

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 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

Hark, the Glad Sound!

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Angels and Alleluias

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist

E. Broughton

A. Frackenhohl

A. L. Page

GREETING

Peace be with you.

And also with you

PRELUDE

Wake! Awake, a Voice is Calling

Carl Bingle, organ

J. S. Bach

INTROIT

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

David Elmer, soloist; Phyllis Elmer, piano

Stephen Schwartz

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Walk the earth and find the poor;
Walk the earth and find the broken;
Walk the earth and find the hungry;
Walk the earth and find the lame.
Find the lost, remember the neglected.
Embrace the outcast, wash the soiled.
Lift the fallen, carry the dying.
Take the shame and shield the wounded.
When this is done, go to the road;
When this is complete, call out;

**People: Let us go to the house of the Lord;
Zion beckons the children of God.
Such is the peace of God;
Such is the peace of God's kingdom.**



THIS WEEK

November 30 Betty Prosser

November 30 Liz Bonisteel

November 30 Sara Gleason



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.

***HYMN #548**

As the Deer

AS THE DEER

INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great and almighty God, prepare our hearts for new life. Remove the fears that dog and harry us; forgive the anxiety we exchange for faith. Let our hearts know the freedom of following your son without dread or dogma. Let our life be remade as a living image of compassion, so we will see the kingdom of God. Make room in our hearts by removing the sin and darkness that prevails. 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.

***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

RECEPTION OF MEMBER ~ Stacy Stauffer

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Luke 9:7-9 (New Testament, page 69 in pew Bibles)

SOLO

He Is There

Sally DeFord

*When we've lost our way and wander in our blindness
Help unfailing, when no other help can find us
In our despair, He is there.*

*When our broken hearts reach out to Him for healing
There to lift us up and set our spirits singing, He is there.*

*There to share in all our joy and still our weeping
Ever constant, ever faithful, never ceasing, He is there.*

John Willaman, soloist

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 9:10-20 (New Testament, page 69 in pew Bibles)

SERMON

“Broken Pieces Were Gathered”

Rev. Dr. Fred Garry

***HYMN #240**

Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

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

Veni, Veni Emmanuel (from cantata “What Sweeter Music”)

John Leavitt

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 (see insert)**

People, Look East

BESANÇON

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Chant Héroïque

George Blake