

OFFERTORY "Consecrated, Lord, to Thee"

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 #437 "Jesus Loves Me"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #748 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;

fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace;

O direct us and protect us traveling through this wilderness.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

C. S. Lang



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: Stephanie Phillips & Breon Williams

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

September 18, 2016

11:00 a.m.



*First of all, then, I urge that supplications,
prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made
for everyone ...
1 Timothy 2:1*

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 "Jesus Loves Me" (based on *Clair de Lune*)

arr. Fred Bock

Acolyte: Elle Roberts

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: John Dunn

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 #43 "Majesty"

Majesty, worship his majesty; unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority flow from his throne unto his own, his anthem raise. So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus; magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King. Majesty, worship his majesty; Jesus, who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 145)

Liturgist: John Dunn

Leader: O God, you are gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

All: You are good to all; your compassion is over all that you have made.

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

All: We shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #136 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when our hearts stray from you, and we focus too much on the world and its temptations. Forgive us when we care more about money and things than we do about you and others. Help us to be true to you, and worship you only. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

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

Leader: In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our sins, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. Friends, rejoice again in the great good news of the gospel:

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

John Dunn

BAPTISM OF CHANNAH DANIELS

ANTHEM "If You Can Walk" Linda Shute

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING 1 Timothy 2:1-6

Page 196, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Matthew 22:34-40

Page 24, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Choices"

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