

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 #419 "My Faith Looks Up To Thee"*

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "They'll Know We Are Christians"*

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY*

Cary Castellaw



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
Cary Castellaw, Interim Music Director

Levena Hemmle, Office Manager
Tom Francis, Custodian
Nursery Attendants: Stephanie Phillips, Megan Bennett, Abigail Jenkins

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

January 6, 2013

11:00 am



Celebrating the Sacrament Of Communion

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

Luke 2:46

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acolyte: Elle Roberts

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Doug Richardson

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.*

*OPENING INTROIT "This is a Day of New Beginnings"

*This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on,
Time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 148)

Liturgist: Jason Howard

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

All: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together!

All: Let us praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above heaven and earth.

All: The Lord will reign forever. Praise the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #95 "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, your Word reveals you to us through Jesus Christ, in all his power, love, and grace. Your Word imparts your wisdom and your eternal truth, past, present, and future. Forgive us when we ignore it, and by doing so, ignore you. Forgive our laziness, procrastination, good intentions, and excuses. Help us to read your Word to us with anticipation and gratitude, and fill us with your Spirit as we fill our minds and hearts with your truth.. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 8:1-2)

Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. Friends, let us give thanks again for the mercy of Almighty God:

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

*HYMN OF CONSECRATION #411 "How Firm a Foundation"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Betsy Sierra

ANTHEM "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" by Harold Friedell

Sanctuary Choir

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 2:18-20

Page 234, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Luke 2:41-52

Page 55, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Growing in Grace"

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

*DOXOLOGY

Old 100th

*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;*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.