

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY "God of Mercy, God of Grace"

C. S. Lang

*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 #598 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" (verses 1-3)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #566 "Your Servant Comes This Hour" (verse 4)

**Your servant leaves this place with confidence secure,
and by the Holy Spirit bears the fruit which shall endure.**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Festal March"

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
Tom Francis, Custodian Emeritus

Ward Gailey, Music Director
Linda Hodges, Office Manager
Nursery: Elizabeth Wagner & Suzie Wharton

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

November 12, 2017

11:00 a.m.



*We will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.*

Psalm 78:4b

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 "How Firm a Foundation" early American hymn, arr. Edward Broughton

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD Beadle: Kim Seal

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 #566 "Your Servant Comes This Hour" (verse 1)

**Your servant comes this hour in true humility,
believing in your call, O God, and answering, "Lord, send me."**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 84) Liturgist: Stephanie Dunn

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

All: My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;

Leader: My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

All: O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #411 "How Firm a Foundation"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we do not love you as we should. Forgive our laziness, our procrastination, our too-busy and distracted lives. Help us to learn to feast on your Word and your Spirit, and to find our daily joy in your presence. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Galatians 1:3b-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 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 #557 "Pass It On"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Stephanie Dunn

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

HONORING OUR VETERANS "Armed Forces Medley"

Congregation and Choir

(Veterans, please stand as the song of your branch of our military is sung.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Page 205, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Psalm 78:1-7

Page 508, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Foundations of Discipleship"

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.