

And also with you.
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 #72 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #146 "Glorify Thy Name"

**Father, we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify thy name in all the earth;
glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.**

*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 Johnson

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

September 7, 2014
11:00 am



Celebrating the Sacrament Of Communion

*Then Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?"
Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times."
Matthew 18:21*

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: Alex Seal

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 #134 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

**There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Sweet Holy Spirit,
sweet heavenly dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts
in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 114)

Liturgist: Stephanie Dunn

Leader: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,

All: At the presence of the God of Jacob!

Leader: He turns the rock into a pool of water, and the flint into a spring of water.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #67 "Come, We That Love the Lord"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we consider ourselves to be better than others. Forgive us when we believe we have the right to be resentful and unforgiving. Help us to see clearly that all your children are the same: sinners who need your forgiveness, and each other's, and not one of us is superior to another. 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 us free from the law of sin and of death. Friends, give thanks again for 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

Betsy Sierra

ANTHEM "In Remembrance" Buryl Red

Arlene Lathrop, obligato

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Romans 14:1-12

Page 152, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Matthew 18:21-35

Page 19, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Forgiveness: Not for Sissies"

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 'Blessed Assurance' with 'Claire de Lune' - Arr. Zachary Smith

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.