

## 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: Allie Dunn

### 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 "This is a Day of New Beginnings"

*This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on,  
Time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 29)

Liturgist: Allison Johnson

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**All: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

Leader: The Lord sits enthroned as king forever

**All: May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

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

#### \*OPENING HYMN #66 "To God Be the Glory"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when our fears get the better of us. Forgive us when we hold back, when we do not respond to you, when we do not reach out to others. Help us to be so filled with your perfect love that all fear is cast out, and we give ourselves wholly to you. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

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

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Friends, give thanks again for God's amazing 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

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Tami Pass

#### ANTHEM "Awake, My Heart" by Jane Marshall

Sanctuary Choir

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

#### INSTALLATION OF NEW ELDERS of CLASS OF 2015

John Dunn / Arlene Lathrop / Doug Richardson

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING Isaiah 43:1-7

Page 631, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING Acts 8:14-17

Page 118, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON "Growing in Courage"

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 # 569 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE They'll Know We Are Christians"

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

\*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.

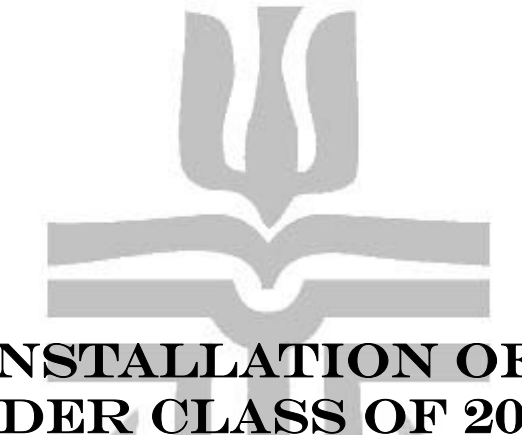
Rev. Susan Bennett, Pastor  
Stephanie Dunn, Youth Director  
Mary Thompson, Christian Ed Coordinator  
Cary Castellaw, Interim Music Director

Levena Hemmle, Office Manager  
Tom Francis, Custodian  
Nursery Attendants: Stephanie Phillips and Abigail  
Jenkins

# Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

January 13, 2013

11:00 a.m.



**INSTALLATION OF  
ELDER CLASS OF 2015**

The logo of the Stockbridge Presbyterian Church, featuring a stylized cross with a flame-like base and a flame-like top, set against a background of a book. The text "INSTALLATION OF ELDER CLASS OF 2015" is centered below the logo.