

MINISTRY OF GIVING

*DOXOLOGY

*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 FOR 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 #405 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Bind Us Together"

*Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together,
Bind us together with love.*

*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
Mary Thompson, Christian Ed Coordinator
Ward Gailey, Music Director

Zachary Smith, Organist
Levena Hemmle, Office Manager
Tom Francis, Custodian
Nursery: Stephanie Phillips & Abigail Jenkins

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

February 17, 2013
11:00 a.m.



*Then you ... shall celebrate with all the bounty that the
Lord has given to you and to your house.*

Deuteronomy 26:11

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acolyte: Elle Roberts

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.*

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face;
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of his glory and grace.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 91)

Liturgist: Jeffrey Cochran

Leader: We who live in the shelter of the Most High,

All: **Who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,**

Leader: Will say to the Lord, "Our refuge and our fortress;

All: **Our God, in whom we trust."**

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE #23 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, you give us all of yourself, yet we hold back from you. Forgive our fear, our secrecy, our laziness, our guilt. Help us to receive fully of your love and grace, and give us the courage to love each other. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 John 1:9)

Leader: If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Friends, praise God for his amazing grace:

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.**

*GLORIA

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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 #123 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Tami Pass

ANTHEM "Yonder Come Day" from Georgia Sea Islands

(Children ages 4-7 are invited downstairs for Children's Worship at this time.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Page 518, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Page 174, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "So Heavenly-Minded"

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.