

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.

GREAT 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 #191 "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #178 "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel. God with us,
revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.**

*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

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2014

11:00 am



Celebrating the Sacrament Of Communion

*In accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens
and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.*

2 Peter 3:13

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

(Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices during this hour of worship.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acolyte: Cydnee Keller

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Jason Howard

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 #114 "O Come, Let Us Adore Him"

**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 85)

Liturgist: Sue Scheer

Leader: Let us hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people!

All: Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in the land.

Leader: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

All: The Lord will give what is good, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #154 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Baxter Family

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we look around and see only sadness, and begin to wonder if you really are in control. Forgive us when we let sin or discouragement get the upper hand, and hopelessness creeps in. Remind us that we are your children and you ask us to trust you; remind us that you are God, and we are not, and your love is eternal. Please continue to hear us as we confess now 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 the great good news of the gospel:

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.

GLORIA

PROCLAIMING AND ENACTING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Wendy Wells

ANTHEM "T'was in the Moon of Wintertime" French, arr. Gailey
Brooklyn Allen, soloist

SSAS

"Sing We Now of Christmas" French Carol, arr. Gailey
Assisted by our Bell Choir
(Children will be dismissed to Children's Worship following the anthem.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Isaiah 40:1-11

Page 627, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Page 224, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "God's Truth > Our Timing"

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

Zachary Smith

*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

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.