

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 29, 2015

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

Trumpet Tune For Advent
Of the Father's Love Begotten
While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist
Daniel Read
arr. W. Held
arr. A. L. Page

GREETING

Peace be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE

Cradle Songs

arr. L. Smith

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

CALL TO WORSHIP ~ adapted from Psalm 25

Leader: Deliver me from the evil that shames;
Redeem me from the affliction of my foes.
Keep my feet to the way of truth.
Let my heart learn the path of humility.

**People: For the way of the Lord is steadfast love;
The path of the truth is found by the humble.**
Lift my soul from the weight of guilt and shame.
Untangle my heart from treachery.
Let me learn to wait upon your mercy;
Teach me patience to wait upon your grace.
**For the way of the Lord is steadfast love;
The path of the truth is found by the humble.**
Your will and word instruct the sinner;
You have ordered the world to prosper.
Give assurance and friendship
So we may be delivered from evil.
**The way of the Lord is steadfast love;
The path of the truth is found by the humble.**

Church Staff

Fred G. Garry, Senior Pastor
Michael Phoenix, Associate Pastor
Sara D. Gleason, Director of Music
Carl A. Bingle, Organist
Jennifer M. Whitenack, Bell Choir Director
Regina Banks, Nursery Coordinator
Jillian Norris, Nursery Staff
Mitch Farney, Sexton
David Kandler, Sexton
Sue Beaman, Administrative Asst.
Penny Levos, Business Manager
Donna Dunkle, Youth Coordinator
Linya Bell, Parish Outreach Coordinator
Gail Parsons, Parish Associate



Mission Statement

*Seeking God's help, we will pursue
growth and renewal as a united Christian body.
We will nurture people within our church and
provide Christian leadership and care
throughout our community.*



*Arlene Wilson, Shane McWayne, Gerda Barbour, Irene Kolton, 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 #11**

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Come, O Christ, and bring to us the freedom of forgiveness. Cleanse our hearts of all unrighteousness; so we may carry your word in our heart. Heal our minds and put a right spirit in us, so we may see salvation in our day. Forgive us for our faults and let us forgive so our hands will be freed from the fetters of guilt and shame. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSIONAL PRAYERS

WORDS OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS

. . . in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ you are also forgiven.

***GLORY BE TO THE FATHER**

Gloria Patri - Hymnal 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

LITURGIST WELCOME

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16 (New Testament, page 738 in pew Bibles)

ANTHEM

Because He Lives

Sally DeFord

Nancy Boynton, soprano; John Willaman, tenor; Phyllis Elmer, 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.)

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 READING

Luke 2:22-38 (New Testament, page 59 in pew Bibles)

SERMON

“Simeon Took the Child in His Arms”

Rev. Dr. Fred Garry

***HYMN #27**

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

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

Prepare the Way

Chancel Choir

Lloyd Larson

DOXOLOGY

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 #25**

Away in a Manger

MUELLER

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE

Menuet Gothique

Léon Boëllmann