

OFFERTORY "In Christ Alone", arr. Harlan

Sanctuary Choir

*DOXOLOGY

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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 #233 "We Three Kings"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #463 (verse 3) "Revive Us Again"

All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
who has borne all our sins, and has cleansed every stain. Hallelujah! Thine the glory; Hallelujah,
Amen! Hallelujah! Thine the glory; revive us again.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Zachary Smith



*EPIPHANY is the celebration of God's manifestation
or self-revelation to the world in Jesus Christ.
In particular, we celebrate the revelation of God's promise
and purpose to the nations of the world,
as the magi came from the East to worship the Christ child,
and God's covenant of grace is extended to all who believe the good news of Christ Jesus.
The symbolism of light is important;
not only because of the star that guided the magi,
but as it relates to the bright dawning
of God's self revelation in Christ.*

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.

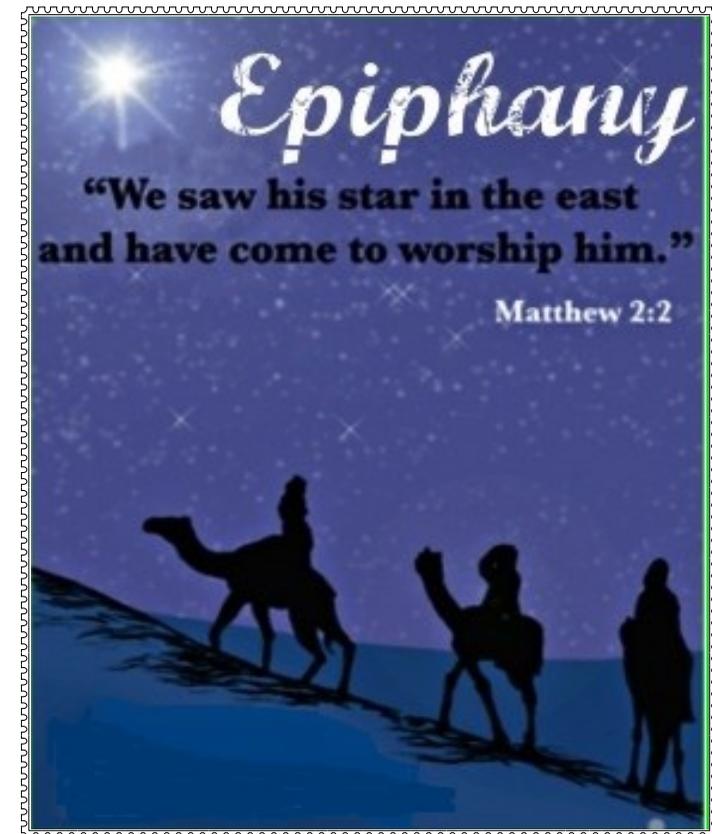
Rev. Susan Bennett, Pastor
Stephanie Dunn, Youth Director
Ward Gailey, Music Director
Zachary Smith, Accompanist

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

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

January 19, 2014

11:00 a.m.



PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acolyte: Cydnee Keller

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Annie Laura Kelly

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 3) "Grace Greater than Our Sin"

**Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, freely bestowed on all who believe:
you that are longing to see his face, will you this moment his grace receive? 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 (selected verses from Isaiah 60 and John 8)

Liturgist: Allie Dunn

Leader: Arise, shine! For your light has come!

All: And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,

All: But will have the light of life."

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #231 "Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. Forgive us when our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. Forgive us when we turn away from those who need you, when we choose the darkness of unforgiveness and resentment instead of the light of Christ. Please continue to hear us as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 Peter 2:24)

Leader: Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. Friends, give thanks again for the great good news of the gospel:

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 #236 "As With Gladness"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Wendy Wells

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Matthew 2:1-12

Page 1, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Coventry Carol"

Jeffrey Cochran, soloist
Linda Roberts, accompanist

SECOND READING Ephesians 3:1-12

Page 181, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SONG REQUESTS Proclaiming the Word through music

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.