

OFFERTORY "Chanson" (Song)

Douglas E. Wagner

*DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

**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 #59 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

**From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

17th Century German Hymn



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 22, 2017
11:00 a.m.**



*(T)he people who sat in darkness have
seen a great light, and for those who sat in the
region and shadow of death light has dawned.
Matthew 4:16*

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 Prelude on "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

J. Wayne Kerr

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Judy Simmons

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 "O Worship the King"

**Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 27)

Liturgist: Carolyn Francis

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

All: The Lord is the stronghold of our life; of whom should we be afraid?

Leader: One thing we ask of the Lord, one thing we seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of our life,

All: To behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #71 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we choose to stay in darkness. Forgive us when we cling to our sin and try to justify our thoughts and actions, even when we know they bring no glory to you. Help us to surrender ourselves to you fully, and trust you to keep and sustain us. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 6:23)

Leader: The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Friends, give thanks again for the great good news of the kingdom of God:

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 #344 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Aaron Roberts

ANTHEM "This Is My Beloved" Chapman-Heidenreich
Greg Lathrop, soloist

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Isaiah 9:1-4

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Page 600, Pew Bible

SECOND READING Matthew 4:12-23

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Page 3, Pew Bible

SERMON "From Deep Darkness to Great Light"

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