



THIS WEEK

December 18 Sarah Slabchuck
December 22 Doug Sanford



IN NEED OF PRAYER

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 17, 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, Look East!*

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist
Grimoaldo Macchia (2017)

GREETING

Peace be with you.
And also with you

PRELUDE

3 Variations on "I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In" English Carol, arr. Jason Payne
1 - Flutes & Diapasons 2 - Strings & Reeds 3 - Flutes & Piccolos

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 126)

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

People: then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they shall say among the nations,
the Lord has done great things for them.

The Lord has done great things for us,
And we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses of the Negev.

**Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.**

Those who go out weeping,
carrying the seed,

**will come again with joy,
shouldering their sheaves.**

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 #286**

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

THE WORD

INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Savior of every nation, we remember your promise of joy. You sent women and men to testify to the light that Christ brought us, but we have often found ourselves giving in to the darkness of the world. Renew us that we may embody your gift of love and hope, so we can live lives that proclaim the joyous news of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS

In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ, you are also 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!

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

We Three Kings

Adult Handbell Choir; Jennifer Whitenack, director

Cynthia Dobrinski

***DOXOLOGY ~ HYMNAL #815**

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***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.

CANTATA/PAGEANT - FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS by Jonathan Willcocks

Presented by Sara Gleason, directing; Phyllis Elmer, piano; Carl Bingle, organ; Chancel Choir; Sunday School Children; Adult Participants; and Michele Elmer, reading

Opening Prayer

People Look East/Prepare the Way, O Zion ~ Chancel Choir

First Lesson ~ Luke 1:26-38

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Come/What Child Is This? ~ Chancel Choir

Second Lesson ~ Luke 2:1, 3-7

Hymn #262 *Away in a Manger* ~ Chancel Choir and Congregation

Third Lesson ~ Luke 2:8-16

Angels, From the Realms of Glory/Angels We Have Heard on High ~ Chancel Choir

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly/Silent Night, Holy Night ~ Chancel Choir

Fourth Lesson ~ Matthew 2:1-11

Hymn #288 *We Three Kings*, verses 1 & 5 ~ Chancel Choir and Congregation

Hymn # 270, 271 *Joy to the World/Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* ~

Chancel Choir and Congregation

SENDING

***HYMN #258**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE

Gloria!

Carl Bingle, organ

French Carol, arr. Jason Payne