

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 #11 "Stand Up and Bless the Lord"*

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee;

Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou has been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see:

All I have needed thy hand hath provided: great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

**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

November 4, 2012

11:00 am



Celebrating the Sacrament Of Communion

Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Mark 12:29-31

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: Grace Robertson

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 "Now Thank We All Our God"

*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms, has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 146)

Liturgist: Jason Howard

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

All: **We will praise the Lord as long as we live; we will sing praises to our God forever.**

Leader: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down.

All: **The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the widow and the orphan.**

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE #111 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we turn away from the power of love, and choose to isolate ourselves in our anger and unforgiveness. Forgive us when we do not love others as you have loved us. Help us to fully receive your love, and then offer it back to you and to others with joyful hearts. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 3:23-24)

Leader: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; we are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. My friends, give thanks again for God's amazing grace:

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

*GLORIA PATRI

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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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Tami Pass

ANTHEM "You Satisfy The Hungry Heart"

Sanctuary Choir

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 146

Page 549, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Mark 12:28-34

Page 46, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Face to Face With the Kingdom of God"

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.