

OFFERTORY "Thy Word" Arr. Mark Hayes and Z. Smith

Zachary Smith

*DOXOLOGY

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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 #60 "I Will Sing of the Mercies"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #12 "Be Exalted, O God"

**Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be over all the earth.
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*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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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
Zachary Smith, Musician

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

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

**January 25, 2015
11:00 a.m.**



Jonah cried out, "Forty days more and Ninevah shall be overthrown!" And the people of Ninevah believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

Jonah 3:4b-5

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

Acolyte: Elora Newsome

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Carol Abbott

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 #131 "Surely the Presence"

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings,

I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 62)

Liturgist: Cindy Strong

Leader: For God alone we wait; all our hope is in him.

All: He alone is our rock and our salvation, our fortress; we shall not be shaken.

Leader: On God rests our deliverance and our honor;

All: Our mighty rock; our refuge is in God.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #67 "Come, We That Love the Lord"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we are careless, thoughtless, ignoring the inner call of your Spirit to our hearts. Forgive our hurry and our indifference. Remind us that your love and care are what give us life and keep us living. Please continue to hear us as we pray now in silence...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 3:23-24)

Leader: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; we are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Friends, give thanks again for the great good news of the kingdom of God:

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 #428 "When Peace Like a River"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Stephanie Dunn

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

ANTHEM "In Christ Alone" arr. Harlan

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Page 811, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Page 160, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "A Word from the Lord"

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.

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