

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 13, 2015

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

*Les Anges dans nos campagnes*

*Christmas Voluntary*

*I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist

French Noël, arr. Page

Wm. Billings (1746-1800)

Calkin, arr. Held

#### GREETING

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

#### PRELUDE

*A la venue de Noël (At the Coming of Nowell)*

L.-Cl. Daquin (1694-1772)

#### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Jim and Marcia Kettrick

#### CALL TO WORSHIP ~ adapted from Isaiah 12

Leader: Sing and rejoice; let your heart become an instrument.

Make a melody before the Lord our God.

For he is great and merciful, powerful in compassion.

**People: We have come to see what God has done.**

**Our eyes behold the earth and all creation.**

**The splendor of life is before us.**

Bless the Lord; bless the Lord and trust.

For he has kept your feet from stumbling,

He has kept you amidst the challenges and temptations.

**Let us come into the house of the Lord;**

**Let us offer our hearts and hopes.**

**May our life become a sacrifice of praise.**

Come and hear; listen for the voice of God.

Give ear to the Holy Spirit.

Be attentive to the calling of our God.

**We will wait and pray;**

**We will abide in steadfast love.**

### Church Staff

Fred G. Garry, Senior Pastor

Michael Phoenix, Associate Pastor

Sara D. Gleason, Director of Music

Carl A. Bingle, Organist

Jennifer M. Whitenack, Bell Choir Director

Regina Banks, Nursery Coordinator

Jillian Norris, Nursery Staff

Mitch Farney, Sexton

David Kandler, Sexton

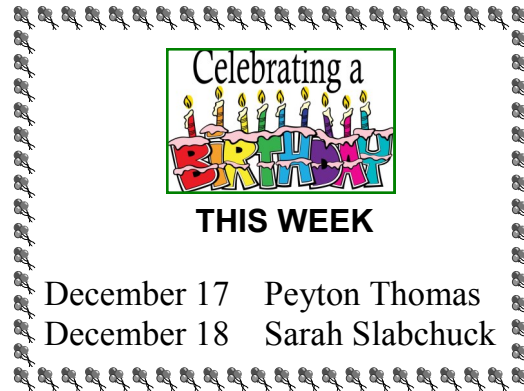
Sue Beaman, Administrative Asst.

Penny Levos, Business Manager

Donna Dunkle, Youth Coordinator

Linya Bell, Parish Outreach Coordinator

Gail Parsons, Parish Associate



December 17 Peyton Thomas

December 18 Sarah Slabchuck

### Mission Statement

*Seeking God's help, we will pursue  
growth and renewal as a united Christian body.*

*We will nurture people within our church and  
provide Christian leadership and care  
throughout our community.*



*Arlene Wilson, Shane McWayne, Gerda Barbour, Irene Kolton, 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.

**\*HYMN #29**

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

GO TELL IT

**INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of mercy, silence our fears; quell the voices of worry. Remove the racing thoughts that steal our ability to be at peace. Forgive our endless stream of babble that offers no praise. Forgive our foolish words and our angry words and our words without grace. Let your grace be a moment for us to listen. Let us listen to the truth and abide in freedom. Amen.**

**PRIVATE CONFESSIONAL PRAYERS**

**WORDS OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS**

. . . in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

**In Jesus Christ you are also forgiven.**

**\*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER**

**Gloria Patri - Hymnal 579**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

**LITURGIST WELCOME**

**THE WORD**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING**

I Samuel 17:31-37 (Old Testament, page 261 in pew Bibles)

**ANTHEM**

*King of Kings*

Betsy Lee Bailey

David and Angela Elmer, soloists; Phyllis Elmer, piano

**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.)

*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;*

*Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.*

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!*

*Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

**SECOND READING**

Luke 2:41-52 (New Testament, page 59 in pew Bibles)

**SERMON**

“Ready to Listen”

Rev. Dr. Fred Garry

**\*HYMN #28**

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

IN DULCI JUBILO

**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**

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

German carol, arr. Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir

**DOXOLOGY**

*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 #23**

*Angels We Have Heard On High*

GLORIA

**\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**THE POSTLUDE**

*God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*

English Carol, arr. Diane Bish