

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM "Sanctus" Roger Emerson

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF SENDING #161 "People, Look East"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #717 "Go Now in Peace" (verse 2)

**Go now in hope and hopeful stay, though shadowed valleys hide your way;
Through good and evil, joy and pain, with God, in spirit, you remain.**

*POSTLUDE "Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying"

Johann Gottfried Walther



**Prayers by Rev. Debra Avery, First Presbyterian Church, Oakland CA.

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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 Attendant, Suzie Wharton and Allie Dunn

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

11:00 am



Celebrating the Sacrament Of Communion

"Set every peak and valley humming with the word.

The Lord is coming.

People look east and sing today:

Love, the Lord, is on the way."

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

(Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices during this hour of worship.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

CHIMING THE TRINITY

PRELUDE "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Michael Thomas

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Jeffrey Cochran

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 #157 "Come Now, O Prince of Peace" (verse 4)

**Come, Hope of unity, make us one body;
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 25)

Liturgist: Jeffrey Cochran

One: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust.

All: **Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.**

One: Lead me in your truth, and show me your way.

All: **For you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #153 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Dunn Family

Sung response (to the tune DIX) **

Light a candle bright and tall for the Hope within our world.

Hope that heard the ages' call as the stars and planets whirled.

Shine within our hearts today; Come, O Hope, to us, we pray.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord, have mercy upon us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as if there were no justice. We live in fear, as if there were no grace. We live in despair, as if there were no hope. Hear now as we confess in silence the particular ways we need your grace...

[silence]

Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. In the name of Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Beloved of God, all the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness. Friends, believe this good news:

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

*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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Stephanie Dunn

RECITATIVE AND AIR "Comfort Ye/Every Valley" from Messiah

G.F. Handel

Ward Gailey, tenor

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Jeremiah 33:14-16

Page 694, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Luke 21:25-38

Page 80, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Waiting and Watching"

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.

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY "How Far Is It to Bethlehem?"

Paul Manz

*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;**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE