

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

When passing the bread to your neighbor say, "The body of Christ, broken for you."

When passing the cup to your neighbor say, "The blood of Christ, shed for you."

We will hold each element until all are served and then partake together.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF SENDING #261 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #108 "There's Something About That Name"

**Jesus, Jesus, Jesus: there's just something about that name! Master, Savior, Jesus,
like the fragrance after the rain; Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, let all heaven and earth proclaim:
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away, but there's something about that name!**

*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 Attendants: Stephanie Phillips and Megan Bennett

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

September 6, 2015

11:00 am



Celebrating the Sacrament Of Communion

*For it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both
to will and to work for his good pleasure.*

Philippians 2:13

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: Marie Anne Lafaye Coutin-Baxter

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Tony Williams

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 #115 "Praise the Name of Jesus"

**Praise the name of Jesus, praise the name of Jesus. He's my Rock,
he's my Fortress, he's my Deliverer, in him will I trust. Praise the name of Jesus.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 99)

Liturgist: Laura Richardson

Leader: The Lord is king; let the people tremble.

All: The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

Leader: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship him.

All: For the Lord our God is the Holy One. Together let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #82 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Our Father, we confess, that as Christians, we are attempting to fulfill your purpose in our lives. Yet not one of us has reached the goal of maturity in Christ. There are still whole areas of our interests and concerns that are vacuum-sealed to the influence of Christ. Many of our attitudes and convictions are only slightly touched by his Lordship. Forgive us for these and for all our sins. Bring us today to a new level of willingness to do your will, and to be Christ's men and women in this church and in this community; through Christ our Lord we pray. Please hear us now as we continue our confession 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, rejoice again in God's amazing grace:

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

*GLORIA PATRI

GLORIA

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Aaron Roberts

ANTHEM "Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing" G. Young

Sanctuary Choir

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 96:1-13

Page 520, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Philippians 2:5:13

Page 186, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Are You Ready for an Awesome Encounter with God?"

Rev. Al Myers

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

*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

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.