



THIS WEEK

- July 11 Isaac Abanda
- July 11 Roger White, Sr.
- July 12 John Bell



*Arlene Wilson, Shane McWayne,
Gerda Barbour, Charlie Hoffman
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

Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm, I will facilitate a small group entitled "God's Answers to Life's Difficult Questions." The first meeting will be in my home (241 Clinton Street Apt. # 2). Call me at 771-9702 to reserve your spot (my living room can only seat 15 comfortably). When you call, I will give you directions and parking instructions. This six-session study takes you inside the Bible to discover answers to six of life's toughest questions by drawing from the examples of different biblical characters who faced the same issues. Life's difficult questions do have answers. Answers from the Bible that can change your outlook...and your life.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 10, 2016

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

- Morning Has Broken*
- Children of the Heav'nly Father* (Hymn 719)
- This Is My Father's World* (Hymn 143)

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist
Gaelic/Gregory Hamilton
Swedish/David Hegarty
English/David Hegarty

GREETING

Peace be with you.
And also with you

PRELUDE

Victory in Jesus Bartlett, arr. Varner
Our final hymn today is no. 353. Please meditate on the stirring 1939 text as we hear Kenneth Varner's theme and variations.
Carl Bingle, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP ~ adapted from Psalm 82

Leader: Make way for the judge of judges; heed the verdict of our God.
"How long will you live without justice?
How long will you forsake mercy?
Return to the path of justice; remember the way of truth."

People: **Give to the weak and bless the poor;**
Protect the lowly and restore the forsaken;
Rescue the broken and find the abandoned;
Deliver the slave and lift up the fallen.
Blind guides who lead the people to darkness -
The earth flees from the tread of your footsteps.
Let the light of truth arise and dispel all darkness, restore all ruin.

***HYMN #375**

Jesus Shall Reign

INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, forgive our faults and do not abandon us. For we have withheld from the weak and cursed the poor. We have accused the lowly and shamed the forsaken. We have held captive the broken and forgotten the abandoned. With our words and deeds we have made the chains of the slaves stronger and crushed those who have fallen. Forgive us. Give us the light of truth that dispels the darkness of our hearts. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFSSIONAL PRAYERS

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.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON - Hymnal #700

You are my hiding place, you always fill my heart with songs of deliverance; whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. I will trust in You. Let the weak say, I am strong in the strength of the Lord!

LITURGIST WELCOME

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM ~ Maira Anye Tangye

Maira is the daughter of Alexander Tangye and Nkeh Pascaline Sirri

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Zephaniah 3:14-20 (New Testament, page 877 in pew Bibles)

ANTHEM

Close Every Door

(from Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat)

Evan Smith, soloist

Andrew Lloyd Weber

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 #188, verse 1

*Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love;
Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.*

SECOND LESSON

Luke 7:11-17 (New Testament, page 65-66 in pew Bibles)

SERMON

“Just Like Raising the Dead”

Rev. Dr. Fred Garry

*HYMN #389

Spirit of the Living God

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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

You Raise Me Up

Evan Smith, soloist

Graham and Lovland

DOXOLOGY ~ HYMNAL #814

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 #353

Victory in Jesus

HARTFORD

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso/Diadem
Carl Bingle, organ

G. F. Handel/Ellor
arr. Susan Caudill