



THIS WEEK

December 12 Samantha Jones
December 12 Sally Hirschey



Arlene Wilson, Shane McWayne, Gerda Barbour, and for the sick and those who need God's comfort.

Prayer Help Available. Please call the church office at 782-1750 if you have a prayer request. Your confidential prayer request will be put on the First Pres. Prayer Chain. Only those requesting public prayers are included for

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10, 2017

10:00 a.m.

This service is being broadcast over radio station WATN 1240

* Indicates that those who are able may stand.

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

Four Advent Hymns of Anticipation & Joy

Wake! Awake, a Voice Is Calling; Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus; Comfort Ye My People; People; People, Look East!

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist
Grimoaldo Macchia (2017)

GREETING

Peace be with you.
And also with you

PRELUDE

Tidings of Comfort and Joy
Carl Bingle, organ;

Traditional English Carol

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 139)

Leader: In the morning I took flight only to hide in concealing darkness.
I scaled a mountain to see beyond only to venture within my heart, my breath.

People: Chase the light or sleep in watches; walk the heights or sit amongst your dust. Wail with the lost; rejoice with the found. Yet, offer peace; God is with you.

My heart is a mystery to me, a puzzle.
I make my way in not knowing.
Each day a measure; each breath a weight.
There is no scale; there is no balance.
You are known more than you know; you are sought before you seek; the Lord knows your heart and mind. Let your prayer become peace.

CE Committee needs your help!

This year the CE committee and the Choir are joining to present Festival of Lessons and Carols. To make this a blessed and joyous event I am looking for a few good people! I am offering the opportunity for a few adults to help participate in this year's pageant. These are not speaking parts, you would only need to follow directions and help smaller children move when it is your turn. You get to be dressed in costumes just like the kids. We will have one rehearsal on Saturday Dec 16th at 4PM with a pizza party to follow. Wouldn't it be great to be a kid again? There is no better way to receive the spirit of the season than to be a part of delivering the message. If you are interested please see Michele Elmer after church or email to delmer003@twcny.rr.com. I can't wait to hear from you!

With "old man winter" around the corner, **Critical Needs** of the **Watertown Urban Mission** is requesting donations of cold weather items.

MOST NEEDED: All size children's coats, snow pants, boots, mittens and hats. Also needed are adult large sizes, both men's and women's (XL, 2XL, 3XL), coats, sweat shirts sweat pants and adult size winter footwear.

December 20th, 21st, 22nd will be *Toy Distribution* in the **Community Room** at Watertown Urban Mission.

***HYMN #249**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, you loved us so much that you sent your only Son to hear the sins of the world. We remember the great acts of love you poured out on your people in different times and places, but we confess that we do not always know how to love one another. We remain hopeful. May we be filled with your love, so that we may love and care for those around us. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS

We gather this week after being hurt... We gather this week after hurting others, but Christ is there with outstretched arms that offer grace, love, and forgiveness. Friends, know that it is in Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

*PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW - Hymnal #166

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

LITURGIST WELCOME

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER ~ *Patricia Guldenpfennig*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Galatians 1:11-24 (New Testament, page 187 in pew Bibles)

ANTHEM

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Jonathan Willcocks
Chancel Choir; Sara Gleason, director; Phyllis Elmer, piano; Carl Bingle, organ

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Casey Carbone
(At this time we invite all K-7th graders to join us for Sunday School. Please have children follow the teacher thru the door on the left. Children will meet parents in Fellowship Hall after the service.)

Hymn #247

Let's worship and adore Him, Let's worship and adore Him, Let's worship and adore Him, Christ the Lord.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 3:1-6 (New Testament, page 37 in pew Bibles)

SERMON

“What Gift Do You Bring?”
Rev. Dr. Fred Garry

*HYMN #255

Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES EST EIN' ROS'

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY SOLO

Away in a Manger

Sally DeFord

Jessica Jones, soloist; Phyllis Elmer, piano; Carl Bingle, organ

*DOXOLOGY ~ HYMNAL #815

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING

*HYMN #250

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

March on "Creator of the Stars of Night"

Grimoaldo Macchia

This is one of Christendom's oldest Advent hymns from the 9th century,
Creator Alme Siderum
Carl Bingle, organ