



THIS WEEK

- September 11 Bernie Taylor
- September 11 Caleb Way
- September 13 JoAnne Stirling



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.

FROM THE DEACONS:

We thank you for all your support with Sunday Fellowship after our church service. It is great to have such wonderful people in our kitchen helping out with the beautiful displays of food during our social, coffee and refreshment hour. We would like to remind all we have a sign-up sheet always going, so we can continue this program. We gladly accept any snacks, fruit, veggies, cheese and crackers, finger sandwiches and sweets. Thank you again for all your donations, and please join us after church in Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

Becky Brown and Gil Hayes,
Co-Moderators

Join the **Northern Choral Society** for our 62nd season! If you have sung in choir before, our group should be just right for you. This year our theme will be "O Holy Night", using themes from each verse of the song; "O Holy Night", "Led by the Light", and "Truly He Taught Us to Love One Another". Rehearsals will begin on Sept. 25th at First Presbyterian Church with registration starting at 1:00 PM and rehearsal from 2:00-4:00 PM. See David Elmer, Sara Gleason, or Carl Bingle for more information.

DEACONS RUMMAGE SALE will be held in **Fellowship Hall** on **September 23rd and 24th** to benefit the Urban Mission. This year we **will not** be accepting clothing, but all other gently used items may be brought to the church at the beginning of September and left on the stage in Fellowship Hall. If you have large items that you need picked up, please call the church office at 782-1750 or Becky Brown at 782-1601 to make arrangements for pick up. We would love to have volunteers from the congregation for this event. If you are willing to help with set up and pricing or with working on the days of the sale, please let one of the Deacons know or contact Sue Beaman in the church office.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 11, 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

- Crown Him Lord of All!*
- All Things Bright and Beautiful*
- Just As I Am*

- Carl Bingle, FPC Organist
- Gilbert Martin
- James Mansfield
- David Paxton

GREETING

Peace be with you.
And also with you

PRELUDE

- I Vow to Thee, My Country*
- Carl Bingle, organ

Holst, arr. A. L. Page

CALL TO WORSHIP ~ Psalm 14

Leader: What foolishness we find in our hearts,
What deeds of destruction.
We have exchanged the truth for falsity.

**People: The prayers of generations plead for us.
For the Lord looks from heaven
And finds wisdom has been discarded.**
Our hearts chase destruction;
Our minds have no peace.
We have cast aside what is right.
**How have we forgotten?
What has rendered our minds so foggy?
Let us remember the poor and not forget.**
Reckoning comes with vengeance.
The Lord abides with those who hope;
The Lord gathers the broken.
**Let us see and know the kingdom of God.
Let us build and restore fortunes of justice.
Let the cloud of witness sing for joy.**

***HYMN (see insert)**

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we have so often forsaken grace. We cling to shame and pray we are not exposed; we hide our heart so to keep our fears; we linger in anger so to gain importance. We know the power of grace, but we choose wrath; we know the freedom of forgiveness, but we trust the grudge. Give us the power to follow Jesus and believe: the one who is forgiven more loves more. Amen

PRIVATE CONFESSORIAL 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

Luke 7:36-40 (New Testament, page 66 in pew Bibles)

ANTHEM

Inscription of Hope
Chancel Choir

Z. Randall Stroope

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 7:41-50 (New Testament, page 66-67 in pew Bibles)

SERMON

“The Inner Chambers”

Rev. Dr. Fred Garry

***HYMN #488**

Just As I Am

WOODWORTH

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

The Souls of the Righteous

Geraint Lewis

“The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, where the pain of death cannot touch them. To the eyes of the foolish they seem to perish, but they are in peace.”

- Wisdom of Solomon, 3:1-3

In memoriam to the fallen of 9/11/2001

Nancy Boynton, Clancy Cox, Sara Gleason, Jessica Jones,
Jenny Whitenack, John Willaman, David Elmer

DOXOLOGY ~ HYMNAL #814

*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 #400**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

ST. PETER

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Litanies

Jehan Alain (1939)

The composer writes: “When the Christian soul in its distress can find no new words to implore the mercy of God, it fervently repeats the same prayer over and over, Human reason has reached its limit; only faith can go beyond.”

You will hear that very repetition of an ancient Christian chant in the music.

Carl Bingle, organ