

## 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: Mitchell Stanley

### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Annie Laura Kelly

*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 134)

Liturgist: Terry Holmes

Leader: Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord!

All: **Who stand by night and day in the house of the Lord.**

Leader: Lift up your hands to the holy place, and bless the Lord.

All: **May the Lord, maker of heaven and earth, bless you from Zion!**

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

#### \*OPENING HYMN #721 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive our times of doubt. Forgive us when we complain instead of being thankful for the good we have. Forgive us when we focus on the negative and ignore the positive. Help us to learn to thank and praise you no matter what. Remind us always of your grace and goodness. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Colossians 1:13-14)

Leader: God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Friends, give thanks again for God's mercy and grace:

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 #722 "Praise and Thanksgiving"

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Sue Scheer

#### ANTHEM "Be Thou My Vision" by Carlton Young

Sanctuary Choir

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING 1 Samuel 2:1-10

Page 234, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING Hebrews 10:11-18

Page 210, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON "Rejoice and Give Thanks"

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

\*CLOSING HYMN #726 "We Praise You, O God"

\*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, and Abigail Jenkins

# Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

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11:00 a.m.



***I AM THANKFUL FOR...***