

SHINE LET THE LOVE LIGHT SHINE
Children

of the

Light



1 JOHN 1-2:2

PSALM 133

LET THE LOVE LIGHT SHINE
**STOCKBRIDGE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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PREPARE YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING WORSHIP

SETTING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

You Are My All in All

Carol Tourquist

CHIMING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Arlene Lathrop

One: We gather in this place as the children of God.

Many: We are called together to let our Christ light shine.

One: There are times when it feels our lights have been dimmed, covered, or burnt out.

Many: We come to not only have our lights grow but to share in the gratitude that it is God, it is the Spirit that we praise for our light, for our community, for our worship.

One: Let us worship the Lord our God.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF PRAISE

#87 Come Christians Join to Sing

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: If we walk in the light, as He is in the light,

Many: we have fellowship with one another, and we have fellowship with Christ.

One: We come before God in confession as a community because we find it isn't only our individual actions or words that hurt. We are children of the light. Which means we bring to light those things that hurt God's beloved. Let us confess together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God, you have blessed our lives with so many gifts, so why do we find it difficult to share what we have with others? We forget about those who do not have the choices we have. Those whose economic landscape is shaped by circumstances beyond their control - no job, no skills, chronic illness, no hope, and so much more. Forgive us for believing that we are the body of Christ in this place but fail to love as he loved, fail to care as he cared; fail to empty ourselves of self so that we can be filled with the desire to meet the needs of others. Merciful God, our hope lies in our belief that what seems impossible for us is possible with you. In this hope we pray in Jesus' name.

(time for silent personal confession) **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: As a people already graced with forgiveness let us share the Peace of Christ with one another.

Many: the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning and now and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

PROCLAIMING AND ENACTING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNGER CHURCH

Aaron Roberts

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM

Psalm 133

GOSPEL

1 John 1-2:2

Rev. Kristy Ray

SERMON

Children of the Light

HYMN OF RESPONSE #121 Christ is the World's Light

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM

How Can I Keep From Singing
Ladies of the Choir

Littleton

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God above, ye heavenly host
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Annual Meeting of the Cooperation

HYMN OF RESPONSE #581 Called As Partners In Christ's Service

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Reflection

Mark Hayes

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SPC

APRIL 18TH LET'S TALK 7:30PM ZOOM. EMAIL PASTOR KRISTY FOR THE CODE

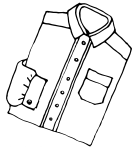
MAY 12TH-MOTHER'S DAY OMELETS TO ORDER BREAKFAST BEFORE CHURCH

MAY 19TH-PENTECOST WORSHIP OUTSIDE 12PM. WEAR RED.
BRING SIDE TO SHARE AND MAYBE A OUTDOOR CHAIR

THURSDAYS WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 10AM. WE ARE STUDYING ECCLESIASTES

MISSION GIVING

PLEASE CHECK GIVING TREE FOR JOSEPH'S
PANTRY AND THE CLOTHES CLOSET.



WE ARE IN NEED OF MEN'S CLOTHING
MEDIUM AND UP

Lynne Bailey & Lee Hart are collecting
books for Autumn Lane Nursing Home
library. Please bring them to the church by
the end of May



ToGATHER ToGETHER to Pray



Stockbridge City Hall
MAY 2, 2024 @ 7pm



<https://praytogether.life/>

SUNDAY MORNINGS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP 9AM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:20

WIRED WORD WITH AARON ROBERTS
(IN PERSON AND ONLINE)

THROUGH THE BIBLE WITH JEFFREY COCHRAN

PRAYER LIST:

Members: Joyce Andrews, Joel Bryant, Jean Bunker, Edna Fisher, Carolyn Francis, Lee Hart, Faith Heffernan, Jason & Phyllis Howard, Bob Johnson, James Mobley, Thelma Newsome, Stephanie Phillips-Ayoola, Sue Rogers & Family, Jane Rutledge, Kim Seal, Judy Simmons, Sally Smith, Pat Stanley, Ward Gailey, Lin Gailey.

Friends & Family: David Ayoola, Lynne Barbagello, Lynnette Branch, Bill Cadwallader, Dorothy Clark, Larry Clark, Ms. Crenshaw, Rev. Hugh and Becky Davis, Ken Day, Mr. Fenlon, Melissa Gilbert, Dan Heffernan, Remi Hoffman, John Ingram, Linda Leonard, Marida Lin, Nikki McGee, Betty Pickren, Kendall Phillips, Diane Ray, Mark Stanley, Loan & Jack Szeto, Junior White, Annette Johnson Wickus, Betty Gailey (Ward's mom)

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS - Michael Bennett, Peggy Chase

In Bereavement:

Family of Joan Scott (1/30/24) Family of Bettye Cochran (2/4/24)

Family of Frank Clark (former Pastor of SPC) Family of Gene Park (2/23/24)

Family of Anne Watson (3/31/24)

REV. KRISTY RAY, PASTOR
APRIL HEAD ELDER: THOMAS BAXTER
CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR: KELLI AUTREY

REV. MARETTA FRANKLIN, MINISTRY INTERN
MINISTERS: EVERYONE
ANDREA EMMEL, INTERIM MUSIC DIRECTOR