

OFFERTORY "Chorale Prelude"

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 #22 "Let All Things Now Living"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #14 "Now Thank We All Our God" (verse 3)

**All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son,
and him who reigns with them in highest heaven, the one eternal God whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "How Firm a Foundation"

Early American hymn, arr. Edward Broughton



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 15, 2015
11:00 a.m.**



*Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it
labor in vain. Unless the Lord guards the city, the
guard keeps watch in vain.
Psalm 127:1-2*

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 "God of Grace"

Paul Manz

Acolyte: Isabella Newsome

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Linda Roberts

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 3)

**His kingdom can not fail, he rules both earth and heaven; 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 Psalm 145)

Liturgist: Sue Scheer

Leader: We will extol you, our God and King;

All: We bless your name forever and ever!

Leader: Every day we will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

All: O Lord, you are great, and greatly to be praised.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #81 "We Gather Together"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive our impatience. Forgive our relentless busyness, our refusal to slow down and wait for your Spirit and your guidance. Forgive us for the times we have moved in haste, and missed your will entirely. Help us to trust you and your timing. Help us to hear your voice clearly. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 Peter 1:3)

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Friends, give thanks again for the great good news of the kingdom of God:

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

*HYMN OF CONSECRATION #60 "I Will Sing of the Mercies"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

John Dunn

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

ANTHEM "Jazz Cantate" Andy Beck

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Mark 12:38-44

Page 46, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Psalm 127:1-2

Page 541, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "When the Lord Builds the Church"

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