

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

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

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acolyte: Carly Keller

### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: John Elliott

*Please use this time for silent meditation and preparation for worship. Prayer cards are in the pew rack in front of you. Please place in the offering plate for inclusion in the morning prayers and addition to our church's prayer list.*

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

\*CONGREGATIONAL 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 46)

Liturgist: Aaron Roberts

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,

**All: Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.**

Leader: "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."

**All: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

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

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #728 "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we feed our fears and starve our faith. Forgive us when we neglect you altogether and put our attention and energy into distractions and doubt. Help us to remember always that your love and power surround us, and that you alone should be first in our lives. 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 us free from the law of sin and of death.

Friends, rejoice again in the grace of God:

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

### \*GLORIA PATRI

*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 #730 "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Aaron Roberts

ANTHEM "Where Charity and Love Prevail" by Hugh Livingston, Jr

Sanctuary Choir

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

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Galatians 6:2

Page 180, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Psalm 46

Page 489, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Strength and Service"

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 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 #621 "For The Healing of the Nations"

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

\*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



**PLEASE NOTE:** Lunch will be provided by the church today following the worship service and everyone is cordially invited to stay. There will be a special video presentation honoring all our veterans and active duty personnel. Please join us for this great time of fellowship and remembrance.

**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 11, 2012

11:00 a.m.



*Bear one another's burdens,  
and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.  
Galatians 6:2*