

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
February 12, 2017
Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

OPENING RESPONSE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 65)

For God says, "I am about to create a new heavens and a new earth;
The former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating—
I will create Jerusalem as a joy, and my people as a delight!
Wolf and lamb shall feed together.
They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain."

***HYMN** "Lift High The Cross" 371

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, Lord of the living, the dead, and the dying.

SILENT PRAYERS

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister

***GLORIA PATRI**

FIRST READING

First Corinthians 3:1-9

HYMN

"In Christ There Is No East Or West"

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SECOND READING

Matthew 5:21-26

SERMON

"Remembering that your brother . . ."

Dale Goldsmith

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from The Confession of 1967)

We believe that the reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present Hope when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to us, moves us to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. We believe that the new life takes shape in a community in which we know that God loves and accepts us in spite of what we are. We therefore accept ourselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER (*debts, debtors*)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

***HYMN**

"The Church's One Foundation"

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Those who are comfortable doing so are invited to stand*

Welcome: To all who worship with us this morning. Visitors and members are asked to please sign the Ritual of Friendship pad. Thank you for worshipping with us!

Announcements: 2017 Flower and Cookie lists on volunteer counter.

Session will meet following worship on Sunday February 19, 2017.

Birthdays: No birthdays this week.

Anniversaries: No anniversaries this week.

Flowers: Flowers were purchased this week this week by Julia Kasch in honor of Colin Kasch's birthday.

Refreshments: Ethel Marsh, provided refreshments for the Congregation today.

Newsletter: *Deadline to submit articles and information for March newsletter is **February 24, 2017**. If you have an article or announcement please turn it in to Silvia or slip it under the door to her office.*

Pastor: Rev. Janell Blair (361) 920-2492

Pianist: Marilyn Pearce

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9: 30 a.m. Sunday School – Upstairs Parlor Sunday School - Room 104 Ed. Wing
10: 1 0 a.m. Fellowship Time – Southeast Vestibule **Session** – Session/Budget meeting –
10: 30 a.m. Morning Worship February 19, 2017.

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