



THIS WEEK

- May 8 William Kandler
- May 9 Judy Morley
- May 9 Yanna Hiotis
- May 9 William Gleason
- May 11 Gini McCreary
- May 11 Sue Kitto
- May 11 Urban Hirschey
- May 11 Gerda Barbour
- May 13 David Garry



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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 8, 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

No, Not One! (Hymn 609), with *Shout to the Lord*
The Gift of Love

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist
arr. Page
Janet Linker

GREETING

Peace be with you.
And also with you

PRELUDE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Joel Raney (2008)

Raney puts today's opening hymn through various rhythms and organ sounds.

All pipe families are used: Flutes, strings, reeds, and principals.

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The fabric of the night sky is painted;
The glory of the Lord decks creation with joy.

People: **The heart finding mercy is covered in kindness.**
The soul loving the good is wrapped in peace.
The mountains of misdeed melt with justice;
The greed of disdain is scattered by your light.
The shackles of wrong are removed in faith.
The vanity of pride is humbled by splendor.
In Zion the light dawns for those who love justice.
In our hearts we find the throne of Judah.

***HYMN #648**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

Come join our Pentecost celebration Next Sunday, May 15th - Lunch, birthday cakes, balloons and a party for the church with special music during and after church!!

"Our Kids" book study and community Forum - May 26, 2016 - soup and sandwiches will be served at 6 PM, and a panel discussion will begin shortly afterwards. Get your book from Linya (donation \$10)

Mark your calendars for the ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC - Sunday, June 12th after worship at the Thompson Park Pavilion.

Hospice of Jefferson County presents First Annual Broadway Bound Competition with Broadway Star and Watertown Native Mr. Ted Keegan on May 15, 2016 at First Presbyterian Church at 6 PM (doors open at 5:30) - Admission \$5 (individual) \$20 (family). Come see Jefferson County High School Students compete for opportunities to perform with Ted Keegan at his 2016 Holiday Performance for Hospice of Jefferson County.

INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy hear our prayer. Let us see and know your love and compassion. Gather us with arms of mercy so that justice will not crush us. For our hearts are prone to shame and disdain. Our fears conquer the tender walls of faith. Remake us; remove the sin and the darkness. Forgive us, so we may be forgiving. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSIONAL PRAYERS

WORDS OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS

. . . in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ you are also forgiven.

*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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Judy Azah, Isaac Abanda, Sherri Bergman, John Borger, Alexander Tangye

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Genesis 35:16-26 (Old Testament, page 32 in pew Bibles)

ANTHEM

A Mother's Hands

Chancel Choir; Sara Gleason, Director

R. E. Schram

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;

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SECOND READING

Luke 6:12-16 (New Testament, page 64 in pew Bibles)

SERMON

“The Framing Qualities of Dead Juniper”

Rev. Dr. Fred Garry

*HYMN #634

More Love to Thee

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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 SOLO

I'll Walk With God

David Elmer, soloist; Phyllis Elmer, piano

Brodzky & Webster

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 #56

To God Be the Glory

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*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Trumpet Rondo

Fenton Groden (2016)

The Festival Trumpet is heard from the back balcony as the Swell Reeds (left Chancel) answer, the Great Organ runs the melody, and the Pedal Organ punctuates it all in big bursts. A 21st century version of a Renaissance form!

Carl Bingle, organ