

*Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice.
 At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks.
 How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
 How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge?
 Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you;
 I will make my words known to you.
 Because I have called and you refused,
 have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,
 and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof,
 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you,
 when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
 when distress and anguish come upon you.
 Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
 they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.
 Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord,
 Would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof,
 therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices.
 For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them;
 but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease,
 without dread of disaster.*

~ Proverbs 1:20-33

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 30, 2018

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

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation (403)
Be Thou My Vision (562)
In This Very Room (612)
God of Grace (435)

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist
 Anna Laura Page
 Gordon Young
 Ron Harris
 Hal Hopson

GREETING

Peace be with you.
And also with you

PRELUDE

Canticle of Praise

Fenton Groden

Today's organ voluntaries are 2016 works by New England organist Fenton Grodin. The organ's many reed Trumpet pipes are featured, sounding from the front and/or rear organs.

Carl Bingle, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP ~ adapted from Psalm 19

Leader: The choice of the Holy One is clarity of vision,
 a depth from which to draw.
 The order is satisfying; here we find the right.

People: How can I see my heart? Uncover my darkness.

Remove the vanity in me; remove the anger as well.

In meekness there is no shame; in the humble no greed takes root.

Make my prayers more than wish; make my pondering more than musing; make them an offering to the morning.

HYMN #435

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA



THIS WEEK

September 30 Lucy Hiotis
 October 1 Bob Kimball
 October 2 Patti Bailey
 October 2 Michele Elmer
 October 5 Ann Sudduth



IN NEED OF PRAYER

Arlene Wilson, Shane McWayne, Gerda Barbour, JoAnne Stirling, Ralph Green, Jesyca Murphy, 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.

INVITATION TO REPENTENT PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, you taught that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering. You asked us to pick up our own cross and follow you. Yet we have often laid down our cross out of fear, out of spite, and out of sorrow. Send your Spirit among us and grant us strength and courage. As you calm our fears, remove our malice, and wipe the tears from our eyes, may we remember that you hold us in a loving embrace. 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 - You Are My Hiding Place - Hymn #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 FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 1:20-33 (Old Testament, page 131 in pew Bibles)

DUET

Canticle of Praise

Clancy Cox, Casey Carbone

Fenton Groden

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Casey Carbone

(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 SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 8:34-9:1 (New Testament, page 44 in pew Bibles)

SERMON

"The Uncommon Sense of Wisdom"

Rev. Dr. Fred Garry

*HYMN #612

In This Very Room

IN THIS VERY ROOM

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

(If you would like to give via Venmo, information can be found on the back cover of the bulletin.)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

You Are the Christ

Joseph Martin

Chancel Choir; Sara Gleason, director; Carl Bingle, organ

*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 #450

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Trumpet Rondo

Carl Bingle, organ

Fenton Groden