

OFFERTORY "Elegy" Douglas E. Wagner
"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life...."

*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 #390 "We're Marching to Zion"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #9 "Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"

**Our God of matchless worth, our King beyond compare,
the deepest bounds of earth, the hills are in his care. He all decrees,
who by his hand prepared the land and formed the seas.**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Festal Postlude" Robert J. Powell



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

February 12, 2017
11:00 a.m.



SCOUT SUNDAY

*So when you are offering your gift at the altar,
if you remember that your brother or sister has something
against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go;
first be reconciled to your brother or sister,
and then come and offer your gift.*

Matthew 5:23-24

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 "The Rejoicing" (from "Music for Royal Fireworks") George Frideric Handel

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD Beadle: Jeffrey Cochran

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 #108 "There's Something About That Name"

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus: there's just something about that name!

Master, Savior, Jesus, like the fragrance after the rain; Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, let all haven and earth proclaim: Kings and kingdoms will all pass away, but there's something about that name!

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 119) Liturgist:: Jeffrey Cochran

Leader: We will praise you with upright hearts,

All: As we learn your righteous ordinances.

Leader: We will fix our eyes on all your commandments,

All: We will walk in your ways, O God.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #113 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, how easily angered we are, how quick to take offense. Please forgive our foolish pride and self-absorption. Forgive us when we keep our anger close and let resentment take hold. Help us, Lord, to seek reconciliation and to humble ourselves, remembering always how much we have been forgiven, so that we may offer that same grace to others. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

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

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father. Friends, give thanks again for God's amazing grace:

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 #358 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

John Dunn

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

ANTHEM "O Worship the Lord" William Slogrove

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Page 179, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Matthew 5:17-26

Page 4, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "What Really Matters"

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.

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