



THIS WEEK

February 27 Linda McCullough
March 1 Jean Sturtz
March 3 Harold Little



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.

Marilyn Adams is in **Rehab at the Samaritan Summit Village in Room S-434**. Her daughter, Linda Flanagan, tells us that she would welcome visitors and/or cards and notes from her church family. Her mailing address is:
Mrs. Marilyn K. Adams
Samaritan Summit Village
Room S-434
22691 Campus Drive
Watertown, NY 13601

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

February 26, 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

When Morning Gilds the Skies (Hymn 215)
As the Deer/Fairest Lord Jesus (Hymn 548, 87)
Blessed Be the Name of the Lord (Hymn 52)

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist
Anna Laura Page
A. L. Page
Mary McDonald

GREETING

Peace be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE

Aria & Fugue
Carl Bingle, organ

Healey Willan

CALL TO WORSHIP ~ adapted from Psalm 99

Leader: The Lord our God is king of kings.
Come and worship the Lord of lords.

People: Our prayers and hymns are gathered unto heaven.
Our cries and praise are commingled
With the voices of Moses and Miriam.
Our hearts are joined with Hannah and Samuel.
Look and remember the holiness of God.
Be in awe and do not neglect justice.
Our God loves justice and does mercy.
Our creation is redeemed by grace;
Our worship is deliverance from evil.
We tremble before the footstool of heaven.

***HYMN #375**

Jesus Shall Reign

DUKE STREET

INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient God, imagination, hope, and vision are placed in our care like tender green seedlings. We confess that often we are impatient; waiting for growth seems inconvenient. Like dry soil, nurturing is necessary so that seedlings can grow. We confess that often we are inconsistent; we choose distractions over doing what is needed. Nurturing God, we confess that we have not always turned to you for guidance. Teach us to wait with patience, that we may be ready as our redeemer draws near. Guide us to seek the One whose glory shines in the light and through the darkness. In His name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS

Look up for your redemption is drawing near. The realm of God can be known in the midst of us. When we come in humble intention to live God's way, the Ruler of life chooses to forgive our sin. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ you also are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*HIS GLORIOUS NAME - Hymnal #130

His glorious name shall be called Wonderful. His matchless name shall be called Counselor, The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace thro' all eternity. The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace thro' all eternity.

LITURGIST WELCOME

INSTALLATION OF ELDER

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Matthew 17:1-9 (New Testament, page 18-19 in pew Bibles)

ANTHEM

I'm Gonna Sing and Shout

Mary McDonald

Chancel Choir; Sara Gleason, Director; Phyllis Elmer, piano

CHILDREN'S TIME

"Waiting Patiently"

Rev. Dr. Marti Montovani

(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 #209

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made; We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

SECOND LESSON

Luke 21:29-33 (New Testament, pages 86 in pew Bibles)

SERMON

"Amending the Soil"

Rev. Dr. Fred Garry

*HYMN #292

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

MARGARET

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 SOLO

Songs of the Wayfarer

Nancy Boynton, mezzo-soprano

arr. Joseph M. Martin

*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.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING

*HYMN #314

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

God Be Praised (Gelobt sei Gott)

Carl Bingle, organ

Healey Willan