

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.

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 # 405 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"*

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "God Be With You"*

God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you,

With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

**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, Music Director
Stephanie Dunn, Youth Director
Mary Thompson, Christian Ed Coordinator

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Charlotte Culpepper

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

February 5, 2012

11:00 am



**CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT
OF COMMUNION**

***The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.***

Psalm 147:2-3

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: Will Roberts

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Cooper Keller

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 "Seek Ye First"

**Seek ye first the kingdom of god and its righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu, alleluia!
Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you; Allelu, alleluia!**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 147)

Liturgist: Brandy Conner

Leader: Praise the Lord!

All: How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

Leader: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

All: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 106 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we forget that our ways are not necessarily your ways. Forgive us when we run ahead, well-meaning but directionless, looking for you in places of our own devising. Help us to remember that the world is yours and you see what we cannot; help us to wait for your Spirit. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

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

Leader: Therefore, 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 goodness and grace:

People: 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 # 453 "Christ Be My Leader"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

David E. Dillard

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

ANTHEM "Pie Jesu"

Duet, Laura Wigington & Clayton Jolly

"Merciful Jesus, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them eternal rest."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING 1 John 1:1-3

Page 224, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Matthew 7:24-27

Page 7, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Koinonia: The Ambrosia of the Church"

Dr. Tom Evans

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.

MINISTRY OF GIVING "With a Voice of Singing"

Sanctuary Choir

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost;
O praise Him, O praise Him; Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**