

OFFERTORY

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**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 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 #501 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #721 (verse 3) "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

**For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his harvest home,
from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away, give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast, but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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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, Musician
Linda Hodges, Office Manager
Tom Francis, Custodian
Nursery: Stephanie Phillips & Abigail Jenkins

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

November 17, 2013

11:00 a.m.



*For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks
of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.*

Habakkuk 2:3

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acolyte: Justin Stanley

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Aaron Roberts

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 # 722 (verse 3) "Praise and Thanksgiving"

**You are providing food for your children, your wisdom guiding
teaches us share one with another so that, rejoicing, others may
know you and praise your care.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 119:137-144)

Liturgist: Allison Johnson

Leader: You are righteous, O Lord, and your judgments are right.

All: Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and your law is the truth.

Leader: Your commandments are our delight.

All: Your decrees are righteous forever.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive our endless attempts to try and take control. We want our time frame, our preferences, our way. We say we want your guidance, but we are too impatient to wait and listen for your Spirit. Help us to slow down, quiet our spirit, and listen for your voice. Give us hearts that will be obedient to your will. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (I John 1:9)

Leader: If we confess our sin, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sin, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Friends, rejoice in God's amazing grace:

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

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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 #81 "We Gather Together"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Wendy Wells

ANTHEM "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Roland Martin

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Page 821, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Page 194, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Gratitude and Guidance"

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.