

OFFERTORY "I Wonder as I Wander" Arr. David Nevue & Z. Smith

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 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 # 443 "Trust and Obey"

\*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

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**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

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2013

11:00 am



*In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah ... His wife was a descendent of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God ... But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.*

*Luke 1:5-7*

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

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

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*SHARING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acolyte: Savannah Sewell

### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: John Abbott

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 #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 90)

Liturgist: Sue Scheer

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**All: Before the mountains were brought forth, before you had formed the earth  
and the world,**

Leader: From everlasting to everlasting you are God.

**All: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice  
and be glad all our days.**

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

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #66 "To God Be the Glory"

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE The Lathrop/Buchan/Wharton/Pass/McQuade Families

### CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, forgive us our times of doubt and fear. Forgive us when we try to  
keep control of situations where only you know the big picture. Help us to hear your voice  
and obey, trusting that we are safe with you no matter what. Please continue to hear us as  
we confess now in silence ...**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 John 1:7)

Leader: If we walk in the light as God himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. Friends, rejoice again in the great good news of the gospel:

**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

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Tami Pass

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

ANTHEM Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace) -- Michael Zarathustra Sanctuary Choir

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Mark 1:1-8

Page 32, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Luke 1:1-25

Page 52, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "The People of Christmas: Zechariah and Elizabeth"

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.**