

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: McKenzie Scott

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. 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 "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 34

Liturgist: Jason Howard

Leader: We will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in our mouth.

All: Our soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

All: O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN # 11 "Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when our faith is weak. Forgive us when we worry and fear, when we find it hard to trust you. Help us to rest in your safety and protection, knowing that we are your beloved children. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 John 1:9)

Leader: If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Friends, give thanks again for God's amazing grace:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*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 # 56 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(Children will be dismissed to Children's Worship following Children's Sermon.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 95

Page 520, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL PRESENTATION "Bread of Life"

Sanctuary Choir

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* # 569 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE* "Because He Lives"

*Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; because he lives all fear is gone;
Because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.*

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY*

David E. Dillard



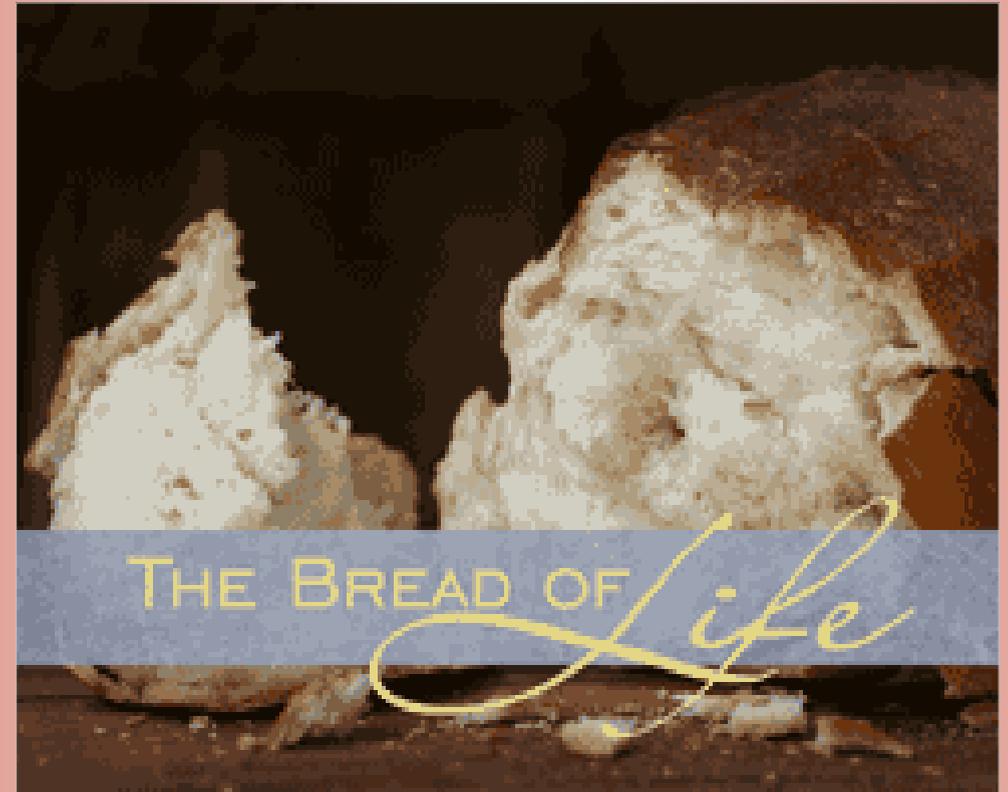
WELCOME VISITOR! We are delighted that you are here to share worship of our Lord Jesus this morning together with the rest of us. We want you to be well informed about our Christian faith and about our church so don't be afraid to ask. You may communicate with us in several ways. Ask a neighbor in your 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, Director of Music Ministries
Stephanie Dunn, Youth Director
Mary Thompson, Christian Ed Coordinator

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

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

**April 15, 2012
11:00 a.m.**



*Presented by
The Sanctuary Choir*