



THIS WEEK

- January 31 Laurel Pike
- January 31 T. Urling Walker
- February 1 Nalanie Simpson
- February 2 Robert J. Brown
- February 4 Susan Guy



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.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 29, 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

- To God Be the Glory* Fanny Crosby, William Doane/arr. D. Wagner
- Carl Bingle, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP ~ Psalm 15

Leader: Who can abide in the joy of life?
Who can keep the gladness that so often flees?

**People: The one who is blameless and does not blame;
The one who speaks the truth and hears it;
The one who hates the wrong and loves the right;
The one who lifts a friend and is slow to anger;
The one who gives kindness and is not afraid.**
This one stands against the wind and is not shaken.

***HYMN #435**

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We believe in the resurrection, O God, and are thankful that you have given us that faith. But often the evidence of our faith is difficult to detect in our lives.

Forgive us when we fail to make the risen Christ evident through our words, our actions, and our lives.

There are times when we wonder about the details of what the next life is like. Sometimes our logic contradicts our faith, and then we are confused as to how sure our faith is.

Forgive us when we want to know more than we need to know.

Assure us by your Spirit that we are in your care eternally, as revealed through the death and resurrection of your Son in whose name we pray. Amen

WORDS OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, the power of the resurrection is at work in us and with us! Jesus “is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name” (Acts 10:42b-43). Hear, believe, and live the good news. In Jesus Christ we 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

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 8 (Old Testament, page 165 in pew Bibles)

ANTHEM

We Shall Rise

J. E. Thomas

Chancel Choir; Sara Gleason, director

CHILDREN'S TIME

“Trick Questions”

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 20:27-40 (New Testament, page 84 in pew Bibles)

SERMON

“Open the Door”

Rev. Dr. Fred Garry

*HYMN #416

We're Marching to Zion

MARCHING TO ZION

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

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Jack Richards

David Elmer, soloist; Phyllis Elmer, piano

*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 #56

To God Be the Glory

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*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Stand Up and Bless the Lord (see Hymn #65 for text)

Carl Bingle, organ

St. Thomas, arr. D. Wagner