

OFFERTORY "Savior of the Nations, Come"

16th Century hymn, arr. Wayne Wold

\*DOXOLOGY

**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 #614 "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #158 Blessed Be the God of Israel

**Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free,  
who visits and redeems us, and grants us liberty. The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom  
and release; God shall fulfill the promise to bring our people peace.**

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying"

Johann Gottfried Walther



**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

*First Sunday of Advent*

*November 27, 2016*

*11:00 a.m.*



## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

(Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices.)

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

#### OPENING VOLUNTARY "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Acolyte: Elle Roberts

Paul Manz

#### 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 #177 "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

**Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.**

**Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, Living Word.**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP: (from Psalm 122)

Liturgist: Aaron Roberts

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

All: **Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

Leader: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers."

All: **We will say, "Peace be within you."**

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

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #152 "Prepare the Way, O Zion"

#### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Aaron Roberts Family

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, some of us are cynical. Some of us have lost hope, and our faith has grown weak. Some of us have lapsed into apathy and indifference. We do not believe peace is even a possibility. Forgive us, Lord. Remind us that the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, has already come, and will come again. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Galatians 1:3-4)

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 gospel:

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 #414 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

(verses 1, 4, and 5 only)

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Stephanie Dunn

#### ANTHEM "Listen to the Voice of Gladness" Biery

Sanctuary Choir and Congregation

(Please sing along with text insert.)

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING Psalm 122

Page 540, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING Isaiah 2:1-5

Page 594, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON "Praying for Peace"

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