

SENDING

*HYMN (see insert)

People, Look East

BESANÇON

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Communion Voluntaries:

Arioso

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

John Lindsey, violin; Carl Bingle, organ

Largo spiccato (from *Concerto Grasso*)

Antonio Vivaldi

John Lindsey, violin; Trillium Trio; Carl Bingle, organ



IN NEED OF PRAYER

Arlene Wilson, Shane McWayne, Gerda Barbour, Betty Prosser 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

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!

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3, 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

Aria

George Frederic Handel (1685-1759)

John Lindsey, violin; Carl Bingle, organ;

Trillium String Trio:

Agnes McCarthy, violin; Stephanie Widrick, viola; Christine Prevost, cello;

INTROIT

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord (from *Godspell*)

Stephen Schwartz (1971)

David Elmer, soloist; Phyllis Elmer, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Deliver me from the evil that shames;
redeem me from the affliction of my foes.
Keep my feet to the way of truth;
let my heart learn the path of humility.

People: **For the way of the Lord is steadfast love;
the path of the truth is found by the humble.**
Lift my soul from the weight of guilt and shame.
Untangle my heart from treachery.
Let me learn to wait upon your mercy;
teach me patience to wait upon your grace.
**For the way of the Lord is steadfast love;
the path of the truth is found by the humble.**
Your will and word instruct the sinner;
you have ordered the world to prosper.
Give assurance and friendship,
so we may be delivered from evil.
Let us worship the Lord our God.

***HYMN #245**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

During this season of Advent we wait for the day when we can celebrate again the birth of Jesus. We hope that everyone will come to know and worship God. But we have not always been faithful to the work you call us to do and as a result, we sometimes feel hopeless instead of hopeful. Send your Spirit upon us, so we may be invigorated to share the good news of salvation that you give to all your children. 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!*

LITURGIST WELCOME

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 5:12-15 (Old Testament, page 162 in pew Bibles)

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.)

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 2:23-28 (New Testament, pages 36-37 in pew Bibles)

SERMON

“Make Way For the Almost King”

Rev. Dr. Fred Garry

***HYMN #244**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sanctus

Charles Gounod (1818-1893)

(Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of heavenly hosts; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory!)

Clancy Cox, soprano; John Lindsey, violin; Chancel Choir; Sara Gleason, director;
Trillium Trio; 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastoral Prayer (concluding with The Lord's Prayer)

“Holy Is the Lord” Hymnal #75

Words of Institution and Distribution of Elements

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

We have broken the bread and poured the wine.

Let the bread sustain us in our life.

Let the cup restore the joy of living.