

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY "Amazing Grace"

arr. Hal H. Hopson

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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 #508 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #595 "They'll Know We Are Christians" (verse 1)

**We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.  
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "If You Will Only Let God Guide You"

Johann Sebastian Bach

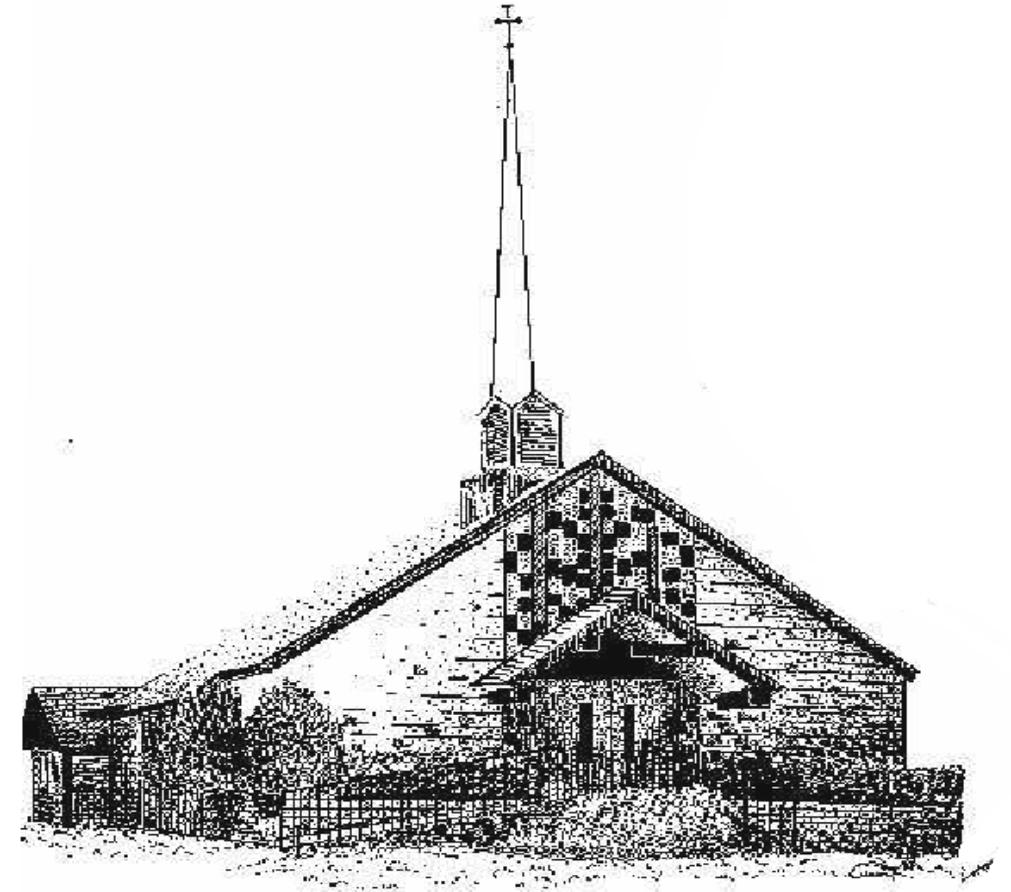


**WELCOME VISITOR!** We are delighted that you are here to share worship of our Lord Jesus this morning together with the rest of us. We want you to be well informed about the Christian faith and about the church so don't be afraid to ask. You may communicate with us in several ways. Ask a neighbor in 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: Elizabeth Wagner & Suzie Wharton

# *Stockbridge Presbyterian Church*



## *Homecoming 2017*

### *Sunday, October 15, 2017*

## 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 "Praise Him With the Sound of the Trumpet"

Carl Simone

#### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Ron Scheer

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 #131 "Surely the Presence"

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;**

**I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings,**

**I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 108)

Liturgist: Sue Scheer

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;

**All: We will sing praises to you among the nations.**

Leader: For your steadfast love is higher than the heavens,

**All: And your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

**All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!**

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #84 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

#### SPECIAL MUSIC "Variations on the Canon in D" Johann Pachelbel, arr. Palmer

The Handbell Choir

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, it's true that we don't always know how to pray as we ought. But too often, we do not pray at all. Forgive us when we ignore you, neglect you, sometimes even forget you. Forgive our insistence on having our own way, our prideful attempts to control others, and our lack of trust in your goodness. Help us to soften our hearts and surrender our lives into your care. 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

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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 #72 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

#### SPECIAL MUSIC "Praise the Lord" Natalie Sleeth

Children's Choir

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

John Dunn

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

#### ANTHEM "The Lord Is My Shepherd" Neil Harmon

Sanctuary Choir

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING Exodus 32:1-14

Page 75, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Page 170, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON "Standing in the Breach"

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.**