



THIS WEEK

- July 17 Marcia Reiber
- July 18 Lu Green
- July 18 Jamie Dunbar
- July 19 Mckenzie Way
- July 20 Warren Bonney
- July 20 Charles Carr
- July 21 David Prosser
- July 23 Ken Rucki



*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.

Pastor Michael

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 17, 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

*We're Marching to Zion
How Majestic Is Your Name
I'll Praise My Maker*

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist
Robert Lowry, arr. Varner
Michael Smith, arr. Carter
Matthäus Greiter, arr. Page

GREETING

Peace be with you.
And also with you

PRELUDE

Song Without Words (No. 18, A-flat)
Carl Bingle, organ

Felix Mendelssohn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Grant unto us, O God, the fullness of your promises.
Where we have been weak, grant us your strength;

People: **Where we have been confused, grant us your guidance;**
Where we have been distraught, grant us your comfort;
Where we have been dead, grant us your life.

All: **Apart from you, O Lord, we are nothing,
In and with you we can do all things. Amen.**

***HYMN #541**

The Joy of the Lord

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INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Give me, O my Lord, that purity of conscience which alone can receive your inspirations. My ears are dull, so that I cannot hear your voice. My eyes are dim, so that I cannot see the signs of your presence. You alone can quicken my hearing and purge my sight, and cleanse and renew my heart. Teach me to sit at your feet and to hear your word. 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.

*GLORIA PATRI - Hymnal #813

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is not and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

LITURGIST WELCOME

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

II Corinthians 12:1-10 (New Testament, page 185-186 in pew Bibles)

ANTHEM

Praise the Mighty King

FPC Quintet: Nancy Boynton, Clancy Cox, Jenny Whitenack,

John Willaman, David Elmer

Phyllis Elmer, piano; Carl Bingle, organ

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 #185, verse 1

*Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to Him belong,
They are weak but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 21:18-22 (New Testament, page 23 in pew Bibles)

SERMON

“The Thorn of Unanswered Prayer”

Rev. Dr. Michael Phoenix

*HYMN #184

Thy Word

THY WORD

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

River in Judea

FPC Quintet

arr. John Leavitt

DOXOLOGY ~ HYMNAL #815

*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 #406

Wonderful Words of Life

WORDS OF LIFE

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

War March of the Priests

Felix Mendelssohn

The music portrays the attack on the heathen temple of Baal by the Israelites, as told in 2 Kings 11 and also in 2 Chronicles 23.

Carl Bingle, organ