

OFFERTORY

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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 #721 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

\*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

Thanksgiving Sunday  
November 23, 2014  
11:00 a.m.



*And the king will answer them, "Truly, I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."  
Matthew 25:40*

## 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: Isabella Newsome

### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Jim Beisner

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"

**Stand up and bless the Lord, the Lord your God adore;  
stand up and bless his glorious name, both now and evermore.**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 100)

Liturgist: Aaron Roberts

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

**All: Know that the Lord is God!**

Leader: It is he who made us, and we are his.

**All: We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

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

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #341 "Jesus Shall Reign"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, forgive us when we are blind to the needs of others. Forgive us when we deny or attempt to justify our selfishness and indifference. Remind us that your children everywhere are hurting, and strengthen us to offer them your love and care. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 John 1:9)

Leader: If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 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

#### \*HYMN OF CONSECRATION #621 "For the Healing of the Nations"

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Tami Pass

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

ANTHEM "Now Thank We All Our God" J.S. Bach

Sanctuary Choir  
Arlene Lathrop, oboe

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Page 756, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Matthew 25:31-46

Page 27 Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Our God of Justice"

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