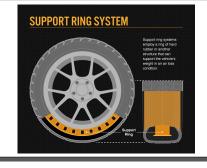
#### Sunday, January 22 2017

Third Sunday After the Epiphany



### The Run-Flat Church

1 Corinthians 1.10-18

*When a church is running flat, how can the tires be re-inflated?* 

# Coming Up!

January 29, 2017 Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany *From Great To Good* Micah 6.1-8 *God doesn't call us to be great; God calls us to be good* 

February 5
Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany *Peer Pressure From The Pharisees*Matthew 5.13-20 *People around us can inspire us to do the right thing. Or they can cause us to quit. Surprisingly, it is top performers who often do the most damage*

# HANES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HANES' WORLD Real People ... Real Life ... Real Faith

# 402 HARVEY STREET, WINSTON SALEM, NC 27103

Minister: Rev. R. Wesley "Preacher Bob" McLeod Organist: Ms. Phyllis Bristow Pianist: Ms. Betty Lewis

# **Order of Service**

Sunday, January 15, 2017 Second Sunday After the Epiphany Liturgical Color: Green

The liturgical color green symbolizes the Holy Spirit, life eternal, and hope

# Welcome to Hanes United Methodist Church

We've been waiting for you! We believe that every person who comes into this special fellowship is sent by God himself. Above all else, we want to express Christ's love to you with genuine, heartfelt warmth. We are eager to know you, and we are excited to share with you the marvelous ways God is working in our church. It will not take long to discover that this is truly a family, rich in the relationships that matter most. Our doors and our hearts are open. If you have been thinking, praying, searching for a place to belong, we say to you, "Welcome home!"

#### **Mission Statement**

At Hanes United Methodist Church, our purpose is to communicate God's Word through evangelism, to provide fellowship and community to believers, to educate God's people through discipleship, to demonstrate God's love through service, and to celebrate God's presence in worship.

### Gather

### Prelude Lighting of the Advent Candle Call to Worship

Respond as indicated

Call: Listen and wait! The Lord is on our side. The Lord hears our prayers!

# **Response:** We trust in the steadfast love of the Lord. Great is God's faithfulness!

Call: God's mercy is sure and God's justice will prevail.

**Response:** We trust in the steadfast love of the Lord. Great is God's faithfulness!

Call: Do not give up and do not despair. Wait patiently for God, for God will answer us.

**Response:** We trust in the steadfast love of the Lord. Great is God's faithfulness!

Call: Hope in God, for God is good and God loves us with an everlasting love.

**Response:** We trust in the steadfast love of the Lord. Great is God's faithfulness!

Invocation Hymn of Praise Rev. R. Wesley "Preacher Bob" McLeod God Of Grace And God Of Glory United Methodist Hymnal, No. 577

Welcome and Announcements

#### Pray

#### Prayer of Confession

In unison

Gracious God, one by one the disciples left all they had to follow the long-awaited Messiah. You promised them hardship, rejection, a loss of comfort, hostility, suffering and, finally, a cross to carry. We give lip service to following you but complain when it is difficult; worry when we cannot see where you are leading; question "why" when suffering inevitably comes; and choose to ignore the parts of the gospel that disrupt our sense of security. Forgive us, Lord. Forgive our selfish desire to have it both ways – to follow but at no cost; to claim you but not risk anything on your behalf; to embrace new life without experiencing the garden of Gethsemane. Remind us that

#### Parish Calendar

Sunday Services Worship: 9.30 a.m.; Sunday School, 10.30 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast First Sunday each month, 8.30 a.m. Celebration of the Eucharist First Sunday each month, 9.30 a.m. Senior's Luncheon First Monday each month, Golden Corral, Hanes Mall, 3.30 p.m. Vital Signs Attendance: Giving:

#### Send

Hymn of Invitation

*It Is Well With My Soul* United Methodist Hymnal, No. 377

Dismissal With Blessing Postlude

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# **Church and Community Prayer Concerns**

Lola Boomer, Rhonda Carter, Sophie Carter, Robert Cochran, Charles Dollyhite, Carolyn Grinnell, Shirley Haltom, Sarah Hines, Christina Kirkman, Bette Mosely, Robin Nowak, Earlene Sapp, Delores Shew, P. R. Swain, Kathy Wagner we live not for ourselves but for the world, in your stead. We are entitled to share in your joy only as we share also in your suffering. Give us boldness and courage, by the power of your Spirit, to be your disciples in truth and deed, not just in word.

Assurance of Pardon Prayers for the People The Lord's Prayer

In unison

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation; deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever. Amen.

#### Share

Offertory Prayer Doxology

> Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

> > Proclaim

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 1.1-9 \*The Message

I, Paul, have been called and sent by Jesus, the Messiah, according to God's plan, along with my friend Sosthenes. I send this letter to you in God's church at Corinth, believers cleaned up by Jesus and set apart for a God-filled life. I include in my greeting all who call out to Jesus, wherever they live. He's their Master as well as ours! May all the gifts and benefits that come from God our Father, and the Master, Jesus Christ, be yours. Every time I think of you – and I think of you often! – I thank God for your lives of free and open access to God, given by Jesus. There's no end to what has happened in you – it's beyond speech, beyond knowledge. The evidence of Christ has been clearly verified in your lives. Just think – you don't need

In unison

a thing, you've got it all! All God's gifts are right in front of you as you wait expectantly for our Master Jesus to arrive on the scene for the Finale. And not only that, but God himself is right alongside to keep you steady and on track until things are all wrapped up by Jesus. God, who got you started in this spiritual adventure, shares with us the life of his Son and our Master Jesus. He will never give up on you. Never forget that.

The Gospel

John 1.29-42 \*The Message

The very next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and yelled out, "Here he is, God's Passover Lamb! He forgives the sins of the world! This is the man I've been talking about, 'the One who comes after me but is really ahead of me.' I knew nothing about who he was only this: that my task has been to get Israel ready to recognize him as the God-Revealer. That is why I came here baptizing with water, giving you a good bath and scrubbing sins from your life so you can get a fresh start with God." John clinched his witness with this: "I watched the Spirit, like a dove flying down out of the sky, making himself at home in him. I repeat, I know nothing about him except this: The One who authorized me to baptize with water told me, 'The One on whom you see the Spirit come down and stay, this One will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' That's exactly what I saw happen, and I'm telling you, there's no question about it: This is the Son of God." The next day John was back at his post with two disciples, who were watching. He looked up, saw Jesus walking nearby, and said, "Here he is, God's Passover Lamb." The two disciples heard him and went after Jesus. Jesus looked over his shoulder and said to them, "What are you after?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" He replied, "Come along and see for yourself." They came, saw where he was living, and ended up staying with him for the day. It was late afternoon when this happened. Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard John's witness and followed Jesus. The first thing he did after finding where Jesus lived was find his own brother, Simon, telling him, "We've found the Messiah" (that is, "Christ"). He immediately led him to Jesus. Jesus took one look up and said, "You're John's son, Simon? From now on your name is Cephas" (or Peter, which means "Rock").

Prayer for Illumination The Old Testament

Psalm 40.1-11 \*The Message

I waited and waited and waited for God. At last he looked; finally he listened. He lifted me out of the ditch, pulled me from deep mud. He stood me up on a solid rock to make sure I wouldn't slip. He taught me how to sing the latest God-song, a praise-song to our God. More and more people are seeing this: they enter the mystery, abandoning themselves to God. Blessed are you who give yourselves over to God, turn your backs on the world's "sure thing," ignore what the world worships; The world's a huge stockpile of God-wonders and God-thoughts. Nothing and no one comes close to you! I start talking about you, telling what I know, and quickly run out of words. Neither numbers nor words account for you. Doing something for you, bringing something to you – that's not what vou're after. Being religious, acting pious – that's not what you're asking for. You've opened my ears so I can listen. So I answered, "I'm coming. I read in your letter what you wrote about me, and I'm coming to the party you're throwing for me." That's when God's Word entered my life, became part of my very being. I've preached you to the whole congregation, I've kept back nothing, God—you know that. I didn't keep the news of your ways a secret, didn't keep it to myself. I told it all, how dependable you are, how thorough. I didn't hold back pieces of love and truth For myself alone. I told it all, let the congregation know the whole story. Now God, don't hold out on me, don't hold back your passion. Your love and truth are all that keeps me together.

Call: The Word of God for the people of God! **Response: Thanks be to God!** 

Homily

*The Happiness Of Being Dirty* Rev. R. Wesley "Preacher Bob" McLeod

Prayer After the Message