

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 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 #189 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

*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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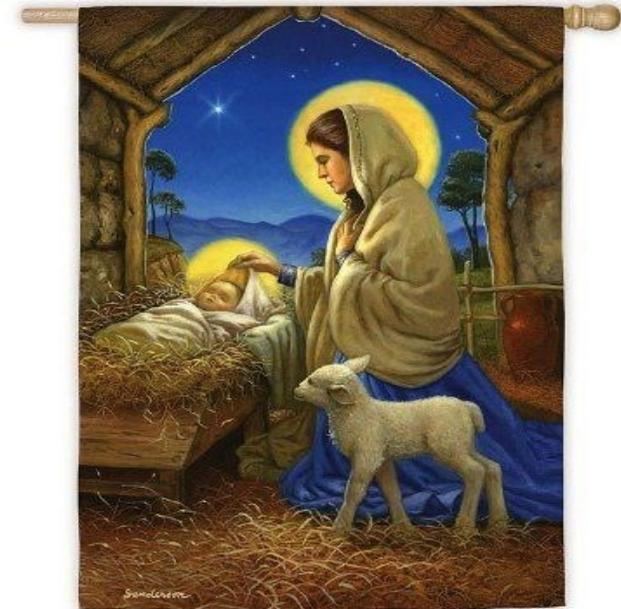
WELCOME VISITOR! We are delighted that you are here to share worship of our Lord Jesus this morning together with the rest of us. We want you to be well informed about our Christian faith and about our church so don't be afraid to ask. You may communicate with us in several ways. Ask a neighbor in your 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, Musician

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

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2013
11:00 am**



*For nothing will be impossible with God.
Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with
me according to your word."
Luke 1:37-38a*

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: Cyndee Keller

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Darin Clipper

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 84)

Liturgist: Cindy Strong

Leader: O God, a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

All: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

Leader: For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor.

All: O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #179 "Joy to the World!"

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Harold, Bettye and Jeffrey Cochran

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we miss your Spirit; forgive us also when we hear your voice but choose not to obey. We can be self-absorbed and uncaring; forgive us for our selfishness. Help us to think of Mary and Joseph, who heard your command and obeyed without question; help us to trust and obey. Please hear us now as we continue our confession 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 at the great good news of the gospel:

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

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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

*HYMN OF CONSECRATION #182 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Stephanie Dunn

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

ANTHEM "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen/We Now of Christmas" Traditional

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Luke 1:26-38

Page 53, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Matthew 1:18-25

Page 1, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The People of Christmas: Mary and Joseph"

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.