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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 #393 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #113 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" (verse 4)

Yes, on through life's long path,
still chanting as you go, from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.
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
Zachary Smith, Musician

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

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

February 22, 2015
11:00 a.m.



*Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness;
for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very
Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God,
who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit,
because the Spirit intercedes for the saints
according to the will of God.*

Romans 8:26-27

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

(Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices during this hour of worship.
Otherwise, Susan will turn into her evil twin and give you The Look.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acolyte: Breanna Huggins

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Sherry McGee

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 # 56 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (verse 4)

Let all who name Christ's holy name give God the praise and glory.

Let all who know his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story. Cast every idol from its throne; the Lord is God, and he alone: to God all praise and glory!

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 25)

Liturgist: Aaron Dunn

Leader: To you, O Lord, we lift up our soul.

All: O our God, in you we trust!

Leader: Make us to know your ways, O God; teach us your path.

All: Lead us in your truth, for you are the God of our salvation!

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #68 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we do not love others as you love us. Forgive us when we lose compassion for people and replace it with resentment. Remind us that you love and accept us just as we are, and that we are called to offer that same grace to others. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Romans 3:23-24)

Leader: Since 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 God's amazing grace:

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 #466 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Aaron Roberts

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

ANTHEM "The Lord's Prayer" Tom Council

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Romans 8:26-27

Page 148, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Colossians 1:9-12

Page 188 Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "What Happens When We Pray for Each Other?"

Rev. Susan Bennett

*CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT TO PRAYER

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

Zachary Smith