

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

### \*BENEDICTION

Family of faith, as you leave this place, may God grant you the curiosity to counter assumptions, the vulnerability to befriend, the bravery to speak your truth, the wisdom to listen, the strength to ask for help, the resiliency to choose love, even when it's hard, and the awareness of the Holy Spirit always beside you. In the name of the Great Connector—Love itself, go in peace.

\*Stand in body and or spirit.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Goodness & Groceries - Wednesday at 5pm in Fellowship Hall.
- Choir Rehearsal - Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
- Women's Bible Study on Thursday at 10:00 am in the conference room.
- "Let's Talk" on Thursday, October 14 at 7:30 pm, via zoom.
- Adult Sunday School - 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall and zoom.
- Children's Sunday School - 9:15 am in choir room with Ward and Lin Gailey.
- Beginning Sunday, October 17 - Adult Sunday School Class with Jeffrey Cochran will resume at 9:15am in the parlor.
- Youth Group, October 17 following Worship Service - Making pasta with Pastor Kristy. Look forward to having our middle & high school students.

### PRAYER LIST:

Members: Carol Abbott, Michael Bennett, Joel Bryant, Jean Bunker, Peggy Chase, Bettye Cochran, Carolyn Francis, Jason & Phyllis Howard, Sandra & Dan Martin, Sara Moseley, Gene Park, Stephanie Phillips Ayoola, Sue Rodgers, Joan Scott, Kim Seal, Mark Stanley, Pat Stanley, Anne Watson.

Friends & Family: Grace, Mona Cash, Emileigh Cawthon, Dorothy Clark, Elaine Clem, Ken Fitch, Nikki McGee, Penny Rose, Laura Seal, Jeff Smith, Annette Johnson Wickus

### COAT CLOSET NEEDS:

Men's T-shirts (Medium to XXL) , Men's Socks

### JOSEPH'S PANTRY NEEDS:

Green beans, Jelly, Pasta, Pasta sauce

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Rev. Kristy Ray, Pastor  
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Ward Gailey, Music Director  
Andrea Emmel, Interim Pianist  
Linda Hodges, Office Manager

# Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

October 3, 2021

11:00 a.m.

## *World Communion Sunday*



Paul in Prison by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman  
Inspired by 2 Timothy 4:9-18

Hand-carved blocks printed with oil-based ink on paper. In this block print, I carved Paul writing this letter to Timothy. The lines on his skin echo the twists and turns of his life while the lines on the page give him release. The cell bars obscure the view, however, the light of his halo and the power of his letter cannot be contained. His hand reaches just beyond one of the bars because in receiving forgiveness, reaching out for companionship, and letting go of guilt and resentment, he is free.

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

*(Please silence all electronic devices during this hour of worship.)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aaron Roberts

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, sometimes life feels like cooking with flour—it looks like it should be easy, but we always make a mess. This is particularly true when it comes to our relationships. We so desperately long to say the right thing, to be the right thing, to find the right solution, that we overstep the line. Forgive us for assuming the place you fill. Forgive us for imagining that we, in all our humanity, could possibly fix all the hurt in this world. Instead, give us the grace and the strength to stand by our loved ones in their moments of need to witness their hurt without trying to fix it. You are God. We are not. Teach us how to be a friend. Teach us how to ask, “What do you need?” Teach us how to point to you.**

**Gratefully we pray.**

*(time of silent personal confession)*

**Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Family of faith, no matter how many times you have spoken without listening, assumed without knowing, offered without asking, or rushed without waiting—you are forgiven. God knows your desire and your intent. God knows when we try and miss the mark, and God surrounds us in grace. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

**All: Every day is a new day for love. We are claimed. We are forgiven. We are invited into relationship. Thanks be to God for growth and grace that know no end. Amen.**

GLORIA PATRI

**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 MESSAGE

Paul Szeto

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Timothy 4:9-18

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“I've Been Meaning to Ask....What Do You Need?”

Rev. Kristy Ray

HYMN OF RESPONSE #286

“Stay With Me ”

Berthier

## 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.**

BLESSING OF TITHES, GIFTS, AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM

“Sing to the Lord a New Song”

Andy Beck

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

## CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.**

BREAKING OF BREAD AND POURING OF CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*We will hold each element and then partake together.*

PRAYERS OF 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 DISCIPLESHIP #803

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need ”