

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 #474 "I Surrender All"*

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Meekness and Majesty"*

*Meekness and majesty, human and deity, in perfect harmony, the One who is God.
Lord of eternity, dwells in humanity; kneels in humility and washes our feet.
O what a mystery, meekness and majesty; bow down and worship, for this is your God.*

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY*

Cary Castellaw



This year, Stockbridge Presbyterian Church commissioned original Advent drawings from local artist, Collin Roberts. Please enjoy this special artwork as a gift.

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, Abigail Jenkins

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2012
11:00 am



Celebrating the Sacrament Of Communion

*In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
Jeremiah 33:15*

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acolyte: Adam Dunn

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Betsy Sierra

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.*

*OPENING INTROIT "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

John and Carol Abbott

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 25)

Leader: To you, O Lord, we lift up our soul; O God, in you we trust.

All: **Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths.**

Leader: Lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation.

All: **All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness.**

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE #153 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive our impatience. Forgive us when we don't trust you as we know we should.

Remind us again that you are faithful and steadfast, and that when you have spoken, it is Truth. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 3:22b-24)

Leader: Scripture tells us there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Friends, give thanks again for God's amazing grace:

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

*GLORIA PATRI

GLORIA

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 "Once He Came In Blessing" by Richard Gieseke

Sanctuary Choir

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 25:1-10

Page 475, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Jeremiah 33:14-16

Page 694, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Promises, Promises!"

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

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.