



**THIS WEEK**

September 25 Laura Little  
September 30 Lucy Hiotis  
October 1 Bob Kimball

**Youth Group Ice Cream Social -  
TODAY from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in  
Fellowship Hall for Grades 8-12.**

**FUN IN THE SON CHILDRENS MINISTRY BEGINS  
TODAY AT 5:00PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Kids of the kingdom between the ages of 1<sup>st</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to our "Kingdom Club" held on the third Sunday of the month right here at First Pres. We will eat pizza, play some ridiculous games and have a Bible story about how Jesus is our "BFF". Our first meeting will involve getting acquainted and door prizes (for everyone who shows up at the door) Please encourage grandchildren, neighbors and friends to attend!! Pastor Michael, Diane and Maureen Gorman will be your leaders in what we hope will be a great time.

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 begin **TODAY** 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.

On Saturday, October 1st at 1:00 p.m there will be a *tea* in Fellowship Hall. Margot McGorman will speak about her June 2016 mission trip to Africa teaching widows to use treadle sewing machines.



*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.

*NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST*

September 25, 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**

*Voluntary on 'Nicaea' (Holy, Holy, Holy)*

Arthur Frackenpohl

Arthur Frackenpohl taught at the Crane School of Music, Potsdam, from 1949-1985. Over 400 of his works have been published, and he is featured arranger for the Canadian Brass. He holds degrees from the Eastman School of Music and McGill University. He is an active member and musician in the Potsdam First Presbyterian Church. The music world celebrated Arthur's 90th birthday in 2014. In the coming weeks, Carl will present works from his 2017 organ anthology, *Morning has Broken: Hymn Settings for Worship*.  
Carl Bingle, organ

**CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ adapted from Psalm 91

**Leader:** Come and let us abide in the shadows of God;  
Let us find shelter beneath the wings of God.  
For steadfast love and faithfulness will save us.

**People:** **Though there be terror by night and war by day,  
Though a stalking darkness may linger near,  
We dwell in the house of God and are delivered.**  
The Lord is a refuge, a shield dispelling fear;  
The Lord will not let our feet be dashed against the stone.  
Let us remain in the light that casts no shadows.  
**Those who love the Lord will be delivered;  
The Lord will protect those who know his name.  
Our hearts are satisfied and filled with song.**

**\*HYMN #3**

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

NICAEA

**INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of mercy, forgive us. Be gracious to us and restore our freedom. For we have exchanged our peace for false security; we have sold our joy for greed. Our homes are filled to overflowing yet we wonder what we have to give; our prosperity is a dream the world cannot imagine, but we doubt we have enough. Forgive our conspicuous consumption and free our hands that cling so tightly to fear. Amen.**

**PRIVATE CONFESSATIONAL 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**

Nehemiah 2:17-18 (Old Testament, page 431 in pew Bibles)

**ANTHEM**

*How Lovely Are the Messengers*

Felix Mendelssohn

Chancel Choir; Sara Gleason, director

**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;*

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**SECOND LESSON**

Luke 8:1-3 (New Testament, page 67 in pew Bibles)

**SERMON**

“Costs and Contributions”

Rev. Dr. Fred Garry

**\*HYMN #684**

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

PRECIOUS LORD

**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 SOLO**

*Climb Every Mountain*

Richard Rogers, Oscar Hammerstein

Clancy Cox, soprano; Phyllis Elmer, piano; Carl Bingle, organ

**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 #664**

*Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord*

LANGLEY

**THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**THE POSTLUDE**

*Postludio*

Carl Bingle, organ

George Blake (1912-1986)