

MINISTRY OF GIVING

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures high and low,
Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Praise God, in Jesus fully know: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

PRAYERS FOR 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 #508 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Go Forth for God"

*Go forth for God, go to the world in peace; be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
In God's good Spirit daily to increase, till in the kingdom we see face to face.
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.*

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

David E. Dillard



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
David E. Dillard, Director of Music Ministries
Stephanie Dunn, Youth Director
Mary Thompson, Christian Ed Coordinator

Levena Hemmle, Office Manager
Tom Francis, Custodian
Nursery Attendants: Stephanie Phillips, Megan Bennett, and Charlotte Culpepper

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

**January 15, 2012
11:00 a.m.**

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF
ELDER CLASS 2014



*What you have heard from me through many witnesses
entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others
as well.*

II Timothy 2:2

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

(Please silence all electronic devices.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acolyte: Grace Robertson

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* "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.*

Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do.

This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.

**CALL TO WORSHIP* from Psalm 138

Liturgist: Cindy Strong

Leader: We give you thanks, O Lord, with our whole heart!

All: We bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name.

Leader: We give thanks for your steadfast love and your faithfulness.

All: You will fulfill your purpose for us; your steadfast love endures forever.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

**HYMN OF PRAISE* # 87 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us for the times when we miss your Spirit, when the voices of the world distract us from the voice of your Word. Forgive us when our self-absorption prevents us from hearing your call to study and service. Help us to hold you close in our hearts, just as you hold us. Please continue to hear us as we confess now 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 the great good news:

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

**GLORIA:*

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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.

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST*

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING AND ENACTING THE WORD

**HYMN OF CONSECRATION* # 559 "Here I Am, Lord"

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

ANTHEM "The Potter's Hand"

Dedicated to the new Elder Class of 2014

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDER CLASS OF 2014

Jim Beisner, Jason Howard, Sue Scheer, Judy Simmons

(Children are invited downstairs for Children's Worship at the conclusion of the elder installation.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Page 545, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: II Timothy 2:1-2

Page 200, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "To Teach Others As Well"

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.