

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 #569 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #463 "Revive Us Again"

**We praise thee, O God, for the Son of thy love, for Jesus who died
and is now gone above. Hallelujah! thine the glory; Hallelujah, Amen!
Hallelujah! thine the glory; revive us again.**

*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 our Christian faith and about our 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, Accompanist

Linda Hodges, Office Manager
Tom Francis, Custodian
Nursery Attendants: Stephanie Phillips and Abigail Jenkins

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

January 5, 2014
11:00 am



Celebrating the Sacrament Of Communion

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every
spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he
chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world
to be holy and blameless before him in love.*

Ephesians 1:3-4

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: Lexie Buchan

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Darin Clipper

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 #353 (verse 1) "Grace Greater than Our Sin"

**Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin
and our guilt, yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.
Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that is greater than all our sin.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 147)

Liturgist: Jason Howard

Leader: Praise the Lord! God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

All: The Lord gathers the outcasts and heals the brokenhearted; he binds up their wounds.

Leader: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power!

All: His understanding is beyond measure.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #355 "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" (use alternate verse 4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we doubt the truth of your Word. We doubt your grace, your forgiveness, your faithfulness. We speak condemnation to ourselves and assume that's your voice, not our own. Help us to accept your grace, to believe in your love, and to love others the same way. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Ephesians 1:7-8a)

Leader: In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. Friends, give thanks again for God's amazing grace:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

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GLORIA

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Mary Carol Stanley

ANTHEM "I Pray on Christmas" Harry Connick, Jr.

Ward Gailey

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:7-14

Page 690, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:3-14

Page 180, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Prison Break"

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

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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