

OFFERTORY "Bless Thou the Gifts"

Douglas E. Wagner

*DOXOLOGY

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**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF SENDING #508 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #393 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

**We share our mutual woes, each other's burdens bear;
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Lead On, O King Eternal"

arr. Michael Burkhardt



WELCOME VISITOR! We are delighted that you are here to share worship of our Lord Jesus this morning together with the rest of us. We want you to be well informed about the Christian faith and about the church so don't be afraid to ask. You may communicate with us in several ways. Ask a neighbor in your pew, fill out a blue first-time visitor card, add your name to the Ritual of Friendship pad and by all means do not hesitate to contact our pastor. May God bless you this morning and throughout the week.

Rev. Susan Bennett, Pastor
Dorothy Clark, Organist
Glory Cumbow, Youth Director
Tom Francis, Custodian Emeritus

Ward Gailey, Music Director
Linda Hodges, Office Manager
Nursery: Suzie Wharton & Breon Williams

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

**January 15, 2017
11:00 a.m.**



*When Jesus turned
and saw them following, he said to them,
"What are you looking for?"
John 1:38a*

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

(Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices during this hour of worship.
Otherwise, Susan will turn into her evil twin and give you The Look.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Little Prelude in G"

Johann Sebastian Bach

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Laura Richardson

Please use this time for silent meditation and preparation for worship. Prayer cards are in the
pew rack in front of you for submission to church prayer list.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**Those who are able, please stand.*

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #2 "Oh Worship the King"

**Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 40)

Liturgist: Laura Richardson

Leader: Lord, you have inclined to us and heard our cry.

All: You have set our feet upon a Rock, making our steps secure.

Leader: You put a new song in our mouth, a song of praise to you, O God.

All: Many will see and fear, and put their trust in you.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #95 "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, you have called us to follow you, and we have answered the call. Forgive us
when we make our journey with Jesus more difficult than it needs to be. Forgive us when we stub-
bornly carry with us the things we say we've left behind. Forgive us when we weary ourselves with
worries and fears that belong in your hands, not ours. Help us to enter into your rest and learn to
trust you with open hearts. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ..**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Colossians 1:13-14)

Leader: God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of
his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Friends, give
thanks again for God's amazing grace:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

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**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.**

PROCLAIMING AND ENACTING THE WORD

*HYMN OF CONSECRATION #60 "I Will Sing of the Mercies"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

John Dunn

ANTHEM "Wondrous Love" arr. Harold DeCou

Sanctuary Choir

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS, CLASS OF 2018 and 2019

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 40:1-11

Page 486, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING John 1:29-42

Page 86, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "What Are You Looking For?"

Rev. Susan Bennett

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His
only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose
again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the
body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

MINISTRY OF GIVING