

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6, 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

Trumpet Tune For Advent
Of the Father's Love Begotten
While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist
Daniel Read
arr. W. Held
arr. A. L. Page

GREETING

Peace be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE

Wachet Auf! Ruft uns die Stimme Johann Sebastian Bach
(Awake! The Voice Calls to Us)
John Lindsey, violin; Trillium String Trio; FPC Vocal Sextet & Organ

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

John and Linya Bell

CALL TO WORSHIP ~ adapted from Luke 1

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
Come into his presence with singing.

People: **Know that the Lord is God.**
It is he that made us, and we are his;
We are His people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
And his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.
For the Lord is good;
His steadfast love endures forever,
And his faithfulness to all generations.

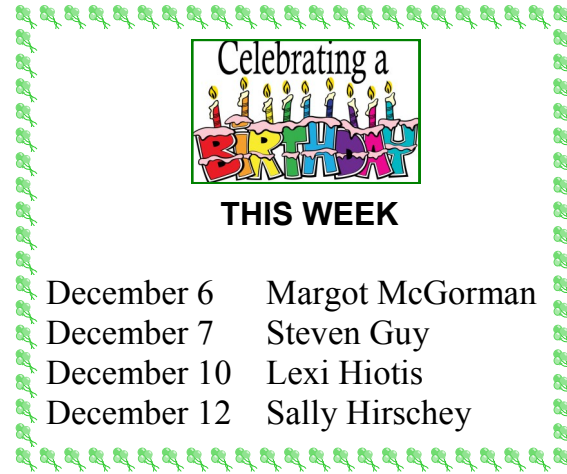
*HYMN #31

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

Church Staff

Fred G. Garry, Senior Pastor
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Carl A. Bingle, Organist
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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.

Prayer is the key that opens the heart of God.
~St. Padre Pio

INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own goodness, but in your all - embracing love and mercy. We are not worthy even to gather up the crumbs under your table, but it is your nature always to have mercy. So feed us with the body and blood of Jesus Christ, your Son, that we may forever live in him and he in us. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFSSIONAL 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

Zephaniah 3:14-20 (Old Testament, page 877 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.)

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 2:39-40 (New Testament, page 59 in pew Bibles)

SERMON

“The Galilean Interlude”

Rev. Dr. Fred Garry

*HYMN #38

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY

How Lovely Are the Messengers

Felix Mendelssohn

Chancel Choir, Strings, Organ; Sara D. Gleason, Director

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Distribution of the Bread

“The Body of Christ” (partake in unison)

Distribution of the Wine

“The Blood of Christ” (partake in unison)

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer (found on page 16 in front of hymnal)

SENDING

*HYMN #37

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

W ZLOBIE LEZY

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Sinfonia alla Rustica

Antonio Vivaldi

John Lindsey, Trillium String Trio & Organ

Communion Voluntaries.

Two Pastorale (“Shepherds”) Sinfonias

From Christmas Oratorio

Johann Sebastian Bach

John Lindsey, violin; Nancy Boynton, flute;

Phyllis Elmer, organ oboe; Carl Bingle, organ

From Messiah

George Frederick Handel

Strings and Organ

Thank you to these musicians who helped to make our service joyful today:

John Lindsey, Concertmaster, Northern Choral Society Orchestra

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

FPC Vocal Sextet: Sara Gleason, Nancy Boynton, Jenny Whitenack,

Clancy Cox, David Elmer, John Willaman