

OFFERTORY "O Saviour, Hear Me"

Christoph Willibald Gluck, arr. Wolff

*DOXOLOGY

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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 #523 "Soon and Very Soon"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #12 "Be Exalted, O God"

**Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be over all the earth.
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*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "March"

Benjamin Yarnold



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

**November 13, 2016
11:00 a.m.**



*Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.
2 Thessalonians 3:13*

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 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

setting by Don Hustad

Acolyte: Isabella Newsome

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Greg Lathrop

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 #67 "Come, We That Love the Lord"

**Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 5)

Liturgist: Greg Lathrop

Leader: Through the abundance of your love, O Lord, we will enter your house.

All: We will bow down to your holy temple, in awe of you.

Leader: Lead us, O God, in your righteousness.

All: Make your way straight before us.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #9 "Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we get so caught up in this world's brokenness, that we forget you are our sovereign king. Forgive our lack of trust, our complaints, and our little faith. Open our eyes to the abundant hope and joy that your presence brings. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 Corinthians 1:9)

Leader: God is faithful; by him we were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Friends, give thanks again for the great good news of the gospel:

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 #153 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Betsy Sierra

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

ANTHEM "Thank We All Our God"

Martin Rinkart, arr. Callahan - Thompson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Page 195, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Isaiah 12:2

Page 603, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Pie In the Sky?"

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