

OFFERTORY "Aria" from *Concerto No. 12 for Strings*

George Frideric Handel

\*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 #341 "Jesus Shall Reign"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

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

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Hornpipe" from *Water Music*

George Frideric Handel



**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 29, 2017  
11:00 a.m.**



*(A)nd what does the Lord require of you but to do justice,  
and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?  
Micah 8:8b*

## 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 "Hail the Power"

Gregg Sewell

### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Tracey Clipper

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"

**O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing His power and his love;  
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 13)

Liturgist: Sue Scheer

Leader: We trust in your steadfast love, O Lord!

**All: Our hearts rejoice in your salvation.**

Leader: We will sing to you,

**All: For you have dealt bountifully with us, and we are grateful.**

**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 we are focused only on ourselves and our lives. Forgive us  
when we ignore the poor, the hungry, the victims of war and hatred. Help us to see the world  
through your eyes, and, like Jesus, to reach out first to those who need you the most. Please contin-  
ue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Ephesians 1:7-8a)

Leader: In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses,  
according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. 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 #349 "Seek Ye First"

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Tami Pass

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

### ANTHEM "Consider" Roland Martin

Sanctuary Choir

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Page 156, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING Micah 6:1-8

Page 816, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON "Knowing and Believing"

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