

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### 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.

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

#### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

When passing the bread to your neighbor say, "The body of Christ, broken for you."  
When passing the cup to your neighbor say, "The blood of Christ, shed for you."  
We will hold each element until all are served and then partake together.

### PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

#### BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN OF SENDING #148 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #102 "His Name Is Wonderful"

**His name is Wonderful, his name is Wonderful, his name is Wonderful,  
Jesus, my Lord: he is the mighty King, Master of everything, his name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.  
He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, Almighty God is he; bow down before him,  
love and adore him, his name is Wonderful, Jesus My Lord.**

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY



Zachary Smith

**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, Accompanist

Linda Hodges, Office Manager  
Tom Francis, Custodian  
Nursery Attendants: Stephanie Phillips and Abigail Jenkins

# Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

First Sunday of Advent  
December 1, 2013  
11:00 am



## Celebrating the Sacrament Of Communion

*An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah,  
the son of David, the son of Abraham  
Matthew 1:1*

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

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

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

#### OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acolyte: Adam Dunn

#### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Greg Lathrop

**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 #177

"Jesus Name Above All Names"

**Jesus, name above all names,  
beautiful Savior, glorious Lord. Emmanuel, God is with us,  
blessed Redeemer, Living Word.**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 122)

Liturgist: Arlene Lathrop

Leader: We were glad when they said to us, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

**All: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

Leader: Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.

**All: For the sake of the house of the Lord your God, we will seek your good.**

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

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #152 "Prepare the Way, O Zion"

#### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Lee Hart & Laura Richardson

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, forgive us when we are self-absorbed, when we forget others and focus too much on ourselves. Remind us that we are blessed to be a blessing. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 5:1-2a)

Leader: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand. Friends, rejoice again in God's amazing grace:

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.**

#### \*GLORIA PATRI

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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

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Wendy Wells

#### ANTHEM "Prepare the Way of the Lord" --William Rowan

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

Sanctuary Choir

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

##### FIRST READING Psalm 56:1-8

Page 495, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

##### SECOND READING Matthew 1:1-17

Page 1, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON "The People of Christmas: The Family Tree"

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

Zachary Smith

#### \*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

#### CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

##### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**