

INVITATION TO THE MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

Charles Wesley

*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 #106 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #570 "As Saints of Old Their First-fruits Brought" (verse 3)

**With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to you,
Not just to serve your cause, but share your love with neighbors too.
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.**

*POSTLUDE "Our Father, We Have Wondered"

Hans L. Hassler, JS 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
Tom Francis, Custodian Emeritus
Linda Hodges, Office Manager

Ward Gailey, Music Director
Gena Ridgeway, Accompanist
Nursery: Suzie Wharton and Allie Dunn

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

November 24, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Reign of Christ Sunday



*"Whatever you do, whether in word or deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God through him."*

Colossians 3:17

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

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

CHIMING THE TRINITY

PRELUDE "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

Johann Cruger, JS Bach

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 #721 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.

All is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.

God, our maker, does provide for our wants to be supplied;

Come, with all your angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Aaron Roberts

One: Worship Christ, Eternal Son of God!

All: Honor Christ, Incarnate Son of Mary!

One: Serve Christ, Glorious Ruler of Creation!

All: With thankfulness, we come to praise our savior and friend, our ruler and king.

One: For to Christ belongs all power and glory, now and forever!

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #14 "Now Thank We All Our God"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, you brought forth the world for the love of Christ, yet we have lived in rebellion and turned away from our created purpose. We have acknowledged the Lordship of Christ with our lips, but we have not honored him with our lives. We have served the idols of wealth and privilege. We have sought the protection of violence to oppose violence. We have not loved our neighbors, nor sought reconciliation with our enemies. Hear now as we confess in silence the particular ways we need your grace...

~silence~

Hear us, O God, as we pray: Break our rebellious will. Instruct our hearts in the way of peace. Expose our insincere thoughts. Give us integrity in our quest for truth. Release us from all fear. Grant us courage in the face of evil. Free us for joyful service. Empower us to live as citizens of your kingdom, under the gracious rule of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: We do not confess our sins in the hope of forgiveness, but in the certainty of forgiveness by God's grace. Hear and believe the good news, in which we find our hope:

All: Jesus Christ, king of all creation, loves each and every one of us. Forgiveness is ours through him, and we are reconciled to God and one another. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*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

Aaron Roberts

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

ANTHEM "Prayer for Thanksgiving" Mark Wilson

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Luke 1:68-79

Page 54, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Colossians 1:15-23

Page 188, Pew Bible

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Singing of a Mighty Savior"

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.