

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 # 268 "Ride On, Ride On In Majesty!"*

**CHARGE AND BLESSING*

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY*

David E. Dillard



LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, O MIGHTY GATES

Lift up your heads, O mighty gates; Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near; The Savior of the world is here!

Fling wide the portals of your heart; Make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heaven's employ, Adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come, I open wide my heart to you; here, Lord abide!
Let me your inner presence feel; your grace and love in me reveal.

So come, my Sovereign, enter in! Let new and nobler life begin!
Your Holy Spirit guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.

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
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Charlotte Culpepper

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

**Palm Sunday
April 1, 2012
11:00 am**



Celebrating the Sacrament Of Communion

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Philippians 2:5-8

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all electronic devices.

PROCESSION OF THE PALMS

**PROCESSION HYMN (see back) “Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates!”*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**Those who are able, please stand.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 118)*

Liturgist: Betsy Sierra

Leader: Open to us the gates of righteousness, that we may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

All: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

All: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we think too highly of ourselves. Forgive us also when we find nothing good in ourselves. Help us to use sober judgment, remembering that you have called us your children, and that you have saved us through the blood of your Son. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ..

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Colossians 1:13)

Leader: God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Friends, give thanks again for God’s amazing grace:

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.

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST*

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING AND ENACTING THE WORD

HYMN OF CONSECRATION # 256: “There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood”

CHILDREN’S CHOIR PRESENTATION “Nothing But The Blood”

ANTHEM “Passion of the Palms”

Sanctuary and Children’s Choirs

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Mark 11:1-11

Page 44, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Philippians 2:5-11

Page 186, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Donkey Fetchers”

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

**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

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