

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 11, 2016

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

Hark, the Glad Sound!

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Angels and Alleluias

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist

E. Broughton

A. Frackenhohl

A. L. Page

GREETING

Peace be with you.

And also with you

PRELUDE

The Children's Prayer

Carl Bingle, organ

E. Humperdinck (1854-1921)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Open your heart to praise! Let your soul rejoice!

Let joyous song be your measure;

Sing as long as you have breath.

People: We have no confidence in mortals,

Those whose days are measured.

We put no hopes in them; our trust abides in the eternal.

Blessed are those who trust the Lord;

Blessed are those who hope in God:

The creator of heaven and earth, land and sea;

The redeemer who is ever faithful, just, and merciful.

Seek the Lord who sets captives free,

Lets the blind see again,

And lifts up those who have fallen.

Love what is good and just; take no delight in evil.

Give praise to the God eternal;

Let your hope return to Zion

Let each generation worship the God of Glory.



THIS WEEK

December 12 Sally Hirschey

December 17 Peyton Thomas



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 prayers in our church bulletin.

A weekly 'blog update' called **Gleanings** goes out to many computers in our church family, as a simple reminder and update for coming activities. If you wish to be included in mailing as a blind copy recipient, please let Linya know - you can e-mail her at fpclinya@twcny.rr.com.

***HYMN #255**

Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN' ROS'

INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, forgive our patience when it was persistence that we needed. We give you thanks that you are patient with us in our persistent sins. Forgive us for clinging to definitions and determinations that exclude; forgive us for casting aside those you gather; forgive us for demeaning the one you lift up. Give us the courage to live as Jesus; give us the strength to follow him. Amen

PRIVATE CONFESSIONAL PRAYERS

WORDS OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS

In Jesus Christ you are freed from sin and forgiven.

In Jesus Christ you are given the strength of the Lord.

***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

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 25:6-10 (Old Testament, page 652 in pew Bibles)

HANDBELL ANTHEM

Were You There On That Christmas Night?

Adult Ringers; Jenny Whitenack, Director

CHILDREN'S TIME

(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 #188, verse 1

Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love;

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ANTHEM

The Angel Gabriel (from "What Sweeter Music")

Chancel Choir; Sara Gleason, Director

John Leavitt

SECOND LESSON

Luke 9:43b-48 (New Testament, page 70 in pew Bibles)

SERMON

"Dialogue of the Heart"

Rev. Dr. Fred Garry

***HYMN #281**

What Child Is This?

GREENSLEEVES

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

Mary's Cradlesong

Clancy Cox, soprano

Max Reger

DOXOLOGY ~ HYMNAL #55

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. He has done great things, He has done great things, He has done great things; bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING

***HYMN #278**

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Now Ye Are Well Rewarded

J. S. Bach