



**THIS WEEK**

- November 20 Carol Cooper
- November 20 Grailey Walton
- November 21 David Kandler
- November 22 Dick Lake
- November 23 Nanci Paroubek
- November 26 Mabel Walker



*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.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING MUSICAL HAPPENINGS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

The Northern Choral Society invites you to enjoy their annual Christmas concert. Join us at Asbury United Methodist Church on December 3 at 7:00pm and December 4 at 3:00pm. Tickets are available from any singer or at Kinney Drugs on Washington Street. Tickets will also be available at the door. Our theme is based on three verses of "O Holy Night," composed by Adolphe Adam. This Christmas season remember: "His law is love and His Gospel is peace."

If you had the privilege to attend the Spanish themed concert that Orchestra of Northern New York presented at First Presbyterian church, you heard the director, Kenneth Andrews, say that they consider our church their home. In fact, when you visit their website one of their 3 scrolling pictures is last year's Christmas concert in our sanctuary. They love coming and we love having them. Are you yearning to hear "This Christmastide"? Canadian mezzo-soprano and Crane School of Music Artist Faculty member Colleen Skull will sing it along with "O Holy Night" and other glorious favorites. Go to [www.onny.org](http://www.onny.org) to get tickets or purchase them in the narthex before the concert

As we approach the Christmas Season, it's time again to consider supporting the **Foster Teen Christmas project of MINC (the Ministries in the North Country)**. Shopping is mainly done on Black Friday, which is next week, so our time line is very short!! **Checks should be made payable to MINC and note in the memo line "Foster Teen X-mas"** so they know how to direct the donation. Please give it to me today or to the church office by tomorrow, so we can get them in the mail to Ogdensburg in time for shopping!

Thank you,  
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*CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY*

November 20, 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**

*Now Thank We All Our God  
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God  
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist  
arr. Arthur Frackenpohl  
Luther, arr. Cherwien  
arr. Anna Laura Page

**GREETING**

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

**PRELUDE**

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*  
Carl Bingle, organ

Michael Burkhardt

**HANDBELL INTROIT**

*Medley of Welcome*  
Youth Handbells; Jenny Whitenack, Director

arr. unknown

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place.  
**People: Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened.**  
Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged.  
**Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful comfort.**  
Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed.  
**Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #797**

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

## INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

### 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

## THE WORD

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### FIRST LESSON

I Thessalonians 5:12-18 (New Testament, page 205 in pew Bibles)

### HANDBELL DUET

*Amazing Grace*

arr. Kevin McChesney

Jenny Whitenack, David Elmer, accompanied by Phyllis Elmer on piano

### 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

Matthew 24:36-44 (New Testament, page 27-28 in pew Bibles)

### SERMON

“The Best of Times - The Worst of Times - The End Times?”

Rev. Dr. Michael Phoenix

#### \*HYMN #790

*We Gather Together*

KREMSER

### ELDERS' 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

*Full Harvest*

Carolyn Hamlin

Chancel Choir; Sara Gleason, Director

#### DOXOLOGY ~ HYMNAL #55

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. He has done great things, He has done great things, He has done great things; bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Amen.*

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## SENDING

#### \*HYMN #788

*Now Thank We All Our God*

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### THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### THE POSTLUDE

*Now Thank We All Our God*  
Carl Bingle, organ

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)