

SENDING

*HYMN #277

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Wir Danken Dir, Gott, Wir Danken Dir

J. S. Bach

(We Thank Thee, Lord, We Thank Thee) Sinfonia, Cantata 29

John Lindsey, violin; Trillium String Trio; Carl Bingle, FPC Organist

Communion Voluntaries:

Air in D (from Orchestra Suite No. 3)

J. S. Bach

John Lindsey, violin; Trillium String Trio

Ave Maria/Prelude No. 1 in C

Charles Gounod, J. S. Bach

John Lindsey, violin; Carl Bingle, organ

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 4, 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!

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

E. Broughton

Angels and Alleluias

A. Frackenpohl

A. L. Page

GREETING

Peace be with you.

And also with you

PRELUDE

Der Herr denket an uns (The Lord Thinks of Us) Sinfonia, Cantata 196 J. S. Bach

John Lindsey, violin; Carl Bingle, organ

Trillium String Trio: Agnes McCarthy, Stephanie Widrick, Christine Prevost

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Brie Thomas

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us pray for those to come. Let our hearts make a way.

For those who will lead, let them judge with justice and mercy.

For those who are blessed, let them protect the poor.

People: **May there be a peace that endures like the sun and moon.**

Give them a heart filled with compassion

So their words fall like rain on dry ground.

For the earth and all that is in it,

For the kings and powers that reign,

Let them never be seduced by tyranny.

May no day be seen when the poor are not remembered,

No season where the needy are not seen as a friend.

Take away any impulse to disdain, so we may be delivered.

In their time, let the earth see freedom from evil,

In their time, may the seas teem and the rivers run.

Make them stewards of the earth as the moon rules the night.

Bless the Lord and the host of heaven.

Bless the Lord and all the "creatures here below."

Bless the Lord, so we may be a generation of godliness.


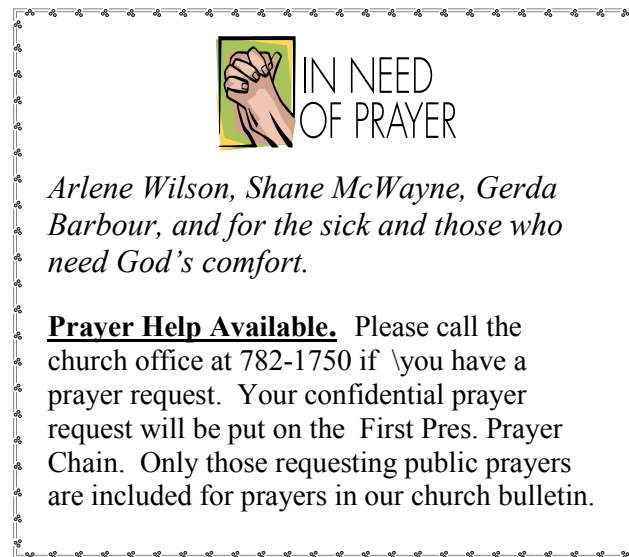


Celebrating a



THIS WEEK

December 6 Margot McGorman
December 7 Steven Guy
December 10 Alexandria Hiotis



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.

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 #244**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Prepare our hearts for glory, O Christ. Let the prophets remove our guilt and indifference; let psalms of hope and lament remove false assurance; let your life be lamp illuminating your birth and death. Prepare our hearts, O Christ. Forgive our faults and misdeeds; take our persistent sin and break the chords. Be today a clear voice calling us to the Kingdom of God. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFSSIONAL 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

Luke 9:18-20 (New Testament, page 69 in pew Bibles)

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 #247, verse 1

*Let's worship and adore Him, Let's worship and adore Him,
Let's worship and adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

SECOND LESSON

Luke 9:21-27 (New Testament, page 69 in pew Bibles)

SERMON

“The Humble Path to Glory”

Rev. Dr. Fred Garry

***HYMN #259**

Angels, From the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

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

Noël: O Sing to God

Charles Gounod

Clancy Cox, David Elmer, soloists; Chancel Choir; Sara Gleason, Director

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.

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.

“Holy Is the Lord” Hymnal #75

Pastoral Prayer

UNISON 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.