

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 #529 "For All the Saints"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #14 "Now Thank We All Our God"

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices; who, from our mother's arms,
has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Rise Up, O Saints of God"

arr. Michael Burkhardt



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 Attendants: Stephanie Phillips and Megan Bennett

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

November 1, 2015

11:00 am



Celebrating the Sacrament Of Communion

*And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
"Behold, the home of God is among mortals. He will
dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every
tear from their eyes."*

Revelation 21:3-4a

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 "Saints Bound for Heaven"

Acolyte: Sydney Holloway

Early American Hymn, arr. Steven Scott

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Jason Howard

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 #342 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King!" (verse 1)

**Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore: Lift up your heart, left up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 24)

Liturgist: Lee Hart

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

All: Who is the King of glory?

Leader: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

All: Who is this King of glory?

All: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #111 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we lose sight of your truth. Forgive us when we allow ourselves to become mired in the ups and downs of this world, forgetting altogether that we are only passing through, and have life eternal with you as our hope and joy. Reassure us with your presence, and remind us of your comfort and care. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Colossians 1:13-14)

Leader: God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. 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

Tami Pass

ANTHEM "Yonder Come Day" Georgia Sea Island Spiritual

Sanctuary Choir

"I'm Goin' Home on a Cloud" Spiritual, arr. Deibler

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Isaiah 25:6-9

Page 613, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Revelation 21:1-6a

Page 244, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Then and Now and Later"

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 "All Night, All Day" Spiritual, arr. Gilles

Brooklyn Allen

*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.

And also with you.