

OFFERTORY

Zachary Smith

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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 #443 "Trust and Obey"

*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

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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

**September 13, 2015
11:00 a.m.**



*If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all
generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you.*

James 1:5

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: Annie Laura Kelly

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 111)

Liturgist: Jeffrey Cochran

Leader: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

All: Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

Leader: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

All: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

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 our arrogance. Forgive us for the many times we hurry ahead of you and never think to ask for your guidance. Teach us to trust you, to welcome your presence and wait for your Spirit. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 Timothy 1:15)

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Friends, give thanks again for the great good news of the kingdom of God:

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 #31 "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Tami Pass

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

ANTHEM "Come Thou Fount" from "The Sacred Harp", arr. Mercer

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING James 1:1-7

Page 214, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 1 Kings 3:3-14

Page 292, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Ours for the Asking"

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