

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 #726 "We Praise You, O God"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #721 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Even so, Lord, quickly come to your final harvest home,
gather all your people in, free from sorrow, free from sin, there, forever purified, in your presence to
abide. Come, with all your angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

*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 24, 2013

11:00 a.m.



*May you be made strong with all the faith that
comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared
to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving
thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the
inheritance of the saints in the light.*

Colossians 1:11-12

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acolyte: Collin Roberts

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Ron Scheer

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 4) "Praise and Thanksgiving"

**Then will your blessing reach every people,
all lands confessing your gracious hand. Where you are reigning no one will hunger,
your love sustaining, fruitful the lane.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 118)

Liturgist: Jeff Cochran

Leader: The Lord is our strength and our might; he has become our salvation.

All: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous.

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

All: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #723 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, we say, "Thy will be done," but then we pout if things don't go our way. Too often we get so caught up in the difficulties of our lives in the here and now, we don't even remember to pray, or to give thanks for your immense goodness; we are too busy complaining. Forgive us, Lord. Remind us of our salvation in Jesus Christ, and his promise of abundant life here on earth and eternal life with him. 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 sin. Friends, give thanks again for 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 #60 "I Will Sing of the Mercies"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Betsy Sierra

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

ANTHEM

"His Love Never Fails" — Craig Courtney

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 118: 14-24

Page 534, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Colossians 1:11-20

Page 188, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Gratitude From Our Hearts"

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.