



**THIS WEEK**

January 8 Philip Sprague  
January 10 Sherri Bergman

**The Women of Grace Widows Fund Board of Directors** thanks the congregation for their generous donation in this years' **Christmas Eve Offering. \$3,260.19** was raised that evening with Outreach Council matching \$3,000.00. We thank you for your donations, prayers, and confidence is us to continue our work with widows in the Northern Region of Malawi. Zikomo



*Arlene Wilson, Shane McWayne, Gerda Barbour, and for the sick and those who need God's comfort.*

**Prayers of Sympathy and Condolence** go out to Linya Bell on the sudden death of her brother on December 23rd and to Donna Dayger on the death of her mother on Christmas Day.

**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.

*BAPTISM OF THE LORD*

January 8, 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**

*Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning*  
*How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*  
*Break Forth, O Beauteous Heav'nly Light (Hymn #264)*

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist  
John Harding (1861)  
Marcel Dupré  
J. S. Bach

**GREETING**

Peace be with you.  
**And also with you**

**PRELUDE**

*Here I Am, Lord*  
Carl Bingle, organ

John Carter

**CALL TO WORSHIP ~ Psalm 29**

Leader: Write down the words of angels;  
Write down the glory of the Lord;  
Publish the glory of God  
So we will have words for worship.

**People: Listen for the voice of God;**  
**Listen for the thunder;**  
**Listen for the torrent.**  
**Chaos cannot break the voice of God.**  
Take heed of God's word.  
The word of God is in the flame;  
The word of God is in the wilderness.  
Let our hearts transcribe the Word of God.  
Awe rousts the sleepy soul  
Beholding the glory whirling the oak;  
Humble hearts shake off gloom  
To behold the glory of God over the flood.  
**May the Lord give strength to his people!**  
**May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

**\*HYMN #465**

*Baptized in Water*

BUNESSAN

**INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Each of us possess great power; let us use it wisely. Each of us wastes great energy on fear and worry; let us not squander faith. Each of us has the opportunity to do justice; let us not be resigned to indifference. Forgive our temerity when boldness was required; forgive our arrogance when humility was called for. Make us good stewards of our inheritance: the power to be born anew. Amen.

**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 3:15-22 (New Testament, page 60 in pew Bibles)

**SOLO**

*He's Always Been Faithful*  
John Willaman, soloist

Sarah Groves

**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 20:1-8 (New Testament, page 83-84 in pew Bibles)

**SERMON**

“What is the Power You Possess?”

Rev. Dr. Fred Garry

**\*HYMN #750**

*Peace Like a River*

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

**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 ANTHEM**

*Shall We Gather at the River?*

John Carter

Chancel Choir; Sara Gleason, director

**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 #589**

*Here I Am, Lord*

HERE I AM, LORD

**THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**THE POSTLUDE**

*Fugue in C*

Carl Bingle, organ

Johann Sebastian Bach