

## 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 #706 "I Come with Joy" (Verses 1,2,5)

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #393 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (verse 1)

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;**

**The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Zachary Smith



**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 Attendants: Stephanie Phillips and Megan Bennett

# Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

November 2, 2014

11:00 am



## Celebrating the Sacrament Of Communion

*Then the king said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.*

*Matthew 22:8-10*

## 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: Lexie Buchan

### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Linda Roberts

**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 1)

**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 106)

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**All: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;**

Leader: For his steadfast love endures forever.

**All: Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare all his praise?**

**All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!**

Liturgist: Lee Hart

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #31 "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, forgive us when we take you for granted. Forgive us when we put ourselves and our desires before you, and expect you to wait patiently until we have time to spare for you. Forgive us our blind self-absorption. Help us to love you as you love us. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 8:1-2)

Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and of death. Friends, give thanks again for God's amazing grace:

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.**

#### \*GLORIA PATRI

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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

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Stephanie Dunn

#### ANTHEM "Tend My Sheep" Canedo, arr. Purifoy

Sanctuary Choir

Greg Lathrop and Terry Holmes, soloists

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

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING Psalm 106:1-6, 47-48

Page 526, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING Matthew 22:1-14

Page 23, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON "The Wedding Robe"

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 "Come, Come Ye Saints" by William Clayton

Zachary Smith

#### \*DOXOLOGY

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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

#### CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION