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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 #358 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 393 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (verse 1)
**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY ""Trumpet Voluntary"

Gordon Young



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. Susan Bennett, Pastor
Stephanie Dunn, Youth Director
Ward Gailey, Music Director
Dorothy Clark, Organist

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

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

**January 10, 2016
11:00 a.m.**



Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Luke 3:21-22

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

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

OPENING VOLUNTARY Concerto No. 2 in G

Acolyte: Collin Roberts

Johann Sebastian Bach

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Terry Holmes

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 #40 "For the Beauty of the Earth" (verse 2)

**For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light, Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 29)

Liturgist: Terry Holmes

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

All: The Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

Leader: May the Lord give strength to his people!

All: May the Lord bless his people with peace.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #136 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, too often we rebel against you and try to go our own way. We think we want earthly freedom and we crave control. We believe we know better than others; often we think we know better than you. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to humble ourselves and receive the real joy you offer to those who truly follow you. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ..

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 Timothy 1:15a)

Leader: The saying is true and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Friends, give thanks again for the great good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

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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

*HYMN OF CONSECRATION #349 "Seek Ye First"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

Betsy Sierra

ANTHEM "You Are My Beloved Son" Lori Odhner

Sanctuary Choir

Chorus: You are my Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Isaiah 43:1-7

Page 631, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Page 56, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "What's Baptism Got to Do with It?"

Rev. Susan Bennett

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.

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY Variation on "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Hal H. Hopson