

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 #198 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #177 "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

**Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, Living Word.**



**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  
Dorothy Clark, Organist

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

# *Stockbridge Presbyterian Church*

**December 27, 2015  
11:00 a.m.**



## 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: Elora Newsome

Ward Gailey

#### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Tony Williams

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.*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 96)

Liturgist: Elle Roberts

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song!

**All: Sing to the Lord, all the earth!**

Leader: Sing to the Lord, and bless God's name;

**All: Tell the good news of salvation from day to day.**

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

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #179 "Joy to the World!"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, we stumble many times. Forgive us when we rebel against your discipline or your direction; forgive our selfishness and our relentless pride; forgive our self-righteousness. Please fill us again with your Spirit so that our hearts will be revived in obedience and love. Continue to hear us as we confess now 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 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 #180 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

Aaron Roberts

SPECIAL MUSIC "Joy to the World, The First Noel, We Wish You a Merry Christmas"  
Monica Andrea Coutin-Baxter, violin

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Luke 1:26-38

HYMN #184 "What Child Is This?"

SECOND READING Luke 2:1-7

HYMN #203 "Away In a Manger"

THIRD READING Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

HYMN #191 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

FOURTH READING Luke 2:8-16

HYMN #185 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

FIFTH READING John 1:1-14

HYMN #186 "Silent Night"

## 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