

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 22, 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

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty
Trusting Jesus - That is All (Hymn 578)
We're Marching to Zion (Hymn 416)

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist
Neander/Broughton
Sankey/McDonald
Isaac Watts/Lowry/Varner

GREETING

Peace be with you.
And also with you

PRELUDE

Prelude & Fugue in B-flat
Carl Bingle, organ

Johann Sebastian Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP ~ Psalm 27

Leader: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud.
Be gracious to me and answer me!
Come, my heart says, seek his face!

People: Your face, Lord, do I seek.

Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger,
You who have been my help.

Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God, of my salvation!

If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.

Teach me your ways, O Lord,

And lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries.

For false witnesses have risen against me,

And they are breathing out violence.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord

In the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage;

Wait for the Lord.

*HYMN #682

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA



THIS WEEK

January 22 Aimee Whelpley

January 23 Eleanor Pyne

January 25 Annika Jantzi

January 26 Audrey Schweitzer

January 27 Peter Schmitt



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.

INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we admit that, in the midst of conflicting claims and commitments, we often lose sight of our responsibilities to you, your Christ, and your coming Reign. We are more concerned about the bills we owe to the tax collector and to our credit card companies than what we owe to you and your church, both in money and in personal service. We confess our mixed allegiance. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to refocus our lives and reclaim the mission you set before us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS

I share the Good News with you - God desires to be gracious to us, to forgive us, to choose us to be the people who will share this Truth to all people.

We hear, we believe, we will live out this Good News in our lives.
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

RECEPTION OF MEMBER ~ *Justin L. Babcock*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

I Samuel 8:1-9 (Old Testament, page 251 in pew Bibles)

ANTHEM

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
Chancel Choir; Sara Gleason, director

Virgil Thomson

CHILDREN'S TIME

"What Belongs to God?"

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 #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 20:20-26 (New Testament, page 84 in pew Bibles)

SERMON

"To Find Walden Pond"
Rev. Dr. Fred Garry

*HYMN #429

They'll Know We Are Christians

ST. BRENDAN'S

ELDERS' 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

While I Sing Redeeming Love
Nancy Boynton, mezzo soprano

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

*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 #563

Open My Eyes That I May See

SCOTT

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Fanfare
Carl Bingle, organ

Nicolas-Jacques Lemmens (1823-1881)