

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: Will Andrews

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Tony Williams

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 23)

Liturgist: Sarah Mott

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd; we shall not want.

All: He leads us beside still waters; he restores our soul.

Leader: He leads us in right paths for his name's sake.

All: We shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever!

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN # 312 "Christ Is Alive!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we are short-sighted. Forgive us when we cling too hard to the things of the earth, and forget you and your promise of eternal life. Help us remember which things last forever, and which are temporary and unimportant. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 Timothy 1:15)

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION - Fuller Center for Housing

Don Dunlap

CHILDREN'S SERMON

David E. Dillard

ANTHEM "Boundless Love"

Sanctuary Choir

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Acts 4:5-12

Page 113, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 1 John 3:16-24

Page 226, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Healing"

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 # 442 "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus"*

**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 and Megan Bennett

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

**April 29, 2012
11:00 a.m.**



"Let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth ..."

Acts 4:10a