

*Let us drink wine together on our knees, (on our knees)
Let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)
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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.

GREAT 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The communion elements will be served by intinction. When instructed to do so, come forward using the center aisle toward the communion table forming two lines. Take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, and return to your seat using the outer aisle, eating your bread along the way.

**CHORAL RESPONSE* "Lamb of God" Healey Willan Sanctuary Choir

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY*

Zachary Smith



Rev. Susan Bennett, Pastor
Ward Gailey, Music Director
Stephanie Dunn, Youth Director
Zachary Smith, Musician

Linda Hodges, Office Manager
Tom Francis, Custodian
Nursery Attendants: Stephanie Phillips,
Megan Bennett



*Maundy
Thursday*
SERVICE

April 2, 2015

7:00 pm

*Stockbridge Presbyterian Church
4740 N. Henry Blvd.
Stockbridge, GA 30281*

STOCKBRIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Please silence and refrain from using any electronic devices.

** Those who are able, please stand.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Zachary Smith

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We who call upon the name of Christ, are gathered to recall the story of the night in which Jesus Christ was betrayed. Are you prepared to come to the table of Jesus Christ, whose life was poured out for you?

All: By the grace of God, we are.

Leader: Are you able to watch with Jesus at prayer in the garden, to struggle yourselves to be in unity with God's will?

All: By the grace of God, we are.

Leader: Will you follow Jesus even into the night of betrayal?

All: By the grace of God, we will.

Leader: Then let us praise God, even in this hour of darkness!

All: God of all grace and steadfast love, greatly is your name to be praised in all the earth!

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN # 274 "An Upper Room With Evening Lamps"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Yes, I was there when they crucified my Lord.

All: I was there when they nailed him to the tree.

Leader: I was there when the sun refused to shine.

All: I was there when my mind filled with thoughts of hatred for others.

Leader: I was there with all of my selfishness, and no concern for others.

All: I was there with lack of love for family and friends, desiring them only for what they could do for me.

Leader: I was there in my loneliness, for I had failed to let the light of his love shine into my life.

All: I was there with my spiritual hunger and thirst, since I had not taken time to seek out his presence.

Leader: I was there with my faithlessness, believing that his teaching had no relevance for living today.

All: I was there with my envy and pride, thinking that I was self-sufficient.

Leader: I was there – as I have been there many times – as I have crucified him anew through my sinfulness.

All: Dear Lord, forgive me and cleanse my life from within. Remake me anew as a Child of God, through the power of Jesus Christ, my Lord and my Savior. And Lord, please hear the confessions of my heart on this special night...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 3:23-24)

Leader: Although all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, we are justified by God's grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

All: Thanks be to Jesus on this special night of remembrance.

ANTHEM "In Remembrance" Buryl Red Sanctuary Choir
Arlene Lathrop, oboe

FIRST READING Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 Page 533, Pew Bible

SECOND READING John 13:1-17, 31b-35 Page 101, Pew Bible

MEDITATION "True Communion" Rev. Susan Bennett

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From "A Brief Statement of Faith"

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Amen.

*HYMN "Let Us Break Bread Together" African-American Spiritual

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