

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY "I Will Not Leave You Comfortless" by Ron Nelson  
Trio: Allison Johnson, Laura Richardson, Linda Roberts

Zachary Smith

\*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 #134 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #463 "Revive Us Again" (verse 4)

**Revive us again: fill each heart with thy love; may each soul be rekindled with fire from above.  
Hallelujah! Thine the glory; Hallelujah, Amen! Hallelujah! Thine the glory; revive us again.**

\*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

**May 24, 2015  
11:00 a.m.**



*For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.*

*ROMANS 8:24-25*

## 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: Isabella Newsome

### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Laura Richardson

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 #67 "Come, We That Love the Lord" (verse 4)

**Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry; we're marching  
through Emmanuel's ground to fairer worlds on high.**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 104)

Liturgist: Carolyn Francis

Leader: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works.

**All: We will sing to the Lord as long as we live; we will sing praise to our God while we  
have being.**

Leader: May our meditation be pleasing to him, for we rejoice in the Lord.

**All: Bless and praise the Lord!**

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

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #59 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, forgive us when we give in to discouragement. Forgive us when we place  
more faith in our own efforts than we do in yours -- for that will always lead to discouragement. Help  
us to remember that you are the source of love and power beyond our understanding, and that we  
can trust you with our lives. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 8:1-2)

Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. Friends, rejoice again in God's amazing grace:

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

#### \*GLORIA PATRI

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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 #480 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

### CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Wendy Wells

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

#### ANTHEM "Come Holy Spirit" P. Tschesnokopf

Sanctuary Choir

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING Acts 2:1-21

Page 111, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING Romans 8:22-27

Page 148, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON "Birth. And Life."

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.**