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Old 100th

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.

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 #569 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #113 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" (verse 2)

Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong souls and spirits meek,  
raise high your free, exulting song, God's wondrous praises speak.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Zachary Smith



**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  
Zach Smith, Musician

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

# Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

February 8, 2015  
11:00 a.m.



## SCOUT SUNDAY

*Jesus came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then  
the fever left her, and she began to serve them.*

*Mark 1:31*

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

*(Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices during this hour of worship.)*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acolyte: Lexie Buchan

### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Cooper Keller

**Please use this time for silent meditation and preparation for worship. Prayer cards are in the pew rack in front of you. Please place in the offering plate for inclusion in the morning prayers and addition to our church's prayer list.**

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

\*Those who are able, please stand.

#### \*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (verse 2)

**What God's almighty power has made, in mercy he is keeping;  
by morning glow or evening shade his eye is never sleeping. And where he rules in kingly might,  
there all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glory!**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 147)

Liturgist: Terry Holmes

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**All: How good it is to sing praises to our God, for he is gracious.**

Leader: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

**All: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power.**

**All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!**

#### \*OPENING HYMN #14 "Now Thank We All Our God"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, forgive us when we procrastinate or grow lazy. Too often we find it easy to lose ourselves in distractions, forgetting the work of love and service you've called us to. Help us to be so filled with gratitude that we serve you with joy, in whatever ways you call us. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 Timothy 1:15a)

Leader: The saying is sure 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.**

#### \*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.**

### PROCLAIMING AND ENACTING THE WORD

#### \*HYMN OF CONSECRATION #581 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

John Dunn

#### ANTHEM "Amen! Spiritual" arr. Grotenhuis

Sanctuary Choir

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

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING Isaiah 40:21-31

Page 628, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING Mark 1:29-39

Page 33, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON "Our Response to Grace"

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