



THIS WEEK

December 18 Sarah Slabchuck
December 22 Doug Sanford



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

**JOIN US THIS CHRISTMAS EVE AT 7:30 PM
AND EXPERIENCE THE SPIRIT AND MAGIC OF
CHRISTMAS AT OUR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE WITH
CAROLS, LESSONS, BRASS AND CANDLELIGHTING**

The **Christmas Eve collection** will benefit the **Women of Grace Widows' Fund**. Please consider giving this Christmas Eve. This offering translates to homes, the ongoing projects with widows: sewing, raising pigs, bee keeping, and acute needs. The Widows' Fund is thankful for all of you who give with prayers, supplies, and with your donations.

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@twcnny.rr.com.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 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

Join the Triumph of the Skies!
Les Anges dans nos Campagnes
Gabriel's Oboe (Luke 1:26-36)

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist
arr. D. Wagner
arr. A. L. Page
E. Morricone

GREETING

Peace be with you.
And also with you

PRELUDE

I Saw Three Ships
Carl Bingle, organ

English Carol, arr. Edwards

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Shepherd of Israel, lead us like a flock!
From the throne of the cherubim hear our prayers.
Bring mercy and justice to save us!

**People: Restore what is lost in us, O God;
Let your face shine that we may be saved.**
O Lord God of hosts, do not be angry with your people's prayers.
Let our daily bread never be the bread of tears;
Deliver us from the evil within and without.
**Restore what is lost in us, O God;
Let your face shine that we may be saved.**
You bring life out of death;
You clear the ground and cast seeds
So the word of truth takes root in us.
**Turn again and seek what is lost;
Look down from heaven, and see;
Let your face shine that we may be saved.**

***HYMN #265**

The First Noel

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INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, hear our prayer. Our hearts are ever just a bit out of tune. Forgive us for allowing anger to steal our love; forgive our readiness to demand and our reticence to give; forgive our worries that forsake hope. Give us words born of compassion; give us energy to do the good we see before us; give us grace so we can be graceful. 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

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY

People, Look East

Chancel Choir; Sara Gleason, Director

Farjeon, Leavitt

DOXOLOGY - Hymnal #815

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

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.

THE WORD

CANTATA - What Sweeter Music by John Leavitt

FPC Chancel Choir; Sara Gleason, Director; Carl Bingle, organ; Phyllis Elmer, piano

He is Born, the Divine Christ Child

Resonet in Laudibus

What Sweeter Music

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Sing Noel, Alleluia!

SENDING

***HYMN #262**

Away in a Manger

AWAY IN A MANGER

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Grand Choeur

Carl Bingle, organ

Charles Sergisson