

OFFERTORY "Bless Thou the Gifts Our Hands Our Hands Have Brought"

arr. 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 #486 "Have Thine Own Way"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #393 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (verse 1)

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Praise Our God"

John W. Peterson



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
Stephanie Dunn, Youth Director
Ward Gailey, Music Director
Dorothy Clark, Organist

Linda Hodges, Office Manager
Tom Francis, Custodian
Nursery: Stephanie Phillips & Megan Bennett

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

January 24, 2016
11:00 a.m.



*For we are His workmanship, created in
Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared
so that we could walk in them.
Ephesians 2:10*

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 the Three Tunes of 'All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" arr. Gregg Sewell

Acolyte: Elora Newsome

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 #40 "For the Beauty of the Earth" (verse 4)

**For the church that evermore lifteth holy hands above, offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Genesis 2)

Liturgist: Sue Scheer

Leader: In the day that the Lord made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth;

All: When no herb of the fields had yet sprung up:

Leader: Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life;

All: And the man became a living being!

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #106 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when fear and selfishness run rampant. Forgive us when we try to withhold our time, our hearts, our lives, and even the portion of your Spirit that you have given us. Help us to open ourselves to your love, and give generously and joyfully to those around us, knowing that our true freedom is found in serving others. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 8:1-2)

Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and of death. Friends, rejoice again in God's amazing grace:

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

*GLORIA PATRI

GLORIA

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 #474 "All to Jesus"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Aaron Roberts

(Children will be dismissed to Children's Worship following the anthem.)

ANTHEM "Who'll Be a Witness?" Donald Moore

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 139:13-14

Page 545, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Ephesians 2:4-10

Page 181, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Shelf or the Star?"

Sue Scheer

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