

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 #342 "Rejoice, the Lord is King!"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #393 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

**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.

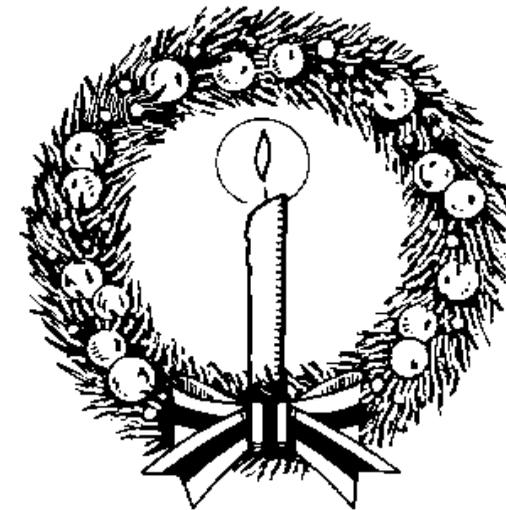
Rev. Susan Bennett, Pastor
Stephanie Dunn, Youth Director
Ward Gailey, Music Director
Zachary Smith, Musician

Linda Hodges, Office Manager
Tom Francis, Custodian
Nursery: Stephanie Phillips & Megan Bennett

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

November 30, 2014

11:00 a.m.



1st Sunday in Advent

*"Beware, keep alert;
for you do not know when the time will come."*

Mark 13:33

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: Alex Seal

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Allison Johnson

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, you people of his choice;
stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 80)

Liturgist: Greg Lathrop

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

All: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth!

Leader: Stir up your might, and come to save us.

All: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #176 "Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates"

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Doug & Laura Richardson

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we sometimes keep you at a distance, preferring instead to pretend that we are in control. Forgive us for such conceit, and for living in denial of your truth and your plans. Remind us that you are Almighty God, and we are not; you alone have power and control. Please hear us now as we continue our confession 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.

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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 #523 "Soon and Very Soon"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Betsy Sierra

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

ANTHEM "Holly and the Ivy" Cecil Sharp, arr. Ward Gailey

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Page 155, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Mark 13:24-37

Page 47, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Remembering God's Truth"

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