

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Lord be with you.

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 #60 "I Will Sing of the Mercies"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #717 "Go Now in Peace"

Go now in peace; though friends must part, your presence lives in every heart.

Your gifts to us no words can tell: go now in peace, in Christ go well.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Sent Forth By God's Blessing" arr. John A. Behnke

Dorothy Clark



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
Dorothy Clark, Musician

Linda Hodges, Office Manager
Tom Francis, Custodian
Nursery Attendants: Stephanie Phillips and Megan Bennett

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

October 4, 2015

11:00 am



Celebrating the Sacrament Of Communion

You must understand this, my beloved; let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger.

James 1:19

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 "We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight" arr. David Paxton

Acolyte: Monica Andrea Lafaye Coutin-Baxter

Dorothy Clark

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Cooper Keller

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 #11 "Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

**Stand up and bless the Lord, you people of his choice; stand up
and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 19)

Liturgist: Aaron Roberts

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

**All: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making
wise the simple.**

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;

**All: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and
righteous altogether.**

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #17 "Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, forgive us when we are quick to judge, quick to anger, and slow to forgive. Forgive us
when we blame others for our own wrongdoing, for the times when we refuse responsibility for our actions and
act more like unhappy children than strong, maturing disciples of your Son. Please continue to have patience
with us and to work within us through your Spirit. Give us the wisdom and strength to be honest and
true. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 5:1-2a)

Leader: Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand. Friends, give thanks
again for the great good news of the gospel:

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 "Down to the River to Pray" Appalachian Folk, arr. Sheldon Curry

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

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Proverbs 1:20-33

Page 552, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING James 3:1-12

Page 216, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Paying Attention"

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 for-
giveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY "Mercy" Georg Philipp Telemann

Dorothy Clark

*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.**