

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY "Praise His Holy Name" Keith Hampton Sanctuary Choir
(with guest singers from the Atlanta Metropolitan College Choir alumni)

*DOXOLOGY 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. 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 #264 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #590 "Rise Up, O Saints of God" (verse 2)
Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame;
As heirs of God's baptismal grace, his Word of hope proclaim.

*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

March 8, 2015
11:00 a.m.



*Jesus told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!"
John 2:16*

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: Elle Roberts

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Carlton Smith

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 #97 "Meekness & Majesty" (verse 2)

Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence; yet learns obedience to death on a cross.

Suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice, and as they crucify prays, "Father, forgive."

O what a mystery, meekness and majesty; bow down and worship, for this is your God.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 19)

Liturgist: Linda Roberts

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

All: In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, and nothing is hidden from its light.

Leader: The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.

All: The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #231 "Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, every day the choice is ours: we can follow our own desires and live in the dark, or we can follow you and live in your light. Forgive us when we choose darkness over light, when we let selfishness and pride guide our decisions. Help us to seek your light with every part of our being. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Colossians 1:12-14)

Leader: Let us joyfully give thanks to the Father, who has enabled us to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. 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 #502 "Be Thou My Vision"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Sue Scheer

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

ANTHEM "True Light" Keith Hampton

Sanctuary Choir

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 69:1-21, 29-36

Page 502, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING John 2:13-22

Page 87, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Light and Love"

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.