

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2015

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The Approach to God

PRELUDE

"I Love to Tell the Story of Jesus"

L. Cornwall

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"Lord, We Come to Worship You"

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Ephesians 1)

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.

Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ,

To live through love in his presence.

Praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #107**

"Father, Long Before Creation"

***SALUTATION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

Almighty God, you love us, but we do not always return that love fully. You call, but we do not always listen. We often walk away from our neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Ephesians 2:4, 8

LAW OF GOD

Ephesians 4:1-5

CONGREGATIONAL SONG OF PRAISE

"I will make you fishers of men.....if you follow Me.

Hear Christ calling, "Come unto Me.....I will give you rest"

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"The Master's Love"

TODAY IS MISSION SUNDAY

The Mission of the Month for November is: Shelvis and Nancy Smith-Mather. This couple are RCA missionaries working in Sudan through RECONCILE, the Resource Centre for Civil Leadership. If you have questions about this mission or the FRCC mission program, please feel free to contact Mike Shafer.

SPECIAL SUNDAYS

The next two Sundays will have some significant activities. Next Sunday will be our Annual Congregational Meeting. We will be electing new Consistory people, as well as presenting the 2016 budget. November 22 will be Stewardship Sunday when we bring our promises of stewardship to God.

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Next Sunday is our Monthly Luncheon; please bring a dish to share. Also consider bringing an item for the food pantry.

FOOD PANTRY

Needed items are as follows: applesauce, fruit cocktail, canned potatoes, canned mixed vegetables, beverages, canned tomatoes, spaghetti sauce & noodles, flour, sugar, baking mixes, personal hygiene items, paper products, diapers & cleaning products. Thanks for your help.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

There is a need for volunteers who can provide snacks on Sunday mornings following worship. Please see the sign-up sheet and sign up for the Sunday of your choice. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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Jesus Teaches

Introduction – 1st Century Rabbis

- I. Born from Above
 - A. From above – not necessarily second time
 - B. Born of Water and Spirit
 - C. What this means for us

- II. As Moses lifted up
 - A. Wilderness story from Numbers
 - B. Jesus will be lifted up
 - C. What does this mean for us

- III. God so loved the world
 - A. 70's and the Me Generation
 - B. God loves us, and God loves the world

Conclusion – What happened to Nicodemus