

## 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: Collin Roberts

### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Carlton Smith

*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 132)

Liturgist: Ben Robertson

Leader: Let us go to God's dwelling place; let us worship at his footstool.

**All: For the Lord has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his habitation;**

Leader: God says, "This is my resting place forever; here I will reside, for I have desired it."

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

#### \*OPENING HYMN # 358 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we remember that you call us "friend," but forget that you are also Almighty God, the one we worship and bow down to. Forgive us when we take your love for granted, and forget to be thankful for your grace. Help us to remember that you are over all, above all, and that you alone are God, King of kings, and Lord of lords. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 Timothy 1:15a)

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Friends, rejoice again in God's great mercy:

**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 # 667 "God Has Spoken by the Prophets"

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Betsy Sierra

#### ANTHEM "O Worship The King" by Robert Lau

Sanctuary Choir

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

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING John 18:33-37

Page 106, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING Revelation 1:4b-8

Page 230, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON "Meekness and Majesty"

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 # 97 "Meekness and Majesty"

\*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

November 25, 2012

11:00 a.m.



***"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God,  
who is and who was and who is to come, the  
Almighty.  
Revelation 1:8***