

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**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.

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

When passing the bread to your neighbor say, "The body of Christ, broken for you."  
When passing the cup to your neighbor say, "The blood of Christ, shed for you."  
We will hold each element until all are served and then partake together.

**PRAYER OF COMMITMENT**

**BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*HYMN OF SENDING #72 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CHORAL RESPONSE "Oh Lord, I'm On My Way" George Gershwin/Gailey

Sanctuary Choir

\*POSTLUDE "A Gaelic Blessing" (Deep Peace of Christ to You)

John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you, deep peace of the flowing air to you,  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you, deep peace of the shining stars to you,  
Deep peace of the gentle night to you, moon and stars pour their healing light on you,  
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you, deep peace of Christ to you.



**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 Attendants: Suzie Wharton and Allie Dunn

# Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

November 4, 2018

11:00 a.m.

*Celebrating the Sacrament Of Communion*



*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor."  
Luke 4:18a*

## 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.**

### WESTMINSTER CHIMES AND THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

#### HANDBELL PRELUDE "Fourfold Praise"

Kathleen Wissinger

#### 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.

#### INTROIT "Something Beautiful"

Betty and Ward Gailey, duet

William and Gloria Gaither

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 146)

Liturgist: Linda Roberts

Leader: We will praise the Lord as long as we live!

**All: The Lord sets the prisoners free; he opens the eyes of the blind.**

Leader: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; he loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow.

**All: The Lord will reign forever, our God for all generations.**

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

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #59 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, forgive us when we feel entitled or superior, when we ignore the needs of others and focus on ourselves. Forgive us when we forget that we are here to serve, and to be your light in the world. Help us to draw ever closer to you, receiving your love and grace, and offering them to the world. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 Timothy 1:15a)

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 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.**

### REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

## PROCLAIMING AND ENACTING THE WORD

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Aaron Roberts

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

#### ANTHEM "Days of Elijah" Robin Mark

Sanctuary Choir

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING Mark 12:28-34

Page 46, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING Luke 4:16-21

Page 57, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON "Heaven Only Knows!"

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

#### OFFERTORY "Mercy and Grace"

Georg Philipp Telemann

#### \*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

#### CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**