are weary, come to the Healer.

Jesus shares my burden and eases my load.

All who mourn, come to the Healer.

Jesus sees my tears and comforts me.

All who despair, come to the Healer.

Jesus is my hope, my helper in the midst of trouble.

All who are sick, come to the Healer.

Jesus makes whole what is broken and heals my infirmities.

Jesus is the Great Physician, the Lover of our souls, our Friend in time of need.

Come, let us worship Jesus our Healer and Brother!

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 26 *O Worship the King All Glorious Above*

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION (Including Personal Reflection)

LITANY OF CONFESSION (Responsive)

God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, Father of Jesus the Christ, we come before you to confess that our world and our lives are like that special night long ago when there was no room.

We have rejected your life because our home space is full of unnecessary furnishings, and so we are cluttered and confused.

We have rejected your love by filling our heart space with thoughts and feelings that have no room in your inn.

We have rejected your Son by living in church space that is confined and shortsighted.

We have rejected each other because we had no room in our lives for anyone else but ourselves.

Hear us, we ask, and fill us full of room for you, your Son, your Spirit and all the world's people. Amen.

(Silence is kept.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Together)

Do not be afraid, God says, for I am sending you to do my work and I go with you.

Do not be afraid, God says, go forth and serve. Feed the hungry, house the homeless, heal the sick, and visit the lonely. As I have saved you take my love on your journey.

Do not be afraid, God says, for I am always with you. I brought you here and I will bring you home.

*GLORIA PATRI

Hymn No. 546

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Children 3K-2nd grade may leave for the Children's Worship Service during the 11:15 service. McArn Bldg., Room 40)

ANTHEM *God of Grace and God of Glory* Williams/Hughes/Wilberg

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 43:1-7 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON "God's Personality" Reverend Jim Burton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN NO. 241 *Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*

*THE APOSTLES' CREED Hymnal, page 12

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal, page 12
(In joy and in sadness... **we do not walk alone.**)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Call to Giving

Offertory Music *Offertory in G* Heller

*The Doxology Hymn No. 544

*Prayer of Dedication (Together)

Accept these gifts we humbly offer, gracious God. Use them, and use us, to reach into places where your mystery remains hidden, where your goodness is not yet known. Make us good stewards of your word. Make us responsible heirs of your promises, in Jesus' name. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 369 *How Firm a Foundation*

*THE CHARGE (Together; Howard Thurman)

When the song of the angels is stilled

When the star in the sky is gone

When the kings and princes are home

When the shepherds are back with their flocks the work of Christmas begins:

to find the lost; to heal the broken; to feed the hungry; to release the prisoner;

to rebuild the nations; to bring peace among the people; to make music in the heart.

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

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The flowers placed in the sanctuary today are given in loving memory of Burton Boutwell and Phyllis Margaret Lyster Gale by their family.

Welcome visitors and guests. We are glad that you have come to share in worship with us.

A Nursery for small children is available during the worship service in McArn Building, Room 38.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

January 13, 2019

SUNDAY	9:00 AM	Worship Service
	10:15 AM	Sunday School/ Coffee Fellowship
	11:15 AM	Worship Service
TUESDAY	7:30 AM	Men's Breakfast
	4:00 PM	Prayer Group
WEDNESDAY	3:15 PM	Choir+Plus/Pioneers
	5:45 PM	Supper
	6:30 PM	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Adult Choir

USHER CAPTAIN: 9:00 A.M. Mike Satterwhite 11:15 A.M. Jody Kelly
GREETER CAPTAIN: 9:00 A.M. Art Maxwell 11:15 A.M. Eric Rundlett

PRAYER CONCERNS:

MEMBERS: Bettysue Webber, Susan Brimmer, Susan Marshall, Jim and Gail Sinclair, Maria Brimmer, Brett McLeod, Liz Outlaw, Dr. Curtis Watkins

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Lou Beth Kelly (Jody's mother), Jim Holmes (friend of Serena Ogburn), Betty Whitman (Debbie Herman's mother), Collins Watts (child – friend of Prestages), Amy Mulvaney (friend of Susan Coble), Lyn Everngam (Betsy McLeod's sister-in-law), Debra Taylor, Alisa K. (friend of the Blanks), Caitlin Siems (the Outlaw's granddaughter), Tammy Clay (Dan Outlaw's sister), Parkin and Emily Thomas (John Thomas' parents), Linda Cleveland (Lyn Bradley's niece), Anna Moody, Tami Hames (friend of the Satterwhites), Don James, Isabelle Donovan (friend of the Deals), Judy Lefferts, Scott Gibbes, Terry Steele (friend of the Shaylors), Tim Hoyt Duncan (friend of the Shaylors), Jeff Tindall (friend of Cathy Floyd), Leigh Ann Mellichamp (friend of Cathy Floyd), Wanda H. Hein (friend of Lindsay and Angie Guy), Anna Ruth Cox (relative of Jim Moody & Jamey Price), Chela Gomez (friend of the Hokes), Tatum Stidham (granddaughter of Steenrods), Lyn Neil (Jan Massalon's cousin), Rev. Frank Neil (Jan Massalon's uncle), Clara Fife (Lisa McCaskill's mother)

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Contributions (Jan. 1-11)	\$41,003
Weekly Budget	\$11,125
YTD Budget	\$22,250
YTD Contributions	\$41,003

2019 PLEDGE STATUS

Pledges Received To Date	102
Amount Pledged To Date	\$417,164

BYG - Bethesda Youth Group

Rake-N-Run with dinner at San Jose – Today 3:00-6:30pm Bring \$5
Youth of Faith - Community Wide Youth Group, Sunday January 27th 5:30-7:30

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

We welcome you to Coffee Fellowship hosted by our Health Cabinet as we focus on Epiphany Eve or Twelfth Night. This time occurs from January 6th -January 19th and marks the end of traditional Christmas celebrations. It is the time when Christians remember the wise men who visited Jesus and Jesus' baptism. Traditions to celebrate this day have evolved in many countries with unique foods and special events. The three wisemen followed the eastern star to Bethlehem – we continue to follow and embrace the light, love and grace of Jesus, the Christ.

HEALTH CABINET

Monitor your blood sugar by getting a glucose blood test. Come by on Monday mornings or during **Coffee Fellowship** Sundays. Don't wait for signs of diabetes

PASTORAL INFORMATION

Pastor Jim is available for pastoral visits, conversation, personal visits most any time. Call his cell phone to make sure that he's available. 803-225-4051

He will also be available at the baptismal font for personal prayer and voluntary anointing at both services.

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Members who requested dated/numbered offering envelopes for 2019 may pick them up on the table outside the church office.

SACKS OF LOVE

Monetary donations are welcome and needed to fill any shortfalls that we may have in donated food items. Anyone interested in volunteering to help shop, pack or deliver to the school this year, please email Dee and Neal Blank, Jr. at nealdeeblank@aol.com.

Items needed:

All should be individual serving sizes with pop-tops or tear-off lids

Tuna, chicken, spam	Peanut butter or cheese crackers
Beanie Weenies	Ramen noodles
Spaghettios, Beefaroni, or other canned pasta	Vienna sausage
Poptarts	pudding cups
Raisins	Instant oatmeal
Soup	Instant grits
Individual cereal boxes	Fruit or applesauce cups
Canned vegetables	Juice boxes