

*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 # 353 "Grace Greater Than Our Sin"*

*\*CHARGE AND BLESSING*

*\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Go Now in Peace"*

***Go now in peace; though friends must part, your presence lives in every heart,***

***Your gifts to us no words can tell: go now in peace, in Christ go well.***

*\*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

Levena Hemmle, Office Manager  
Tom Francis, Custodian  
Nursery Attendants: Stephanie Phillips, Megan Bennett,  
Charlotte Culpepper

# *Stockbridge Presbyterian Church*

**March 4, 2012**

**11:00 am**



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***God spoke to Abraham and said, "I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout your generations, for an everlasting covenant to be God to you and to your offspring after you."***  
***Genesis 17:7***

## 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: McKenzie Scott

#### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Kim Seal

**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 “When I Survey The Wondrous Cross”

**When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 22)

Liturgist: Don Dunlap

Leader: You who fear the Lord, praise him!

**All: All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him!**

Leader: Stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

**All: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.**

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

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE # 258 “At the Cross”

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

##### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, forgive us when our faith is weak, when we let fear take over. Forgive us when we fail to trust you, and turn instead to our own ways of sin and rebellion. Fill our hearts with your power, love, and wisdom; strengthen our faith. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...**

##### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Romans 5)

Leader: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have access to this grace in which we stand. My friends, hear again the great good news of the kingdom of God:

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

#### \*GLORIA PATRI

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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 # 422 “Amazing Grace”

#### CHILDREN’S SERMON

David E. Dillard

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

#### ANTHEM “What Wondrous Love Is This”

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

##### FIRST READING Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Page 12, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

##### SECOND READING Romans 4:13-25

Page 145, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON “Faith in God”

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.**

#### MINISTRY OF GIVING ANTHEM “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Laura Wigington and David Dillard

#### \*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