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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 #80 "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #747 "Go With Us, Lord"

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Light of Lights, Lord of Lords"

Tom Birchwood



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
Tom Francis, Custodian Emeritus

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

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

January 28, 2018

11:00 a.m.



*Then God said, "Let there be light,"
and there was light.*

Genesis 1:3

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

(Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices during this hour of worship.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Hymn of Promise"

Natalie Sleeth, arr. Ferguson

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Stephanie Phillips-Ayoola

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 #71 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 29)

Liturgist: Stephanie Phillips-Ayoola

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,

All: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;

All: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #63 "Give to Our God Immortal Praise"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, our foolish pride causes us to stumble often, yet we cling to it stubbornly. Our pride damages relationships, fills our heads with lies, and creates barriers against you and your love for us. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to surrender fully to you, and exchange our pride for humility. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Galatians 1:3b-4)

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ gave himself for our sins in order to set us free from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father. Friends, give thanks again for the great good news of the kingdom of God:

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

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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 #515 "Hymn of Promise"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Tami Pass

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

ANTHEM "The Lord Is a Mighty God" Mendelssohn

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 29

Page 477, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Genesis 1:1-5

Page 1, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "A Bigger Picture"

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

OFFERTORY "Lead Us, Heavenly Father"

C. S. Lang