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*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. Amen.*

PRAYERS FOR 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 #554 "We Have Heard the Joyful Sound"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.  
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;  
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.*

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Zachary Smith



**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  
Levena Hemmle, Office Manager  
Tom Francis, Custodian  
Nursery: Stephanie Phillips & Abigail Jenkins

# Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

April 14, 2013  
11:00 a.m.



*For several days Paul was with the disciples in Damascus,  
and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the  
synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."  
Acts 9:19b-20*

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

*Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST*

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acolyte: Alex Seal

### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Aaron Roberts

*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.*

*\*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #492 "Spirit of the Living God"*

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

*\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 30)*

Liturgist: Cooper Keller

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

**All: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

Leader: You have turned our mourning into dancing; you have clothed us with joy.

**All: We will praise you and not be silent; O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever!**

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

*\*HYMN OF PRAISE #113 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)*

Gracious God, we cannot truly worship you until we confess how unloving we have been. We cannot truly live until we confess the many ways we have been dwelling in death. Forgive us for the anger and spite we have carried in our hearts, the doubts and fears we have allowed to paralyze us, the misplaced priorities we allow to govern us. Help us to experience new life today, through Jesus Christ. Please hear us as we continue our confession in silence ...

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Psalm 30)*

Leader: O Lord our God, we cry to you for help, and you heal us. Through your Son Jesus, you have restored us to life abundant here on earth, and life eternal with you. Friends, give thanks again for 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 #589 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"*

*CHILDREN'S MOMENTS*

Betsy Sierra

*ANTHEM "Alleluia" by Ed Harris*

Sanctuary Choir

*(Children ages 4-7 are invited downstairs for Children's Worship at this time.)*

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION*

*FIRST READING Revelation 5:11-14*

Page 233, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*SECOND READING Acts 9:1-20*

Page 119, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*SERMON "Can I Get a Witness?" Part 2*

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.