

INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, silence our fears; quell the voices of worry. Remove the racing thoughts that steal our ability to be at peace. Forgive our endless stream of babble that offers no praise. Forgive our foolish words and our angry words and our words without grace. Let your grace be a moment for us to listen. Let us listen to the truth and abide in freedom. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFSSIONAL 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

Matthew 2:7-12 (New Testament, page 2 in pew Bibles)

ANTHEM

Manger Carol

arr. Marty Parks

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 2:41-50 (New Testament, page 59 in pew Bibles)

SERMON

"Wise Talk"

Rev. Dr. Michael Phoenix

***HYMN #37**

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

W ZLOBIE LEZY

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

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 #53**

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

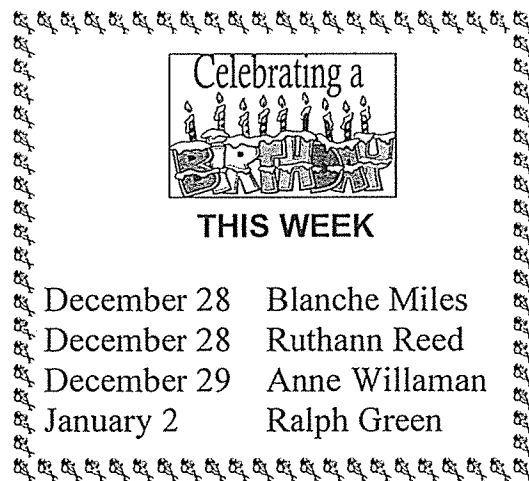
THE POSTLUDE


From Heav'n Above to Earth I Come

Wilbur Held

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Celebrating a

THIS WEEK

December 28	Blanche Miles
December 28	Ruthann Reed
December 29	Anne Willaman
January 2	Ralph Green

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.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

December 27, 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

Les Anges dans nos campagnes
Christmas Voluntary
I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist
 French Noël, arr. Page
 Wm. Billings (1746-1800)
 Calkin, arr. Held

GREETING

Peace be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDES

Venitè Adorèmus Dominum

Wilbur Held

CALL TO WORSHIP ~ adapted from Isaiah 12

Leader: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

People: **where there is injury, pardon;**
where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness light;
Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not seek so much
 to be consoled as to console,
 to be understood, as to understand,
 To be loved as to love.

**For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are
 pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

*HYMN #8

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates