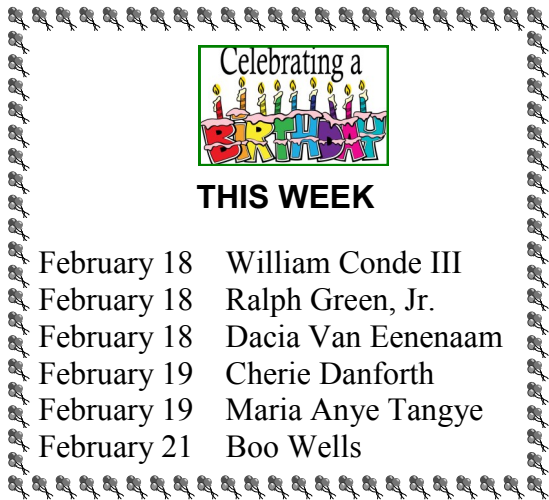




Thus says the Lord; cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse - who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.  
~ Jeremiah 17:5-10

	
	
THIS WEEK	
February 18	William Conde III
February 18	Ralph Green, Jr.
February 18	Dacia Van Eenenaam
February 19	Cherie Danforth
February 19	Maria Anye Tangye
February 21	Boo Wells



IN NEED  
OF PRAYER

Shane McWayne, Gerda Barbour, JoAnne Stirling, Ralph Green, Dr. Robert B. Brown, and for the sick and those who need God's comfort.

**Prayer Help Available.** Please call the church office, 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.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 17, 201910:00 a.m.

This service is being broadcast over radio station WATN 1240

\* Indicates that those who are able may stand.

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC	Carl Bingle, FPC Organist
To God Be the Glory (hymn 56)	Douglas Wagner
Just as I Am (hymn 488)	David Hegarty
Blessed Assurance (hymn 572)	John Ness Beck

GREETING  
Peace be with you.  
And also with you.

PRELUDE  
Follow the Master Douglas Wagner  
From John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress (1684)  
He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster/ Let him in constancy follow the Master.  
There's no discouragement shall make him once relent/ His first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.  
Carl Bingle, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP ~ Psalm 1:1-6  
Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;  
People: but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law may they meditate day and night.  
They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.  
The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of righteous; for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.  
All: Let us worship God!

\*HYMN #572  
Blessed Assurance ASSURANCE

INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, your call to discipleship is demanding. You call us to reorder our lives by the kingdom you are bringing in Jesus Christ. Yet we still pass by ones you especially notice: people who are poor and hungry; people who weep. We have not stood with those who are hated, bullied, and excluded. Comfortable with the way things are, we are too complacent, even complicity with injustice and prejudice. Forgive us, O God, and turn us back to your gospel. We pray this now, for our sake, and for the sake of your work; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS

. . . in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.  
In Jesus Christ you are also forgiven.

\*RESPONSE - Gloria Be to the Father - Hymn #813

*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 FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 17:5-10 (Old Testament, page 719 in pew Bibles)

ANTHEM

*Blest Are They* David Haas  
Chancel Choir; Sara Gleason, director; Phyllis Elmer, piano; Carl Bingle, organ

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. As children depart for Sunday School, we sing “Jesus Loves Me” Hymn #185, verse 1)

SECOND READING

Luke 6:17-26 (New Testament, page 64 in pew Bibles)

SERMON

“Blessed Are...”  
Rev. Casey Carbone

\*HYMN #713

*Seek Ye First* LAFFERTY

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

*I Then Shall Live* G. Gaither/Sibelius  
Gloria Gaither’s poignant text is found at hymn 604. It is a brave mission statement in today’s world.  
(We will sing the classic Katharina von Schlegel text for this tune in our final hymn today.)  
Clancy Cox, soloist; Chancel Choir

\*DOXOLOGY ~ HYMNAL #815

*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 #712

*Be Still, My Soul* FINLANDIA

\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

*Fanfare on “Rise Up, O Church of God”* Douglas Wagner  
Follow the text to this setting of St. Dunstan’s hymn 433.  
Carl Bingle, organ