



THIS WEEK

- September 19 Ann Van Slyke
- September 19 Paul Archibald
- September 19 Gene McCandless
- September 21 Don Klug
- September 22 John Borger
- September 22 Caitlin Archibald

Our congregation is invited to kick off the **Stewardship Season with lunch and many fun activities for the whole family at Camp Wabasso.** Today from 11:30 to 5:00 p.m. Lunch will be presented by the Stewardship Committee, followed by a short program on the upcoming stewardship campaign. After that: Hiawatha Hall, the kitchen, upper and lower bathhouse, recreation field, trails and waterfront will be open. Waterfront equipment will be available. This year's stewardship theme is *"Inspired by our legacy, imagine our future."*



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.

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 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.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 18, 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

Jerusalem, My Happy Home/Haydn's Trumpet Concerto arr. Robert Lau
 This hymn about the New Jerusalem of Revelations is from the 1844 Appalachian hymnal, *The Sacred Harp*. The text is by St. Augustine, ca. 400 AD
 Carl Bingle, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being: You have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you.

People: **Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it;**
 that in our light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

***HYMN #151**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

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

Luke 19:11-26 (New Testament, page 82-83 in pew Bibles)

ANTHEM

Welcome

Mark Miller

Chancel Choir; Sara Gleason, director; 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.)

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 16:1-13 (New Testament, page 79 in pew Bibles)

SERMON

“A Crook For Christ”

Rev. Dr. Michael Phoenix

*HYMN #686

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

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 SOLO

God Will Make A Way

David Elmer, soloist; Phyllis Elmer, piano

Don Moen, arr. Mark Hayes

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 #36

He Is Exalted

HE IS EXALTED

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Recessional in C

Carl Bingle, organ

Douglas E. Wagner