

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY "Consecrated, Lord, to Thee"

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.**

Leader: In every circumstance,

All: we give you thanks, O God.

**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.**

\*POSTLUDE "Now Thank We All Our God"

Johann Sebastian Bach



**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. Betsy Turner, Interim Pastor  
Dorothy Clark, Organist  
Tom Francis, Custodian Emeritus

Ward Gailey, Music Director  
Linda Hodges, Office Manager  
Nursery: Suzie Wharton and Allie Dunn

# *Stockbridge Presbyterian Church*

*November 18, 2018*

*11:00 a.m.*



*"Don't fear... rejoice and be glad,  
for the Lord is about to do great things!  
Joel 2:21*

## 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.**

### CHIMING THE TRINITY

PRELUDE "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

arr. Hal H. Hopson

### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Stephanie Ayoola

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 "We Gather Together to Ask the Lord's Blessing"

**We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; he chastens and hastens his will to make known; the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 100)

Liturgist: Paul Szeto

Leader: Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth!

**All: Serve the Lord with celebration! Come before him with shouts of joy!**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God - he made us; we belong to him. We are his people, the sheep of his own pasture.

**All: Enter his gates with thanks! Enter his courtyards with praise! Thank God! Bless the Lord's name!**

Leader: Because the Lord is good, his loyal love lasts forever; his faithfulness lasts generation after generation.

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #721 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**We gather together to worship you, O God. With deep gratitude, we pause to recognize you as the source of all goodness, remembering that all good gifts come from your Spirit. We admit that we have not always been faithful stewards of those gifts. We take your goodness for granted. We complain when we should give thanks. We keep for ourselves what we should share freely. We come this day with contrite and grateful hearts. Hear now what we confess in silence the particular ways we need your grace...**

**Hear our prayer, O God. Take away from us all that does not serve you, and grant us once again enough grace for the day. In the name of Christ, your greatest gift, we pray. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 Timothy 2:5-6)

Leader: There is one God and one mediator between God and humanity, the human Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a payment to set all people free. Friends, give thanks for the good news:

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

### \*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

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Paul Szeto

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

ANTHEM "With Thankful Hearts" Goodwin/Raley  
Arlene Lathrop, oboe

Sanctuary Choir

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

Page 193, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

HANDBELL ANTHEM "Now Thank We All Our God"

arr. Thompson/Callahan

SECOND READING Joel 2:21-28

Page 799, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Don't Fear! Rejoice and Be Glad!"

Rev. Betsy Turner

### 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.**