

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 #87 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

*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 24, 2013
11:00 a.m.



*"Jerusalem, Jerusalem ...How often have I desired to
gather your people together as a hen gathers her brood
under her wings, and you were not willing!"*

Luke 13:34

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: Peyton Lewis

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Sherry McGee

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 27)

Liturgist: Adam Dunn

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear? The Lord is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?

All: **One thing we ask of the Lord, that will we seek after:**

Leader: To live in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives, to behold the beauty of the Lord, to inquire at his temple

All: **Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE #496 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive our resistance. You have given us your all, but too often we hold back from you. We are too busy, too afraid, too doubtful, and we lose our faith in your grace and your eternal love. Forgive our barrenness of spirit, and open our hearts to fully receive your love. Please 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 together because of God's amazing grace:

All: **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 #728 "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Aaron Roberts

ANTHEM "All Things You Send Are Full of Grace" by Martin Luther, arr. Ward Gailey

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 27

Page 476, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Luke 13:31-35

Page 72, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "It's A Love Without End. Amen!"

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.