

OFFERTORY

Zachary Smith

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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 #719 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*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

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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

**November 16, 2014
11:00 a.m.**



*For God has destined us not for wrath, but for obtaining
salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so
that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with
him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each
other, as indeed you are doing.*

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11

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

Acolyte: Breana Huggins

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 3)

**God is our strength and song, and his salvation ours;
then be his love in Christ proclaimed with all our ransomed powers.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 123)

Liturgist: Allison Johnson

Leader: To you, O God, we lift up our eyes;

All: You who are enthroned in the heavens.

Leader: Our eyes look to the Lord our God,

All: And he has mercy upon us.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #2 "O Worship the King"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, how easily we let ourselves be distracted by worries, diversions, and all the things that seem so urgent. We confess that we neglect you in our minds, hearts, and actions. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to be willing to put you first in every moment of our lives. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 5:1-2a)

Leader: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand. Friends, rejoice again in 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 #419 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Sue Scheer

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

ANTHEM "Sing We a Joyful New Song" (Jazz Cantate) Beck

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 123

Page 540, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Page 193, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Planning for the Future"

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