

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY "Tranquility"

Robert J. Powell

\*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 #457 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

\*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 "Sent Forth by God's Blessings"

Paul R. Otte



**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 26, 2017*

*11:00 a.m.*



*And the king will answer them,  
"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the  
least of these who are members of my family,  
you did it to me."  
Matthew 25:40*

## 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 "Mercy"

Georg Philipp Telemann

#### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Aaron 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 #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 100)

Liturgist: Aaron Roberts

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

**All: Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

**All: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

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

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #647 "We Have Come to Join in Worship"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, forgive us when we judge and criticize others. Forgive us when we turn a blind eye to people's needs, and focus only on what makes life good for us. This is not what you have called us to do, Lord; help us to remember that. 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 you 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 #60 "I Will Sing of the Mercies"

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Aaron Roberts

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

#### BAPTISM OF GABRIEL NEWSOME

#### BAPTISMAL SONG "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

Earle Copes

Ward Gailey, soloist

#### ANTHEM "Have Mercy On Us" Scott Soper (see insert)

Choir and Congregation

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING Ezekiel 34:11-16; 20-24

Page 756, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING Matthew 25:31-46

Page 27, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON "The Lord of Mercy"

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.**