

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY "Amazing Grace" early American hymn

arr. Hal H. Hopson

*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 #730 "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #14 "Now Thank We All Our God" (verse 2)

**O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in his grace and guide us when
perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "My Country, Tis of Thee"

arr. Michael Burkhardt



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
Stephanie Dunn, Youth Director
Ward Gailey, Music Director
Dorothy Clark, Organist

Linda Hodges, Office Manager
Tom Francis, Custodian
Nursery: Stephanie Phillips & Megan Bennett

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

November 8, 2015



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.

SPECIAL MUSIC "The National Anthem" Francis Scott Key
Laura Richardson and Linda Roberts, duet

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Fantasia on America the Beautiful" Robert J. Hughes
Acolyte: Breana Huggins

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD Beadle: Cooper Keller
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 #342 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" (verse 2)
**Our Savior, Jesus, reigns, the God of truth and love; when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from 1 Samuel 2) Liturgist: Stephanie Dunn
Leader: There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides God.
All: There is no Rock like our God!
Leader: The Lord is a God of knowledge; he will guard the feet of his faithful ones.
All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #728 "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

*SALUTE TO THE ARMED FORCES "Armed Service Medley" (see insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we ignore you. Forgive us when we forget to pray, when we do not listen for your voice, when we charge ahead without consulting you. Reawaken in our hearts a passion for you that is stronger than any other desire we have. 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, 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 #67 "Come, We That Love the Lord"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Sue Scheer

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

ANTHEM "In Flanders Field" Jacobson, Emerson

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 3:1-10 Page 236, Pew Bible
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Hebrews 10:11-25 Page 210, Pew Bible
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "A Passion for God" 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.