

The Love of Christ Compels Us...UP (Worship)

- Grace and peace to you! **Welcome to our Lord's Day worship service.** Whether you are a believer or doubter, sinner or saint, you're invited to be a part of our faith community. **There's a place for you here!** To whoever will come, this congregation opens wide its doors and welcomes all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- **We offer the practice of "spur-of-the-moment" liturgists.** The worship service is led by the people who show up and feel led by God to lead the people of God in worship. Pick up a portion of today's liturgy in the back of the sanctuary.
- **Lent begins Feb. 14th with an Ash Wednesday Service @ Sandy Lake PC, 6:30PM**

The Love of Christ Compels Us...OUT (Mission)

- The Deacons continue to welcome your quarters for the **"Loads of Love" Ministry**, in which they're distributing baggies of quarters to people in local laundromats.

The Love of Christ Compels Us...IN (Transformation)

- **Midweek Bible Study & Spiritual Formation**—For our next series of gatherings, we will be studying Exodus 34:6-7. Why these two verses? Because some scholars argue it is the most quoted passage in the Bible, by the Bible. Join us for a word-by-word, line-by-line discussion of (arguably) the greatest passage in all the Bible! Speak with Pastor Rodgers if you're interested in attending as the meeting dates/times fluctuate.
- **Our Christian Education Groups meet every Sunday morning, 9:45AM. Regardless of your age, come join us and watch your faith grow deep and wide.** *All ages gather in the back of the sanctuary for fellowship before separating into groups.*
 - Group #1: Younger Students (Pre-K—Grade 6)
 - Group #2: Older Students & Adults (Grade 7 & Up)
- The best way to learn is by doing. **Join us on Sunday mornings (9:45AM) in January as we learn about Christian prayer by joining together in the ancient liturgical practice of Morning Prayer.** Let us learn about prayer by praying together!

The Love of Christ Compels Us...TOGETHER (Fellowship)

- Visit someone in a nursing home and take someone with you.
- Pray daily for the people of Stoneboro Presbyterian Church.
- At least one day/evening each week, go have fun and build relationships with others.
- **Attention Church Members:** Please pay your 2018 Per Capita Offering as you are able. The total is \$38.09 for each member. Remember that the largest portion of the Per Capita offering stays right here in Shenango Presbytery, providing staff support and coordinated resources for ministry for our 45 congregations in the presbytery.
- Mark your calendar: **Annual Congregational Meeting, Sunday, January 28, 12PM** (Important Note from Session: The meeting will take place in the sanctuary immediately following worship. There will be no luncheon prior to the meeting. Thank you.)

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The Lord's Day, January 14, 2018

11 o'clock service

Service of Christian Worship

Childcare is available for children ages Pre-K through Grade 2. They are dismissed downstairs after the children's message. If you prefer, your children are welcome to remain with you for the entire worship service.

MUSIC TO LEAD US INTO THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Jane Buckley, pianist

CALL TO WORSHIP

◇ **OPENING HYMN #16**, How Great Thou Art

{◇ If able, please stand}

◇ **OPENING PRAYER**

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves. Give us ears to hear your wisdom. Lead us to honesty and faith so that we may begin again with renewed strength; in Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

In this moment of silence, examine your heart and silently confess your sins to God.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

◇ **OUR RESPONSE OF THANKS TO GOD**

Hymnal #43, 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."

◇ **THE PEACE**

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY BIBLE PROJECT “VERSE-OF-THE-WEEK” {See Text Box on opposite page.}

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE & 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEOPLE

VOICING THE VISION OF SESSION

Ruling Elder Chris Giebner

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

TODAY’S BIBLE READING – 1 Samuel 3:1-20 {Pew Bible pages 215-6}

OUR RESPONSE TO THE HEARING OF GOD’S WORD

One: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

HYMN OF RESPONSE #316, O for a Closer Walk with God

◇ **AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH** – The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

◇ **THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING TO GOD**

Hymnal #39, Doxology

“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.

◇ **UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Bless in every way, O Lord, the gifts of the people here given. Enrich the ministries of your people and make us grateful to be able to let go of the things we do not, finally, own. Amen.

◇ **CLOSING HYMN #516**, I Love to Tell the Story

◇ **VOICING OUR VISION**

The love of Christ compels us, and we no longer live for ourselves but for Christ who died to give us life.

◇ **THE GIVING OF GOD’S BLESSING**

◇ **MUSIC SENDING US OUT TO SERVE GOD AND THE COMMUNITY**

This Week (January 14, 2018)

Pianist: Jane Buckley

Greeters: Maxine Amos & Bev Voorhees

Next Week (January 21, 2018)

Pianist: Lindsay Rodgers

Greeters: Sherry Ibbs & (volunteer needed)

Jan. 2018 Giving-To-Date: \$451.00

Dec. 2017 Giving-To-Date: \$5,671.00

**COMMUNITY BIBLE PROJECT
“VERSE-OF-THE-WEEK”**

O Lord, I have heard of your renown, and I stand in awe, O Lord, of your work. In our own time revive it; in our own time make it known.

Habakkuk 3:2