

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

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

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

#### OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acolyte: Elle Roberts

#### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Ron Scheer

***Please use this time for silent meditation and preparation for worship. Prayer cards are in the pew rack in front of you. Please place in the offering plate for inclusion in the morning prayers and addition to our church's prayer list.***

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

#### \*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"

***Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.***

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 119

Liturgist: Lee Hart

Leader: Happy are those whose way is faithful, who walk in the way of the Lord.

**All: Happy are those who seek God with their whole hearts!**

Leader: We will praise you with an upright heart, when we learn your ordinances.

**All: With our whole heart we seek you; we treasure your word in our hearts.**

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

#### \*OPENING HYMN # 252 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, forgive us when we neglect your Word. Forgive us when we ignore its truth and power, and focus instead on the weak and temporary things of the world. Strengthen us to direct our hearts always to you, and receive your Spirit fully. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 Timothy 1:15)

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Friends, give thanks for God's mercy and grace:

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

#### \*GLORIA PATRI

**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 # 559 "Here I Am, Lord"

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

David E. Dillard

#### ANTHEM "Forever In Your Love"

Sanctuary Choir

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING John 12:20-33

Page 100, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

Page 691, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON "The Healing Power of the Word"

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

***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!***

*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**

\**CLOSING HYMN* # 499 "He Leadeth Me"

\**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*

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.

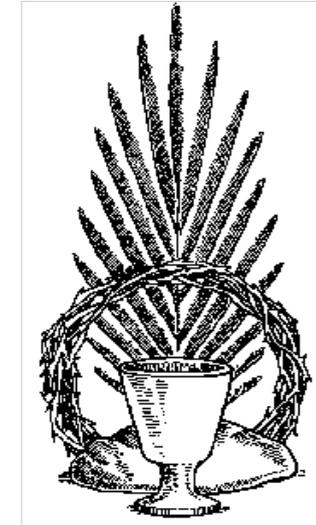
Rev. Susan Bennett, Pastor  
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Nursery Attendants: Stephanie Phillips, Megan Bennett, and Charlotte Culpepper

# *Stockbridge Presbyterian Church*

**March 25, 2012**

**11:00 a.m.**



*But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

*Jeremiah 31:33*