

OFFERTORY "Spirit of God, Descend upon my Heart" Arr. Frederick Atkinson

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 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 #113 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #9 "Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"

Our God of matchless worth, our King beyond compare,
the deepest bounds of earth, the hills, are in his care. He all decrees,
who by his hand prepared the land and formed the seas.

*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

October 12, 2014

11:00 a.m.



*Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing,
whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if
there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.*

Philippians 4:8

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: Monica Andrea Coutin-Baxter

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 #87 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!

**Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen! Christ is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 19)

Liturgist: Linda 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: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to
you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.**

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #22 "Let All Things Now Living"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, forgive us when we try to hold you at arm's length. Forgive us when we
grasp for control and assume authority that belongs only to you. Help us to submit joyfully to your
Spirit and to trust you fully, knowing that you are God, and we are not. Please continue to hear us as
we confess now in silence ...**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from 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, 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 #302 "He Lives"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Stephanie Dunn

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

ANTHEM "He Is Mine" Swahili Melody, arr. Hal Hopson

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 19

Page 472, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Philippians 4:1-9

Page 187, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Words and Meditations"

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.**

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