

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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acolyte: Sydney Holloway

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Arlene Lathrop

Please use this time for silent meditation and preparation for worship. Prayer cards are in the pew rack in front of you. Please place in the offering plate for inclusion in the morning prayers and addition to our church's 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 alter brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire, and wing to heaven our thought.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 46)

Liturgist: Stephanie Dunn

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

All: Therefore we will not fear.

Leader: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

All: God is in the midst of the city; God will help it when the morning comes.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #728 "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we grow complacent. Forgive us when we take your gifts, your provision, and your protection for granted. Help our hearts to be filled with humble gratitude for the goodness of your love. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 Timothy 1:15a)

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Friends, give thanks again for God's amazing grace:

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

*GLORIA PATRI

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 #405 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Aaron Roberts

ANTHEM "A Patriotic Salute to the U.S. Armed Forces"

Sanctuary Choir

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING 2 Chronicles 16:1-10

Page 380, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Psalm 46

Page 489, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Christ, the Solid Rock"

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.

OFFERTORY "The Lord is My Shepherd" by Howard Goodall

Terry Holmes, solo

*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.

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 #730 "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

*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, Megan Bennett

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

November 9, 2014

11:00 a.m.



"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth." The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Psalm 46:10-11