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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 #48 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #717 "Go Now in Peace" (verse 2)

**Go now in hope, and hopeful stay, though shadowed valleys hide your way;
through good and evil, joy and pain, with God, in Spirit, you remain.**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Rise Up and Serve the Lord"

Patricia Lou Harris



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, Organist

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

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

**October 11, 2015
11:00 a.m.**



*Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.
James 4:8a*

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 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

arr. John A. Behnke

Acolyte: Elle Roberts

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Terry Holmes

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" (verse 2)

**O for the living flame, from God's own altar brought, to touch our lips,
our minds inspire, and wing to heaven our thought.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 1)

Liturgist: Cooper Keller

Leader: Our delight is in the law of the Lord!

All: On his law we meditate day and night.

Leader: God watches over the way of the righteous.

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 us when we lose compassion for others. Forgive us when we are self-righteous, quick to judge, and filled with ugly and unwarranted pride. Remind us that we, too, are in need of compassion, and that only your mercy makes our lives possible. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Ephesians 1:7-8a)

Leader: In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. Friends, give thanks again for God's amazing grace:

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 #132 "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" (verses 1, 4, 5 only)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

John Dunn

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

ANTHEM "Tend My Sheep" Canedo, arr. Purifoy

Sanctuary Choir

Terry Holmes and Greg Lathrop, soloists

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 1

Page 463, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a

Page 216, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Gentle Wisdom"

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 "Tranquility"

Robert J. Powell